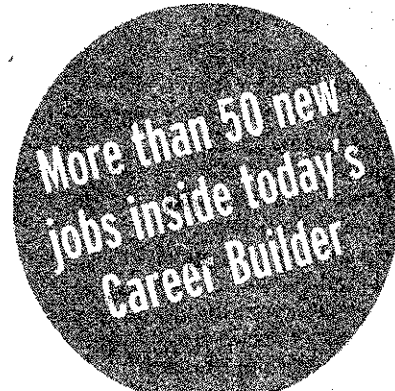


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CONNECTION

Sign ordinance

The Canton Board of Trustees will host a study session at 7 p.m. May 19 to discuss the township's sign ordinance. Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, Alan Helmkamp of the Wayne County Executive offices and Gus Dahoui, Wayne County DPS permit engineer, will all make presentations.

In January 2008, the board held a study session to review recent changes made to the sign ordinance. In particular, the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors

(WWOCAR) had requested additional changes to the township ordinance to permit the placement of open house signs in the public right-of-way.

The board is expected to review and discuss the current ordinance requirements of Canton Township for signs and to gain an understanding of Wayne County's permit requirements. They will also discuss the enforcement of moving signs, especially those being carried or worn by individuals in the public right-of-way.

Pie bakeoff

Canton's Spice Up Your Summer Cook-Off Series will continue with the Pie and Pastry Bakeoff today in conjunction with the Canton Farmers Market. Prizes will be awarded for the most popular pies and pastries, with the top three best bakers being featured in a competition at Liberty Fest in June.

The Cook-Off Series will continue with the Summertime Sides and Appetizers competition June 7, and the series finale, Ace of Cakes, June 20.

The Canton Farmers Market runs every Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. through Oct. 25 at the historic Bartlett-Travis House at 500 N. Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill. For more information on the Spice Up Your Summer Cook-Off Series or the Farmer's Market, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Senior Expo

Celebrate senior life at the sixth annual Senior Expo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, in the Visi&Tech Center at Schoolcraft College. More than 60 exhibitors, demonstrations, music and educational programs are planned. Admission and parking are free. For more information see hometownlife.com.

Craft show

Summit On The Park will present a one day event craft show from noon-4 p.m., May 16. There will be many items for sale, including purses, cosmetics, jewelry and much more to indulge your bargaining needs.

There will also be a Detroit Tigers game raffle giveaway.

The real no-spin network

C-SPAN bus makes stop to teach students about its unbiased government coverage

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A C-SPAN bus, one of two mobile production studios for the network, was parked outside Plymouth High School Friday giving students an opportunity to learn about the network that covers the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

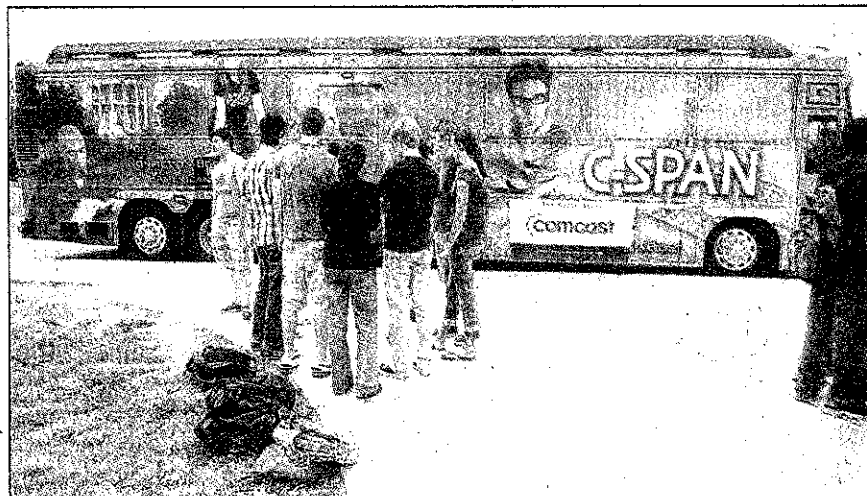
C-SPAN representative Jeremy Art was quick to point out to students — many of whom weren't familiar with the network — that C-SPAN is a good place to see what government's doing, and is a far cry from an entertainment network.

"We're a nonprofit and we run events from start to finish without

commercials," Art told students who toured the million-dollar bus. "The other networks put all sorts of things on the screen hoping you'll stick around long enough to see the next commercial, which is how they make their money."

"We want to show students how we're different from other networks, from the scrolls to whether they lean left or right," added Art. "We want to let them know there are places that have biases out there, but C-SPAN is not the place you're going to find it."

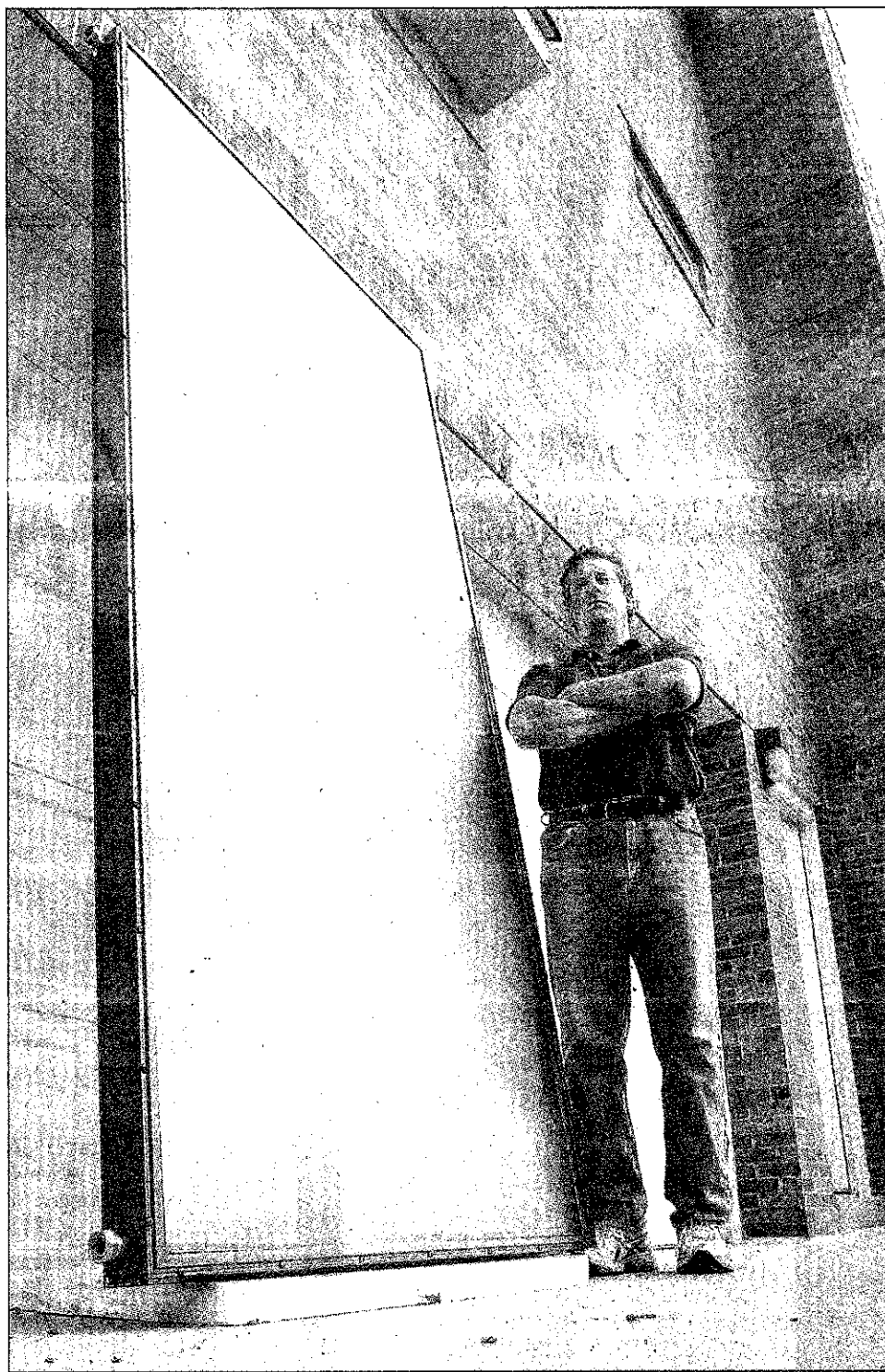
Sourodeep Bandyopadhyay, 16, of Canton Township, said he doesn't watch C-SPAN, but is



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PCEP students wait their turn for the tour of the C-Span bus on Friday.

Please see **BUS, A3**



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Dan Hall wants to mount solar panels like this one on his roof. His homeowners association said no.

Association puts up roadblock to man's effort at going green

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Going "green" is a concept being encouraged by the federal government, which gives tax breaks to business and homeowners who convert to renewable energy sources.

Dan Hall of Canton Township wants to be responsible to the environment, take advantage of the federal tax credits and save thousands of dollars annually in utility bills by installing solar panels on his Pheasant View subdivision home, near Pheasant Run Golf Course.

However, it appears that going "green" is not the right color for the Pheasant View Homeowners' Association, which last month turned down Hall's request to add the solar panels to the roof of his home. Hall said the panels would be used to preheat water before it's stored in the hot water tank, eliminating much of the energy that's needed to warm 55-degree water in the tank. The solar panels might also help warm the water in Hall's swimming pool.

"These are like four-by-eight-foot picture frames that sit one inch off the roof," Hall said. "They look more like sky lights

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think about the Pheasant View Homeowners' Association's decision to prevent Dan Hall from installing solar panels on his roof that would make his home more energy-efficient? E-mail your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com, or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

"I'm trying to be a patriotic citizen and do what (President) Barack Obama said to do, and they are holding me back because they say it doesn't look good," he added. "We're encouraged by the government, but these three people think they might not look good."

The three people Hall referred to are members of the homeowner association's architectural review committee. Hall needed a mechanical permit from Canton Township — which he received — and a letter of approval from the committee to move forward with the project. Hall said he asked for approval in December and April 25 finally

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Local auto dealers sound off about closings

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Chrysler and General Motors announced reductions in the number of dealerships across the country this week, including many in metro Detroit, one local dealer believes maybe it was time to trim the number of sales outlets.

"As much as I hate to see that happen — I have dear friends left by the wayside and it's brutal — it probably is needed," said Dick Scott, who owns Dick Scott Nissan in Canton Township and Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth. "For years and years, Detroit and Michigan have been the domestic car capital of the world, but not so in other parts of the country. With the decline in the amount of cars sold in the country ... it's terrible all the

'Of course, it will hurt everyone because the loss of dealerships means jobs will be lost, and the trickledown effect will hurt all kinds of businesses.'

JASON DUNSMORE, sales manager at Victory Toyota

people out of jobs and not working.

"I have no idea what the criteria was to keep and not keep dealers, but it's a bittersweet thing for me," he added. "I'm glad to be around, but I feel badly for the guys who won't be." When asked if he thought Chrysler would succeed, Scott said, "They better, because I have a big investment ahead of me."

Jason Dunsmore, sales

manager at Victory Toyota on Michigan Avenue, said reality set in with the cut in dealerships for Chrysler and General Motors.

"When you get to such a level of production and when something happens like a recession and the market takes a turn for the worse, you have an overabundance of dealerships and something has got to give," Dunsmore said. "Of course, it will hurt everyone because the loss of dealerships means jobs will be lost, and the trickledown effect will hurt all kinds of businesses."

Dunsmore believes the Japanese automakers won't have the same kind of dealership and production problems that have affected Chrysler and GM.

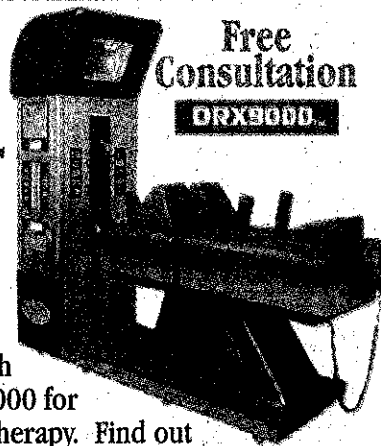
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Summer camps

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages — preschool to adult.

One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and first graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety, bicycle safety and stranger danger.

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

Plymouth football golf outing

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be holding its eight annual Wildcats Football Golf Outing on Saturday, May 30, at Fellows Creek Golf and Banquet Center in Canton. The outing will be a best ball scramble with a shot gun start at 1 p.m. Players are needed as well as hole sponsors and donated items for a silent auction at the end of the outing.

Registration is \$100 per golfer. You can register by calling Bill Ballelli at (734) 416-9603 or Mike Walsh at (734) 453-6796. For more details, or to become a hole sponsor or auction item donor, go to the Wildcats Web site at www.football.plymouth-wildcats.com.

High Velocity swap meet

High Velocity Sports will host a swap meet on Saturday, June 6 from 1-4 p.m. The event is open to the community. A \$2 donation/person will benefit

Relay for Life/American Cancer Society. Channel 95.5 will be on hand with promotions and giveaways. The Carnival of Inflatables will also be free to use and High Velocity staff will even supervise children ages 4-12 while you shop.

Those interested in selling their gently used clothing, toys, sports equipment, and other yard/garage sale items should contact Elaine Matthews at (734) 487-7678. Spots are available for \$20 (if you bring your own table and chairs) or \$30 for space, a 6-foot table, and two chairs.

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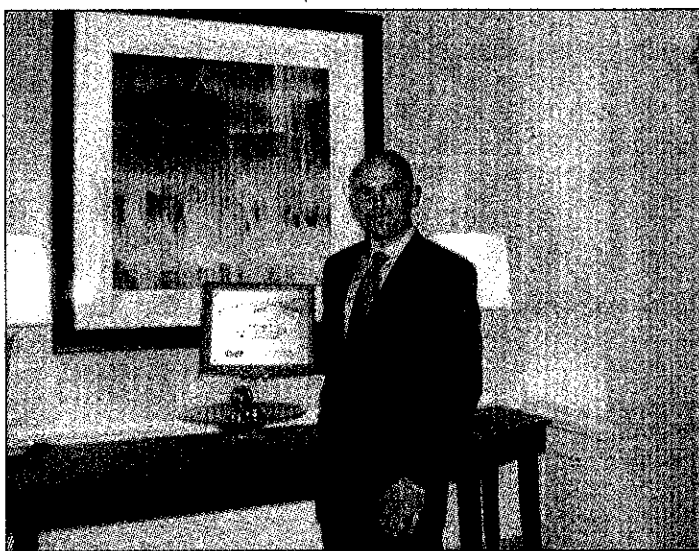
Rotary raffle

The Canton Rotary Club is having a "dream vacation raffle" to support the Rotary Foundation. The winner will win a dream vacation (all-inclusive) to Riviera Maya, Mexico (a \$3,000 value). Tickets may be purchased from any Canton Rotarian (one for \$10; three for \$24; or 10 for \$50). All profits will be used in the community, schools and world projects (i.e. T.A.P. clean water and eradication of polio).

The drawing will be held at the Liberty Fest on June 20 at 8 p.m. For further information and tickets please contact Ken Beardsley at (734) 844-1901, Michelle Burger at (734) 812-2517 or Bill Tesen at (734) 844-1374.

White elephant sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a white elephant and bake sale on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and



Public works kudos

Canton's Municipal Services Director Tim Faas holds the 'Quality of Life Award' given to Canton's Public Works Division on Saturday, May 9, by the Southeastern Michigan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE-SE) for the department's work on the Lower Rouge River Sanitary Relief Sewer. The award is given out each year to a project that exemplifies ASCE's theme, "Civil Engineers Make the Difference - They Build the Quality of Life." Phase I of the Sanitary Relief Sewer Project was constructed in 2007 along the Lower Rouge River parallel to the existing sanitary sewer. It was constructed due to the increased demand on the current sewer system and to prevent the possibility of sewer back-ups into basements and sewage discharges into the Rouge River. In conjunction with the sewer project, a recreation trail was also constructed from Canton Center to Haggerty Roads for bicyclists, walkers and runners.

Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

Senior fitness day

An event celebrating the 16th Annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day will take place on Wednesday, May 27 from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Seniors 55 and older will have

the opportunity to enjoy a variety of senior health and fitness related activities, including a fun walk that explores the public art along Ford Road; a hearing loss assessment; senior basketball shootout; dietetic seminars on high blood pressure and the importance of hydration.

Most of these special events designed to promote healthy and active senior lifestyles are free, but participants are required to register by calling the Senior Center at (734) 394-

5485. Seniors can also use the Summit facilities all day for free.

More than 1,000 organizations in all 50 states will recognize this day in an effort to help keep older Americans healthy and fit. Annually set for the last Wednesday in May, National Senior Health and Fitness Day is the nation's largest annual health promotion event for older adults.

For more information visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call the Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.

Veterans car wash

On Sunday, May 17 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., all cash generated by car washes at the Main Street Car Wash on Main Street in Plymouth will be donated to Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528. Main Street Car Wash is located at 1191 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Owner Phil Pursell does this once a year and the members of 528 do the work. The money raised goes to help all veterans of all wars and conflicts.

Also, Chapter 528 will hold its first summer car show from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, May 20 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695. Chapter 528 welcomes all the hot rods, muscle cars, antiques, unusual, and unique cars to come by. There is no charge to register. Through the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program, the chapter has received calling cards. Each week at the car show, the chapter will draw three names to send cards to active service

men and women. Come by and give us the information to place in the drawing.

Random acts of fitness

Members of the Canton Leisure Services Fitness Prize Patrol will be hitting the streets looking to reward random acts of fitness during the weekend of May 23-24. Individuals or families spotted engaged in heart-pumping activities may be rewarded with prizes.

If you're caught walking the dog, riding your bike, taking a jog, or enjoying a stroll with your family or friends in the Canton area, you may get a special prize. Whatever your current fitness level, if they spot you exercising don't be surprised if you receive an unexpected treat.

The program is an effort to help residents achieve and maintain healthy lifestyles. "It's our hope that this program combines the best parts of both of these healthy lifestyle initiatives, while adding a real element of excitement to it all," said Jennifer Provenzano, Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist.

Also watch for the Canton Leisure Services vans and staff in your neighborhoods and parks on the weekends of July 11-12 and August 22-23 and don't be surprised if the Fitness Prize Patrol "busts you" for committing healthy acts of fitness and wellness. For more information on how you can be rewarded for your random acts of fitness, please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

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College fair open to all parents, students

BY SUE MASON
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Your kids are never too young to think about college. That's the message from organizers of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 2009 College Fair.

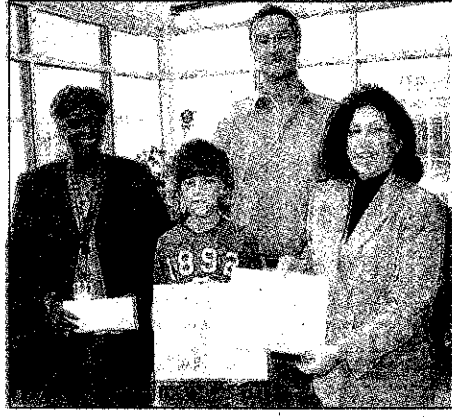
Representatives from 60 colleges, universities and trade schools, NCAA Clearinghouse and Michigan Works! displaced workers program will be under one roof to give parents, students of all ages and the unemployed a leg up on higher education.

"The University of Michigan to Concordia, Hope College, Cooley Law School, even The Ohio State, will be here," said Janice Tomlinson, director of the federal TRIO/Upward Bound at Wayne Memorial High School. "All of the big Michigan colleges will be here and the community colleges as well."

The program is presented by Wayne Memorial counseling office in collaboration with Upward Bound, a federal program that helps high school students from low-income families or from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree to complete their secondary education and enroll in and graduate from college. Also sponsoring it are Buffalo Wild Wings, Wayne Rotary Club, Michigan Virtual High School and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

This the second year Wayne Memorial has hosted the college fair. Last year, some 2,000 people attended the pilot program which Tomlinson deemed a "success."

"With so many things going on with the economy, we saw a need to do it again,"



Franklin Middle School Principal Darlene Scott, art teacher Thomas Stubner and Janice Tomlinson, Federal TRIO/Upward Bound director at Wayne Memorial High School, join Michael Tyra in showing off his winning 2009 College Fair poster.

she said. "We're building on the template to make it a district-wide event for parents of students in preschool through high school. For parents with young students, it starts the dialogue about school, it gives a parent a jump-start on higher education."

The fair will be set up in Wayne Memorial's media center. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the fair will focus 11th-12th-graders at Wayne High and juniors and seniors from John Glenn who will be shuttled in to participate. The public session will be 4-8 p.m. and will feature the college representatives, door prizes and give-aways, on-site college registration and even an elementary exploration room from 4-8 p.m. where youngsters can look through books about careers and watch videos. There also will be information for

COLLEGE BOUND

What: Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 2009 College Fair

When: 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20

Where: Media Center of Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St. at Glenwood, Wayne

What: The fair will feature representatives for 60 colleges and universities, five breakout sessions, an elementary exploration room and on-site college registration.

Who: It's for Wayne-Westland parents and students in elementary, middle and high school.

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parents: "Helping Your Child Get Ready for High School and Beyond" and "NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility," 6:30-7:10 p.m. and "No Worker Left Behind" "Online Learning Opportunities for High School Students" and "Paying for College: A Financial Aid Overview," all offered 7:15-7:45 p.m.

To pump up interest, the district held a poster contest among middle and elementary students. The winner was Michael Tyra of Franklin Middle School. The posters are being shown off in businesses in the community and the students will receive a professional copy of their poster. Steve Paulsen, a graphic arts teacher at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center also held a contest among his students with their work used in a widespread promotion of the fair, Tomlinson said.

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Firefighters use platform truck to put out condo fire

Canton firefighters needed the help of the department's 100-foot platform truck to put down a fire Thursday evening at a condominium complex that started because of a living room lamp.

Both fire and police personnel responded after Canton Emergency Dispatch received a 911 call around 7:30 p.m. of a fire at 660 Concord. When firefighters arrived smoke and flames were coming from one unit of a three-unit building. All occupants of the building were safely evacuated, including the 55-year-old woman and her pets who resided in the unit where the fire started.

The department's platform truck and its crew were the first to arrive on the scene, largely because another squad and engine were on another run at the time of the 911 call. The

platform truck was used to place a ventilation crew on the roof, which fire officials say was instrumental in containing the fire.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire fairly quickly, and contain it to the unit where it originated.

Fire officials did not provide any damage estimates to the condo, but it did sustain heavy fire and smoke damage, including in the attic. Adjoining units sustained minimal smoke damage and residents were permitted back in after the fire was extinguished, though they did opt to seek alternate shelter for the night.

There were no reported injuries.

Fire officials say the cause of the fire was accidental. The female resident indicated, and firefighters were able to confirm, that the fire started from a lamp in the living room.

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They should be able to make their own decisions."

Plymouth High School Advanced Placement U.S. government teacher, Jennifer Bennett, said about a third of her students know about and have tuned in to watch C-SPAN.

"They see how Congress works and maybe get a new perspective," Bennett said.

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received a written response signed by Jason Schulist, Len Liuzzi and Dave Nagy.

In part, the response to Hall's request read, "the Architectural Committee finds that your improvement would not be consistent with the aesthetics of the subdivision. Furthermore, it is unclear based upon neighbors' feedback that this kind of mechanical improvement on the front of your house is acceptable to them at the current time."

Pheasant View Homeowners' Association President Dee Heinze said the group "looked at the big picture," with the committee's ruling within the association's Covenants and Restrictions.

"We talked with our developer, Dick Lewiston, and he said we have the right to approve or disapprove based on our discretion," Heinze said. "We want to keep the overall feel of the neighborhood of how he developed it. That's our goal."

"I understand (Hall's) position, but we're not singling him out with something we wouldn't do to anyone else

proposing something like this," she added.

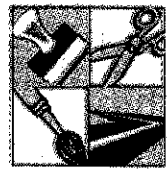
Hall said he's considering just putting up the solar panels, but is consulting with an attorney to understand the legal ramifications.

"These are the same kinds of solar panels the township is looking at to heat the pool at the Summit on the Park, and what Plymouth-Canton Schools is considering to heat the walkways between schools," Hall said. "I could save 10-20 percent off my utility bills and have an upgrade to my house."

It's not the first time Hall, a licensed engineer, has used

innovation to make his 3,600-square-foot house green.

"The metal studs were made with recycled metal," Hall said, "and I have a high-efficiency boiler that saved me 30 percent in heating costs over the first three months I used it."



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Back home at the Park

Zolkowski brings 'new perspective' to position of principal at P-CEP

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bill Zolkowski came late to a career in education, but he's been making up for lost time by moving into increasingly more challenging positions.

On June 30, Zolkowski bids good-bye to Thurston High School, where he has been principal since 2002.

On July 1, he will become the first principal for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, as that district reorganizes three high schools under one leader.



Zolkowski

Zolkowski started teaching physics and math at Thurston High School in the early '90s, but it was a two-year stint as an assistant principal of curriculum at Canton High School in 2000-02 that gave him a new insight into teaching.

"It gave me an education and opened my eyes to a lot of things I hadn't thought a lot about," he said. "It got me reading about things and talking to colleagues about things that hadn't occurred to me."

He said the position gave him a new perspective on his six years of teaching at Thurston.

"I realized in retrospect that I was a popular teacher, I was a successful teacher in my physics teaching, but I don't think I was a good teacher by our standards today in being



Thurston High School media productions students Alonzo McTaw and Joe Scarantino had an assignment to video people dancing. Principal Bill Zolkowski obliged.

able to reach all kids," he said. Zolkowski had his own struggles with education. In the 1960s, he attended the University of Michigan with the idea of becoming an engineer, but dropped out.

"It took be 20-some years of various ventures and small businesses to come back and get a university degree," he said.

Even then, he wasn't sure what he wanted when he started at Eastern Michigan University, except that he enjoyed physics and math. "It was by default that I

said let's give education a try," he said. "It was a fortuitous choice. I was good at it, I have been good at it and I have enjoyed it immensely."

South Redford Superintendent Linda Hicks agrees with Zolkowski's self-assessment.

"Bill Zolkowski is a just a superb educator," she said on his appointment to the Plymouth-Canton position. "When he told me about the challenges and creativity he'd be able to use in the position ... I think it's a great opportunity."

Taking from his years as a teacher and curriculum principal, Zolkowski has come to believe that every student deserves the same level of education, that no matter who is teaching the class, it is important to reach every child.

"That doesn't mean that Mr. X has to teach like Mrs. Y. It does mean that we set out regular benchmarks that we need to meet on a regular basis," he said. "You may get there in your class on one path and I may get there on a different path, but we both have to arrive at these regular spots

through the school year."

He said it is also important to challenge all students intellectually. Thurston High School has gone from four advanced placement classes to 15 under Zolkowski's leadership, and he believes that more students should be taking those classes.

"There are hundreds of kids walking these halls who could succeed in advanced placement classes," he said.

He said studies show that success in AP classes is a strong indicator of how a student will perform in college.

He has also learned the "value and power" of trusting people, particularly his teaching staff.

"Relying on teachers to investigate initiatives, implement initiatives and maintain initiatives. We've done that so successfully here at Thurston," he said.

Zolkowski is proud of the \$22 million in construction at Thurston that includes a new gymnasium and the state-of-the-art William F. Weber Performing Arts Center and the work done to get a bond approved by voters. He is also proud of Thurston placing among the top high schools in the state and nation on the annual *Newsweek* list. But he is most proud of his empowered teaching staff.

"This staff is empowered, intelligent and they know how to make kids succeed and they have the energy to do it. They'll be in good shape for the future," he said.

His challenge in the Plymouth-Canton district

will be to restore unity to the 6,000 student Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which is home to three high schools — Plymouth, Salem and Canton. A number of retirements gives the district an opportunity to replace three principals with a new organization under one principal and assistant principals at each building.

"Everyone would like to return to the collegial atmosphere that once imbued the Park," Zolkowski said. "I think just by the nature of dropping in a third high school, they had become three separate institutions and estranged from each other and lost a sense of the Park."

Zolkowski's hiring (the district will pay him some \$123,000) came with a unanimous vote based on the recommendation of the Plymouth-Canton search team made through Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel.

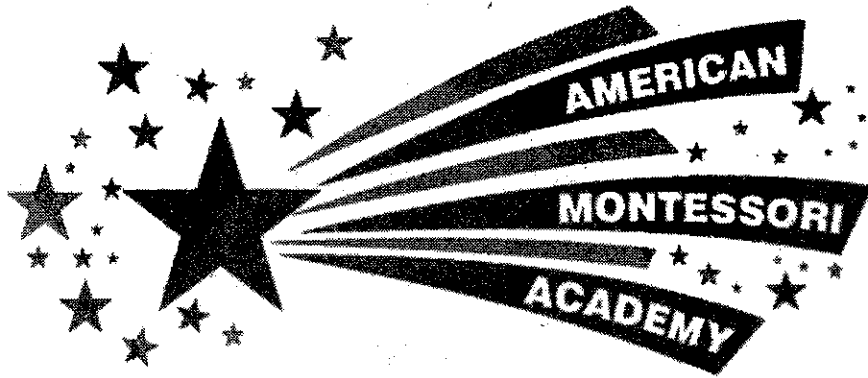
"Bill seemed to be outgoing, and a real advocate for what is going on at Plymouth-Canton," Fiegel said of Zolkowski. "He's a strong believer in what's going on out here and he happened to have some history here, but he's far enough removed to still provide a fresh perspective."

Zolkowski said the Park is a "dynamic, powerful place with a lot of good energy."

But he said he is leaving a good high school with few regrets.

"I'm going to miss this place a lot," he said.

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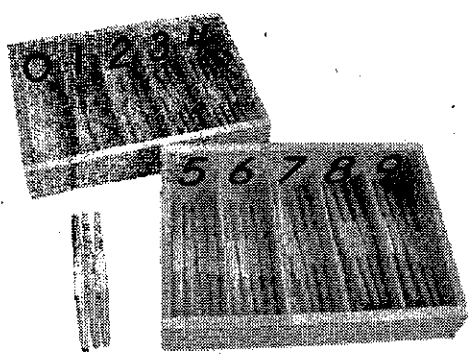
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P-CEP Choirs crowned at Kings Island music festival

The P-CEP Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp and Shelley Klippel, took top honors at the Music in the Parks Festival at King's Island in Cincinnati. P-CEP brought five choirs to this festival of music that featured high school vocal ensembles from across the Midwest including Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Michigan.

P-CEP's Allegro earned a Superior rating and a First Place Trophy for the Mixed Choir I division. Dulcissima earned a Superior rating and a First Place Trophy for the Women's Choir division. Chamber Choir earned a Superior rating and a First Place Trophy for the Men's Choir division. Madrigal Singers earned a Superior rating and a First Place Trophy for the Madrigal Choir division. Festival Singers earned an Excellent rating and a First Place trophy for the Mixed Choir II division.

In addition, Madrigal Singers, the top women's ensemble at PCEP, earned the highest performance award and the title of "Best Overall High School Choir."

The P-CEP Choirs were also recognized by receiving the highly esteemed "Esprit de Corps" award for the third straight year. This award is given to only one school at the festival out of a field of over 15 schools who participated. Unlike other trophies that focus on musical achievement based on the scores of the adjudication panel, this coveted prize spotlights the performance of the students throughout the festival as they demonstrate their highest level of responsible behavior. Personal integrity, quality character values, a desire for excellence and a spirit of cooperation serve as the cornerstone qualities of the Esprit de Corps Award.

Over half of the P-CEP Choir program traveled to Cincinnati in order to participate in this festival. The PCEP Choirs who attended this event are comprised of students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are students at Salem, Canton, and Plymouth High Schools.

Accountant scholarship

The Michigan Accountancy Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes excellence in accounting education, selected 32 Michigan college students as recipients of its annual MAF Fifth/Graduate Year Scholarship.



Price

Kyle Price of Plymouth and Kathryn Wheatley of Canton, both students at Michigan State University, were among those recognized.

Established in 1961, MAF is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) and assists accounting students by helping to fund their college education and by providing resources to college educators.

Recipients of the MAF Fifth/Graduate Year Scholarship will receive \$4,000 each for a combined

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total of \$128,000 to help fund their Fifth/Graduate year of college. Several of the students received special named scholarships.

Green schools

Wayne County CEO Robert A. Ficano will recognize 49 "Green Schools," at the University of Michigan-

Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center Wednesday. Wayne County's Regional Education Service Agency and the Detroit Zoological Society have also teamed up as "Green School" supporters.

Among the schools: Miller and Isbister elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district along with New Morning School in Plymouth Township and Our Lady of

Good Counsel in Plymouth. To be recognized as a "Green School"; schools must implement a minimum of 10 out of 20 energy saving and environmental activities established by the State of Michigan. Some of those requirements include establishing a paper recycling program, implementing an energy savings program, holding an environmental education event, or promoting neighborhood

energy conservation. All schools must re-certify annually to maintain their "Green Schools" designation. The Wayne County "Green Schools" program is being implemented to encourage environmental stewardship, promote green infrastructure methods, energy conservation, and to enhance quality of life while helping to save Wayne County taxpayer dollars through energy efficiency and

environmental protection. The "Green Schools" is a statewide program with over 500 schools certified throughout Michigan.

New PhD

Canton resident Kimberly M. Hesse received her Juris Doctorate degree May 9 from the University of Toledo College of Law. She has been on the Dean's List since the Fall of 2007 and was highest ranking student in Contracts I.

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Sweet smells

City's downtown gets sweeter with new Kilwin's store

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The opening of a downtown Kilwin's gives Plymouth another place where people can satisfy what might be called a recession-proof sweet tooth.

Linda Luhtanen, franchisee of the Kilwin's that opened at Main and Penniman last weekend, said she was concerned about starting a business during a downturn, but also encouraged by a *Wall Street Journal* report that high-end chocolates are one of the things for which sales have gone up despite the economy.

"People are affording themselves little pleasures," said Luhtanen Thursday in her shop, located in a 111-year-old building with exposed brick walls and a high, stamped-tin ceiling.

Customers can find those high-end chocolates and more — ice cream, made-in-the-store fudge and caramel apples, chocolate-covered pretzels and hard candy — at Kilwin's, which joins Kemnitz Fine Candies and The Candy Trail as downtown Plymouth's third candy store. A sign in the vacant former Bohemian Home site on Main Street promises a fourth candy store is coming soon.

"We were just looking for a new business to go into and we thought this would be fun," said Luhtanen. A daughter, Krista Diamond, worked at a Kilwin's while in college and found the experience rewarding, she said.

The city and the public have been extremely welcoming, Luhtanen said. "It's just been a pleasure," she said.

Luhtanen, of Northville,



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Todd Luhtanen works the fudge table in the window of Kilwin's.

has a computer background and owned, with other family members, a Livonia software company for about 20 years.

The company was sold two years ago to an India-based firm, with Luhtanen and her son, Todd Luhtanen, contracted to continue working for the new owners to ease the transition. Their contracts will expire shortly.

Luhtanen, however, wanted to stay busy.

"I don't like to sit still," she said. "My plan was to work forever... We had to create some new work."

Todd Luhtanen, who has no financial stake in the new business but might buy into it in the future, is helping his mother get started — and cooking up some of the sweets.

"I kind of have a passion for small business," he said. Luhtanen also does business consulting and produces music from a basement recording studio.

Todd Luhtanen said he's eager for the Plymouth Kilwin's to be part of the community.

"We just really want to be part of the Plymouth downtown community," he said.

Kilwin's grew from a store

in Petoskey that opened in 1947; the company now has a presence in several states, with many stores in vacation destinations. The Plymouth Kilwin's is the company's 76th store.

The store hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; it's open an hour later on Fridays and Saturdays. A grand opening event is planned for next month.

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Vets bring back weekly 'cruises'

Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528, Vietnam Veterans of America and CRUZ'N 528 are bringing back the annual CRUZ'N 528 Car Shows, a series of weekly events held May 20 through Sept. 2 at the VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth. "Welcome Back Night" takes place Wednesday, May 20, with car enthusiasts showing off classic cars and enjoying food and cold drinks. The weekly events feature a new theme each week, door prizes and giveaways, "Participation Plaques," and a 50/50 raffle. The weekly shows run 5-8 p.m.; the VFW Post 6695 is located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth.

Last year's season averaged 70 cruisers each Wednesday, with a high of 125. One highlight was an appearance by the "Monkee Mobile," owned by Mel Guthrie of Guthrie Lumber in Livonia.

Since CRUZ'N 528 started

in 2004, organizers have distributed \$14,760 to needy veterans organizations such as the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor and the Ambulatory & Burn Center for the Intrepid, San Antonio, and purchased tickets for World War II veterans to visit the WW II Memorial in Washington.

In 2008, after paying all the bills, the profit from the cruise (some \$3,400) was used to purchase, pack and mail 92 packages with special need items to the troops in Iraq.

"This year we will use the profits to support local veterans who need help to pay bills, house maintenance (inside or outside), prescriptions and other items," said Bob Paul of the CRUZ'N 528 committee.

Weekly themes include:
 • May 27, Veteran Appreciation Night - Show your current or former military ID and get a Burger for half-price.

• June 3, "Back to the Future" '50s Night - Anyone born in 1955, is age 55 or brings in a car from 1955 can buy any one food or drink item for 55 cents.

• June 10, Ford Night - First 20 Ford cars registered receive a free Mustang T-shirt.

• June 17, "Big Block" Night - Any registered car with a verified engine block of 400ci or larger will receive four free 50/50 tickets.

• June 24, "Wednesday Night Fever" '70s Night - Anyone with a registered car from the 1970s can buy any one food or drink item for 70 cents

• July 1, "Support Our Troops" Night - Bring in three items to send to the troops overseas and receive a ticket for a free hot dog or burger.

• July 8, GM Night - First 20 GM cars registered receive a free car care product.

• July 15, "Small Block" Night - Any car registered

with a verified engine block of 399ci or smaller will receive three free 50/50 tickets.

• July 22, UAW Appreciation Night - Show your current or former UAW ID and get a hot dog for half-price.

• July 29, "Food Gives Me Gas" Night - Bring in five non-perishable canned or boxed food items and receive a ticket to possibly win one of 10 free \$10 gas cards to be raffled off.

• Aug. 5, Mopar Night - First 20 Mopar cars registered receive a free car care product.

• Aug. 12, Bonus 50/50 Night - Buy five 50/50 tickets, get five free 50/50 tickets.

• Aug. 19, "I Have a Dream Cruise" '60s Night - Cars registered at the show from the 1960s receive a free car care product.

• Aug. 26, Picture Night - Make a \$20 donation to the Disabled Veterans and get your picture taken with your car.

• Sept. 2, Farewell Night.



The Monkee Mobile made an appearance during last year's CRUZ'N 528 series, which starts up again Wednesday.

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Button 'dignifies' getting fuel for disabled

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Harris knows where he's going to buy gas. His decision has nothing to do with the price, but with a button at two pumps at the Marathon gas station at Ford and Newburgh in Westland.

"I see this as a quality of life item," said Harris. "It provides an independence in traveling, it enhances the driving experience for the disabled."

The executive director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, Harris was at the gas station recently to promote the fuel call button. Mounted on a pole that extends out to be within reach of people in their vehicles, the fuel call button allows disabled drivers to notify the attendant that they need refueling assistance.

The station is one of the Sam Hadi Group of gas stations. Hadi worked with Harris, who lives nearby, to get the buttons installed at the station.

"It's a great program, Marathon is glad to be a partner," said Katherine Jarmuz, territory manager for Marathon Petroleum Company. "It's like driving up to an ATM."

Harris relates the fuel call button to the full service gas stations once provided. Fueling assistance is required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, but the problem the disabled face is how to notify the attendants. Many of the gas station's listed on The MPVA's Pump Guide Web site ask people to call ahead or pull in and honk their horns.

"This is a nice service to have," said Harris. "It's the first in the metro area. I believe there's some in Grand



Michael Harris, executive director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, presses the fuel call button mounted near a pump at Sam Hadi's Marathon station at Ford and Newburgh in Westland.

Rapids and Mt. Pleasant."

The MPVA developed The Pump Guide seven years ago and now lists between 900-1,000 gas stations that provide assistance for the disabled. Another MPVA Web site, www.disabilitygas.com, also promotes use of the fuel call and includes a video showing how it is used.

The MPVA also is pushing for federal legislation to require the installation of accessible communications devices at all gas stations. In a letter to Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, Harris said federal legislation "would bring a uniform standard to the gasoline industry and allow drivers with disabilities a process that makes refueling simple and dignified."

Harris hopes what Hadi has

done at the Westland gas station will have a domino effect, that once it's proven to be a good investment on his part, other stations will follow suit.

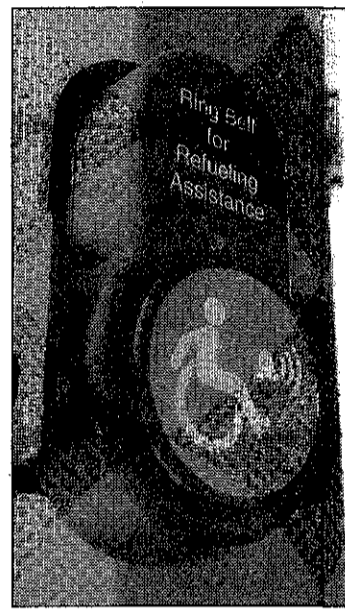
"I hope people see this as a win-win situation," said Harris. "It provides a service for people with disabilities and in return, the owner will see an increase in customers. I hope others take Sam's lead and purchase these buttons."

Harris added that there are tax incentives available under ADA to pay for half the cost of the fuel call buttons.

Harris also said he plans to changing his driving habits. Hadi's station is no longer out of his way.

"I'll come here from now on," he said.

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The distinctive logo for handicapped accessible lets disabled drivers know the fuel call button is for them.

Win lunch with George Blaha at Buddy's Pizza

Dining With the Stars will close out the 2009 spring season with George Blaha, a familiar voice in the broadcast and sports world in metro Detroit.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Blaha at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

Dining With the Stars is sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

A local broadcasting icon and one of the most recognizable personalities in Detroit and the NBA, Blaha recently completed his 33rd consecutive season as the television and radio play-by-play voice of the Detroit Pistons. The "Voice of the Pistons" is the longest tenured play-by-play announcer in the state of Michigan following the retirement of legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Blaha brings a high-energy style to go with his extensive basketball knowledge and demonstrates a true passion for Pistons basketball. His trademark colloquialisms such as,



Blaha

"two and 22 to play" and "a high glass gun that goes" have thrilled Pistons fans of all ages for three decades.

Blaha handles play-by-play duties on either television or radio for all 82 regular-season games plus pre- and postseason games on FSN Detroit and WDFN — the Pistons' flagship stations. He also hosts the *Pistons Weekly* television program, which airs Sunday nights on WDIV TV4 at midnight, and has handled play-by-play duties for Michigan State football since 1971. In 2002, he was made an honorary alumnus of Michigan State University.

Born in Detroit, Blaha graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame University and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He lives in Troy and Gaylord.

Blaha enjoyed a banner year in 2008 when he was named Michigan's Sportscaster of the Year for the second time by *The Detroit News* (2003, 2008) and enshrined in the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. He was also honored by Michigan State as an honorary letterman and member of the "S" Club. Blaha was honored with the Ty Tyson Award for broadcasting excellence by the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association in 2003.

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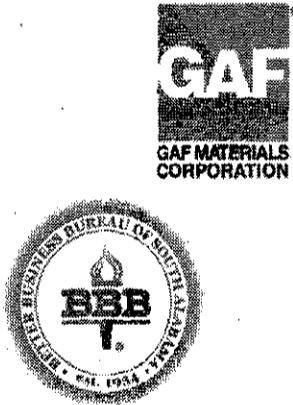
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Karmann USA's Plymouth Township facilities also have earned ISO/TS 16949 certification -- the industry's highest international quality standard.

Business moving

The Canton-based Broad Family Chiropractic is moving to a new location at 43423 Joy Road, Canton.

The new location, which they will move into May 18, is much larger, and will allow them to offer massage therapy on site, as well as two chiropractic doctors with more than 17 years of experience.

They will be throwing a re-grand opening party on Saturday, June 6. There will be a BBQ, free chair massage, raffle for free massages, free spinal checks, and a chance to see the new state of the art facility. They will also be offering massage and chiropractic exam specials for the entire months of June and July.

For more information, call (734) 354-9900.

Top pharmacist

Medication errors are among the most common medical errors, harming at least 1.5 million people in this country every year according to a 2006 Institute of Medicine report. However, employees at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills are doing their part to ensure safe delivery of medication to patients every time.

For instance, Botsford

pharmacist Peter Newberry, a Plymouth resident, serves patients through the safety and quality of the hospital's medication system. In his role as pharmacy support systems coordinator, Newberry's work over the last year in preventing or minimizing significant medication risk to patients has earned him a 2009 Botsford Hospital Safety Excellence Award.

Botsford Hospital transitioned to smart infusion devices in 2008. These "smart pumps" improve patient care by reducing medication errors, improving workflow and providing a repository for drug delivery data. In 2008, Newberry, a resident of Plymouth, Mich., created a drug library for these devices. The library is a drug database, defining clinical guidelines (dose and rate limits, clinical warnings) for each drug in the library. Now when a nurse chooses to infuse a drug in the library, the pump applies the rules and alerts the nurse to any potentially unsafe drug therapy.

"Peter has rapidly responded to concerns about the process for medication order entry based on interactions with our Pharmacy, Nursing and Respiratory staff members," said Marge Hasler, R.N., vice-president and chief nursing officer and chair of the hospital's Safety Board. "By programming the usual dosages and related information into the order entry process, Peter has not only shortened the amount of time it takes to place a medication order, but he has also helped to ensure accuracy and clarity in dispensing and administering."

Fashion show

Indigo Salon & Day Spa will host a fashion show from 7-9 p.m., May 30 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

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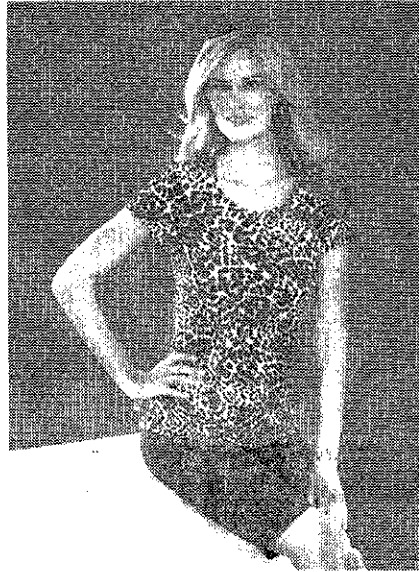
"Anti-friction bearings play a central role in the optimization of powertrains in terms of reducing fuel consumption and CO2 emissions," said Thomas Wolf, senior application engineer, SKF Car Business Unit. "As the entire global automotive industry works on reducing these harmful emissions and increasing fuel efficiency, we have taken a major step in support of these efforts by developing this new line of energy efficient bearings. Our focus is on optimizing internal bearing geometry that can provide up to 30 percent less friction than equivalent bearings. It also reduces energy consumption, lowers bearing temperature, and extends lubricant life."



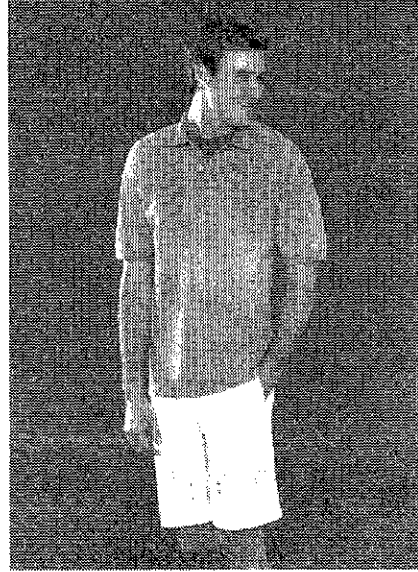
Unsung hero

Sister Mary Ellen Howard of Canton (second from left) accepts a Community Champions Award from Ann Koontz, Jesse Thomas and Diane Byrd-Johnson of Molina Healthcare of Michigan. Molina honored Howard, an RSM from St. Frances Cabrini Clinic, with Healthcare Professional Award for her 19 years of work as the executive director of Cabrini Clinic, the oldest free medical clinic in the nation. The awards dinner, held at the Roostertail, included entertainment, which was provided by a children's jazz group, and an art gallery showcasing students' work from the College of Creative Studies. "We're proud to call Sister Mary Ellen a 2009 Community Champion," said Jesse Thomas, president of Molina Healthcare of Michigan. "Her tireless dedication and spiritual guidance has touched and changed many lives of those in our community."

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Hike for Hope set for June 6

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

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

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The non-profit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources.

All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community

support for its funding.

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

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Blue streak: Salem dashes to regional title

BY ED WRIGHT
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A few moments after Salem boys track-and-field coach Kyle Meteyer instructed the members of his 1,600-meter relay team to "just hang on to the baton" Friday night, the four speedy Rocks applied a velcro-like grip on the school's most significant track-and-field accomplishment in recent memory.

Bolstered by a surging finish, Salem captured the Division 1 Region 5 title by racking up 99 points, 17 more than hard-charging runner-up Livonia

Stevenson. The Spartans clipped third-place Detroit Cass Tech when the Technicians' four-by-400 relay team was disqualified in the final race of the night.

The icing on the Rocks' amazing resurgence was capped when their mile-relay contingent of Scott O'Connor, Daniel Martin, Dominique Williams and Zachary Gaskell won the finale in 3:28.27.

Salem had taken the lead for good one race earlier when Matt Devey, Mike Charara and Jason Smith finished 2-4-5, respectively, in the 3,200-meter run.

"Before the four-by-four race started, I went down and told the guys that we were very close to winning," recalled Meteyer. "I didn't tell them how many points we needed but I knew if we finished sixth or better, we'd win the meet. I told them to just get around the track and hang on to the baton and they went out and won, which put a stamp on the night."

"This was a long day for all these guys and they were all hurting (before the final race), but they really stepped it up for the team."

Meteyer said he first saw a glimpse

of the program's potential at an invitational two springs ago.

"After we lost our first two dual meets two years ago, we won the Raider Relays," said Meteyer. "After that, I thought to myself, 'Holy cow, we have some athletes on this team.' From that time on, we've been building and building. Although we lose good athletes to injury and graduation every year, we've been able to replace them with better athletes and we're at the point now where we can win a Regional."

Please see REGIONAL, B2

GAME WRAPS

Chief golfers remain perfect

The Canton boys golf team humbled Wayne Memorial, 154-192, on Wednesday afternoon at Hilltop Golf Course to improve its record to 7-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Zebras slipped to 1-8 with the loss.

The winners were led by Jeremy Lindlbauer, who fired a 35. Also scoring for the Chiefs were Zach Conrad (37), Andrew Rickerman (38) and Travis Hall (44). Brendan Muir fired a 45 while Tony Brown carded a 46.

Scoring for Wayne were Jacob Smith (43), Kevin Sample (46), Zachary Williamson (49) and Jarret Williamson (54).

Madonna softball team 2-0 in NAIA tourney

Tedi Johnston came to the rescue Friday as the 13th-ranked Madonna University women's softball team blanked Holy Names (Calif.), 3-0, to go 2-0 pool play at the NAIA National Championships held at the Wilson Morgan Complex in Decatur, Ala.

Johnston, a native of New Boston, scored MU's first run on a passed ball after walking in the fifth inning.

The lead grew to 3-0 in the sixth when the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference shortstop hammered a Stephanie Falclough pitch off the base of the left-center field wall scoring Mary Kate Setta and Tara LaMilza.

Winning pitcher Jess Irwin, a sophomore right-hander, limited Holy Names (24-17) to two hits while striking out 10 in raising her season mark to 33-8.

The Crusaders, 53-10 overall, took on Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.) in a rematch of their season opener in Pool D. MU won the first meeting 1-0 and a win will put the Crusaders into the eight-team, double-elimination tourney on Monday.

MADONNA 3, MCKENDREE (III.1): Sophomore right-hander Jess Irwin became just the fourth pitcher in NAIA history to pass the 400 strikeout mark as she struck out 12 as the Crusaders (52-10) earned a 3-1 over McKendree (30-15) to open pool play Thursday at the 2009 NAIA National Softball Championships.

Irwin scattered five hits and gave up just one run in moving to 32-8 on the year.

All nine Crusaders posted hits in the win with senior shortstop Tedi Johnston, sophomore right fielder Tara LaMilza and junior second baseman Brittney Scero (Canton) each driving in a run. Scero extended her hitting streak to 15 games.

Cathy Webb went 2-for-2, while Kayla White drove in the lone run in the third inning to give McKendree a 1-0 lead.

Freshmen connection

9th-graders play vital roles in Chiefs' sweep

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Powered by an all-freshmen battery in game two, Canton's softball team swept Salem 3-0 and 10-2 in a "senior night" double-header Thursday evening at Massey Field in Plymouth.

The ninth-grade pitcher-catcher combo of Alyssa Boucher and Jessie Larner played a key role in the Chiefs' lop-sided second-game win. Boucher earned the victory on the mound after striking out two and scattering eight hits over the first 4.1 innings.

Larner proved to be a stellar lead-off hitter as she reached base all four times, scoring twice and knocking in three runs — two with a sixth-inning triple.

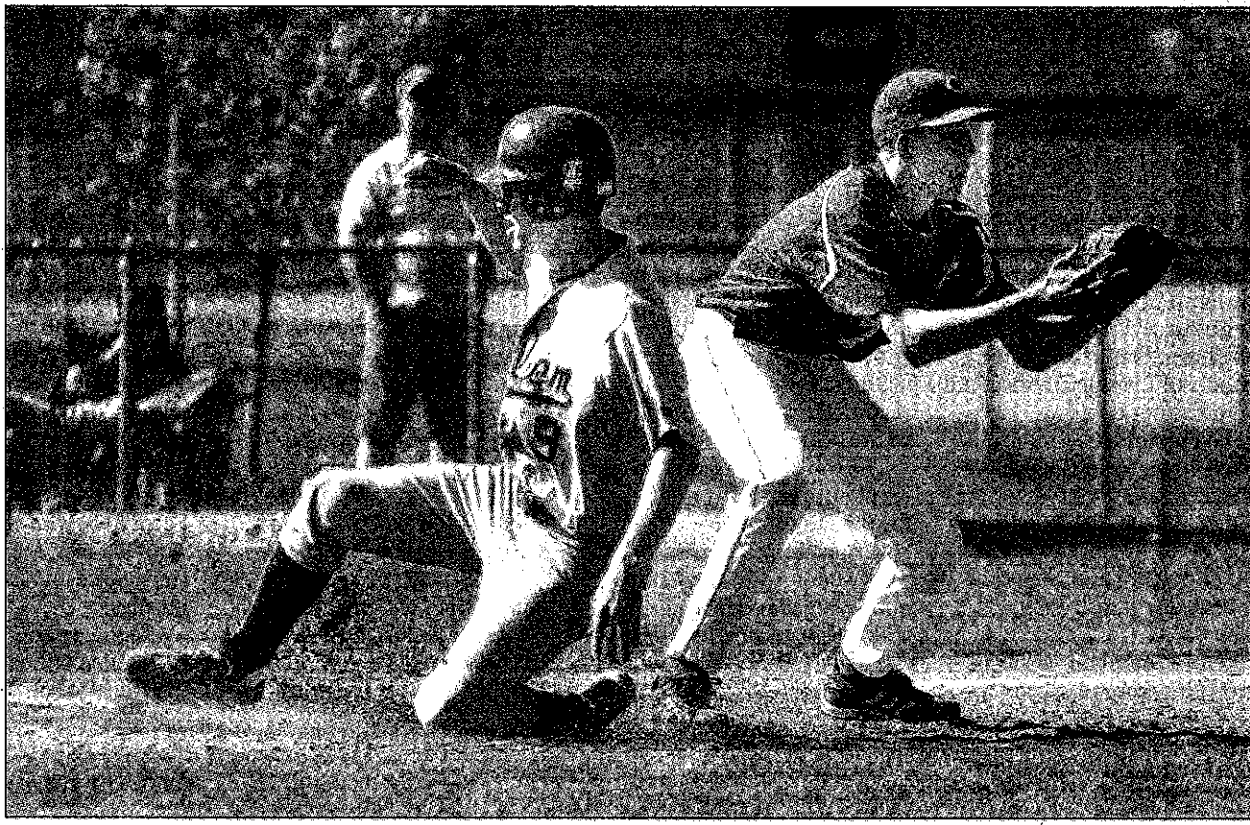
"During the first inning Alyssa pitched this year, I went to the mound and her eyes were really big," reflected Canton coach Jim Arnold, smiling. "I asked her what she thought of the batters she was facing and she said, 'Oh my gosh, they're big.' She's gained a lot of confidence throughout the course of the season and that showed tonight. She's going to be an outstanding pitcher for us."

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JAMES RYSOORP

Canton freshman pitcher Alyssa Boucher delivers a pitch during Thursday's 10-2 victory over Salem.



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Salem's Joe Posler slides into third during the first game of Thursday's doubleheader against Canton. Chief third baseman Andrew Tidwell is pictured awaiting the throw from the outfield.

Never a dull moment

Rocks sweep Canton in thrill-a-minute twinbill

BY ED WRIGHT
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Salem right-handed pitcher Corey Streck was thrown into a pressure cooker Thursday afternoon during the first game of a doubleheader against PCEP rival Canton.

But the junior didn't get rattled. One inning after the Chiefs staged a seven-run fourth to cut a once-dominant Rock lead to one, Streck entered the game and retired nine of the 10 batters he faced to secure Salem's 9-8 victory.

The Rocks also won the nightcap, 9-4, thanks to a five-run seventh-inning outburst to improve to 18-8 overall and 12-3 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"Corey was supposed to start the second game, but when Chris (Kordick) got into trouble in the fourth, Corey was the only pitcher in the dugout, so I told him to go get warmed up," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He did a great job when he went in there. He only threw 32 pitches in three innings."

Visiting Salem jumped out to a 9-1 lead after three-and-a-half innings by scoring two runs in the first, one in the second and three in both the third and fourth. Justin Bashi and Joe Posler did most of the damage during the Rocks' early uprising with two hits and two RBI each. Bashi nearly added to his totals in the top of the fourth, but his hard-hit grounder that was headed down the right-field line was speared by Canton first baseman Kevin



Salem's Chris Kordick delivers a pitch during Thursday's win over Canton.

Delapaz, who beat Bashi in a race to the bag.

Kordick, who limited the Chiefs to one run and two hits over the first three innings, ran into trouble in the fourth when, with one out, he hit Delapaz with a pitch before yielding three straight singles to Andrew Tidwell, Nick Sweda and Nick Tomilenko. To Kordick's credit, two of the singles were catchable fly balls that were lost in the bright, late-afternoon sun.

After Kordick got Seth Tschetter to pop out to second, the next four Chiefs

reached base. Canton's seven-run frame was capped by Alex Dixon's bases-loaded, three-run double.

The only Chief to reach base over the final three innings was Delapaz, who singled with two outs in the seventh.

Pacing the Rocks' 13-hit attack were Dave Loos (3-for-4, RBI), Posler (2-for-4, two RBI), Bashi (2-for-3, two runs, two RBI) and Dave Hales, who went 2-for-4 with two ribbies and a double.

Canton's Dan Stoney reached base three times with a pair of walks and a hit-by-pitch. The senior catcher also made a key defensive play when he picked off a Salem base-runner at second base with two on and two out in the fifth.

Kordick earned the game-one win after yielding seven hits and three walks in four innings. Streck registered his first save.

Dane Staples took the mound loss for the Chiefs after working four-plus innings.

Canton senior sub-mariner Zane Birchler matched Streck pitch for pitch after relieving Staples in the top of the fifth. Birchler gave up just three hits and no runs while striking out one in three innings.

In the nightcap, Salem broke a 4-all tie with five runs in the top of the seventh.

Dave Russell notched the win with three innings of scoreless relief.

Kyle Powell and Drew Grabowski sparked the late-game rally with bases-loaded singles.

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Charger girls edge Franklin to claim regional track title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Evert needed Navratilova, Ali couldn't avoid Frazier and apparently the Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin girls track and field teams bring out the best in each other as well.

Friday's MHSAA Division 1 regional went right down to the final event with Churchill repeating as champion by a razor-thin margin of 122-119.5 over the Patriots.

Westland John Glenn finished third in the 16-team field with 69 points followed by Detroit Cass Tech and Livonia Stevenson rounding out the top five with 65 and 60, respectively.

Once again junior Sara Kroll figured prominently in Churchill's victory as she overhauled Stevenson senior Courtney Calka on the final turn to win feature race of the day, the 1,600-meter run, in 4:57.34. Kroll shattered her own school record, while Calka also lowered her own mark with a 4:57.39.

Churchill also got wins from freshman Senclair McDonnell in the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches) and junior Taylor Byron in the shot put (36-10).

"I don't know what to say other than everybody played huge roles," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "The credit goes to our seniors and captains Samar (Aoude), (Shannon) Getchen, (Alicia) DiMauro and Kroll. We got points from a lot of places. It was a repeat of the city meet where it came down to the 4 x 400.

"I also have to commend Franklin. They really kicked our butts in the 4 x 800. Dave (Bjorklund) has brought that program a long way in three or four years from nothing."

Bethany Pilat also gave Churchill a boost with a fourth in the 1,600 and a third in the 3,200.

"It was huge that she (Pilat) scored in the mile (1,600), too," Daugherty said. "And our throwers, Taylor Byron and Shannon Getchen, along with DiMauro (fourth) in the pole vault, got us 28 points. They go unheralded and don't get a lot of attention, but those were huge points for us."

Churchill's sprint relay teams also grabbed a third (4 x 100) and a fourth (4 x 200). "Those were big for us," Daugherty said. "If we finish sixth where we were seeded in the 4 x 100, and don't get third, we lose."

"We also got a boost from a couple of our freshmen. Leah Heinzelman was in our sprint relays and Senclair (McDonnell) wins the high jump where she was seeded eighth."

Franklin, which defeated Churchill in a dual meet and fell only a few points behind the Chargers in the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational, had a banner day.

The Patriots received individual firsts from Emily Quint, pole vault (10-2.25); Seneca Scott, 100 hurdles (16.09); Ashly Butkowski, 400 (1:00.36); and Megan McPherson, 3,200 (school record 11:14.19).

"I can't complain, we went better than what I scored it

going in," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We scored more than our seedings and we had more state qualifiers — seven girls — which is more than we've ever had. I thought Ashly Butkowski had a phenomenal day and Seneca Scott runs the 4 x 800, then goes over to the 100 hurdles prelims and semis, runs the 300 hurdles, then runs the 4 x 400, which is a lot to ask."

Franklin's 4 x 800 relay team also surprised with a runner-up finish to Dearborn in a school record 9:49.73.

"We put the importance on focusing on the state meet," Bjorklund said. "A lot of things went better than expected and nothing worse. But hats off to Churchill. He (Daugherty) had a little more depth than our depth."

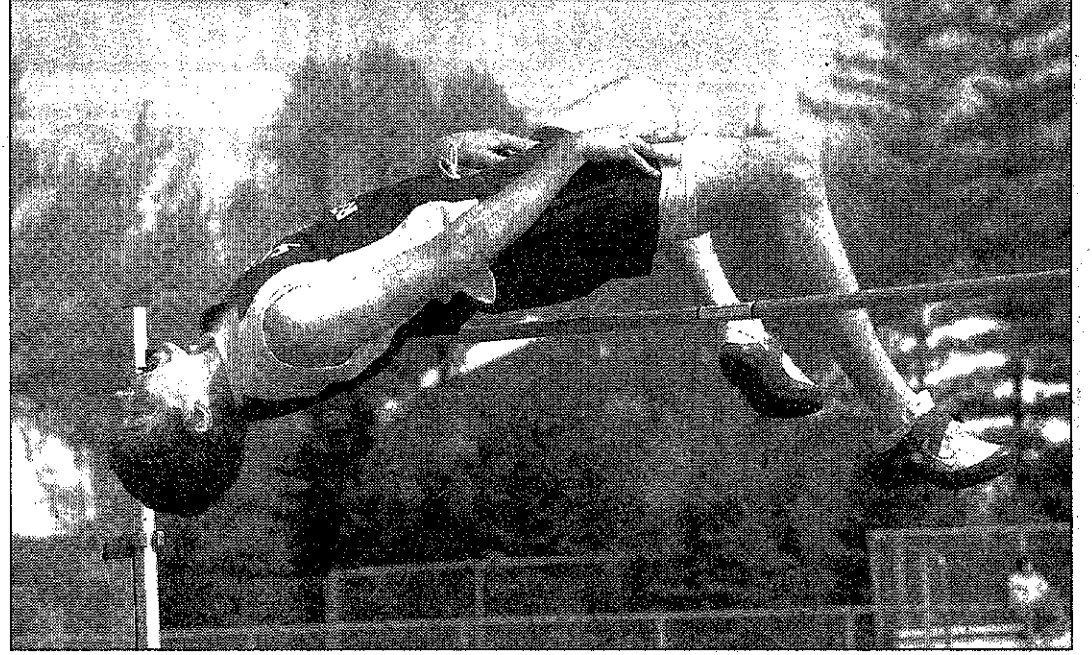
Glenn also impressed led by senior Chanel Payne, who broke a 31-year-old school record in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 5.75 inches eclipsing Karen McDougall's mark of 18-3 set in 1978.

Payne also won the 100 in 12.42 and teamed up with Aubrie Scott, Shaunte Roberts and Stephany Brown for a first in the 400 relay (49.61) and a second in the 800 relay (1:47.17).

Stevenson's lone first was recorded by Becky Adamcheck in the 300 hurdles (46.56).

The top two finishers in each event automatically qualify for the Division 1 state meet Saturday, May 30 at East Kentwood. Additional state qualifying standards also at stake. See complete results.

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Salem's Zach Gaskell, pictured during a meet earlier this season, qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the high jump by placing second at Friday's Regional competition.

REGIONAL

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Along with the 1,600-meter relay contingent, four Rocks qualified for the Rockford-hosted May 31 state meet in individual events: Devey (3,200 run), Gaskell (high jump), Williams (200 dash) and Ed Merhi (shot put).

Stevenson rocked in the relays, qualifying three — the 400, 800 and 1,600 — for the state meet. The Spartans were also energized by a multi-faceted jolt from senior Nate Sergison, who turned in state meet-qualifying efforts in the long jump, the 400 and as a member of two relays.

"We ran well today," said Stevenson coach Scott Shaw. "Our big event was the long jump where we finished first, third and fourth. Our relays all ran well today, too, and Nate Sergison had a great day,

qualifying for four events."

In addition to Sergison, individual state qualifiers for the Spartans were first-place long jumper Dave Simor, who leaped 21-10.25; and pole vaulter Jonathon Gudeman, whose vault of 12-10 was good enough for second;

Livonia Churchill finished fourth with 61 points. Canton (51.5) was sixth, edging out Kensington Lakes Athletic Association South Division rivals Livonia Franklin (47) and Westland John Glenn (44).

Wayne Memorial was 10th with 36 points while Plymouth placed 11th with 35.5.

Churchill was sparked by double state-qualifier Derik Peterman, who won the pole vault (15 feet, 4 inches) and finished second in the 110 high hurdles.

Canton senior Sherif Hassanien will close his career in style after qualifying for

the state meet with his second-place showing in the 300 hurdles.

Franklin's Isaac Cadet is Rockford-bound after he finished second in the long jump (21-4.5).

John Glenn's T.J. Arancibia is state meet-bound thanks to his 140-1 effort in the discus. He'll be joined by teammate Jeremy Langford, who won the 200 in 22.56.

Wayne's Renaldo Powell had a day that rivaled Sergison's as he won both the 110 hurdles (14.70) and 300 hurdles (38.72).

Plymouth's Warren Buzzard also excelled, earning runner-up honors in the 1,600 (4:28.39) and the 800 (1:58.37).

Redford Union chalked up 23 points, but will not send anyone to the state meet.

Garden City finished in 14th place with two points.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL May 16 at Canton H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 122 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 119.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 69; 4. Detroit Cass Tech, 65; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 60; 6. Dearborn, 48; 7. Plymouth, 40; 8. Canton, 39; 9. Salem, 23; 10. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 22; 11. Detroit Cody, 22; 12. Redford Union, 12; 13. Wayne Memorial, 9; 14. Dearborn Fordson, 5; 15. Garden City, 4; 16. Detroit Western International, 0.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 automatic state qualifiers)

Shot put: 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 36 feet, 10 inches; 2. Tyler Buchanan (Ply.), 34-3; 3. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 33-4; 4. Shannon Getchen (LC), 32-3; 5. Savannah Haig (LF), 32-1; 6. Delia Bercia (Dn.), 30-1; 7. Nicole Douglas (Canton), 30-0; 8. Isis Hayward (Ply.), 29-5.

Discus: 1. Getchen (LC), 107-8; 2. Haig (LF), 106-8; 3. Anderson (WJG), 91-9; 4. Myia Davis (RU), 91-8; 5. Callie Perkins (GC), 90-7; 6. Byron (LC), 90-0; 7. Jasmine Williams (DF), 89-9; 8. Becky Holubka (LS), 89-5.

High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-2; 2. Emily Quint (LF), 5-2-3; (tie) Liz Holloway (LF) and Eric Horton (DHC), 4-9 each; 5. Cierra Yetts (LC), 4-9; 6. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 4-9.

Long jump: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 18-5.75 (school record); 2. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 17-4.5; 3. Amanda Hall (Dn.), 16-15; 4. Sarah Behrendt (Dn.), 15-9; 5. Melanie Bauer (LS), 15-6.5; 6. Michelle Lu (Canton), 15-4.25; 7. Delisha Williams (RU), 15-1.25; 8. Hollaway (LF), 15-1.

Pole vault: 1. Emily Quint (LF), 10-2; 2. Meghan Powers (LF), 10-2; 3. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 9-8.1 (sq.); 4. Alicia DiMauro

(LC), 9-8 (sq.); 5. (tie) Emily Wolf (LS) and Lisa Black (LS), 9-2 each; 7. Reagan Engstrom (Ply.), 8-8; 8. Eren Ural (LC), 8-2.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Seneca Scott (LF), 16.09; 2. Dayna Esper (LC), 16.15; 3. Jen Mueller (LF), 16.58; 4. Quint (LF), 16.68; 5. Skylar Tucker (DHC), 17.09; 6. Sophia Sareini (DF), 18.03; 7. Lache' Walton (WJG), 18.33; 8. Lindsey Piestrak (DHC), 18.35.

300 hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 46.56; 2. Tucker (DHC), 48.72; 3. Scott (LF), 49.04; 4. Esper (LC), 51.79; 5. Jenna Hamed (Ply.), 51.8; 6. Shannon Niznik (LF), 52.11; 7. Megan Paruta (Salem), 52.12; 8. Marci Kovsky (LS), 52.15.

100 dash: 1. Payne (WJG), 12.42; 2. Essence Bulger (Cody), 12.74; 3. Deja Wright (Salem), 12.84; 4. Bree Edge (Canton), 12.93; 5. Rochelle Woods (WM), 13.07; 6. Kathryn Chinzavare (LF), 13.15; 7. Ashley Banks (Canton), 13.48; 8. Williams (RU), 13.61.

200: 1. Kyra Jefferson (Cass), 25.2; 2. Erica Hobson (Cass), 26.37; 3. Scott (WJG), 26.5; 4. Wright (Salem), 26.54; 5. Chloe Taylor (LC), 26.81; 6. Woods (WM), 27.57; 7. Meah Long (WM), 27.55; 8. Williams (RU), 28.3.

400: 1. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 1:00.36; 2. Ravyn Baxter (Cass), 1:00.39; 3. Beth Swenberg (Canton), 1:01.63; 4. Alexis Hull (Cass), 1:01.84; 5. Samar Aoude (LC), 1:01.98; 6. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:03.3; 7. Erica Horton (DHC), 1:03.52; 8. Megan Czerwinski (Dn.), 1:03.54.

800: 1. Jerisha Tucker (Cass), 2:16.88; 2. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:17.6 (sq.); 3. Courtney Calka (LC), 2:18.4 (sq.); 4. Sara Stassen (Dn.), 2:19.77 (sq.); 5. Anna Stassen (Dn.), 2:23.33; 6. Ashley Miracle (RU), 2:24.74; 7. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:25.57; 8. Kelly Hahn (Ply.), 2:29.75.

1,600: 1. Kroll (LC), 4:57.34 (school record); 2. Calka (LS), 4:57.39 (school record); 3. A. Stassen (Dn.), 5:18.13; 4. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:29.61; 5. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:31.39; 6. Nicole Traites (Ply.), 5:39.34; 7. Julie Forster (Ply.), 5:40.28; 8. Sarah Opdyke (LS), 5:41.8.

3,200: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 11:14.19 (school record); 2. Molly Slavens (Ply.), 11:22.42; 3. Pilat (LC), 11:59.82; 4. Paula Green (Ply.), 11:59.82; 5. Sarah Thomas (Canton), 12:06.43; 6. Sikanah Chehab (Dn.), 12:07.36; 7. Victoria Tripp (Salem), 12:12.88; 8. Eleanor Bell (Dn.), 12:19.76.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Shaunte Roberts, Scott, Brown, Payne), 49.61; 2. Cody Bulger, Karlin Motley, LaShawnda Sharp, Jasmine Wilson, 51.49; 3. Churchill, 52.39; 4. Franklin, 52.49; 5. Stevenson, 52.85; 6. Canton, 53.7; 7. Cass Tech, 53.82; 8. Dearborn, 54.05.

800 relay: 1. Cass Tech (Tucker, Hobson, Hull, Jefferson), 1:43.36; 2. John Glenn (Payne, Roberts, Brown, Scott), 1:47.17; 3. Cody, 1:48.13; 4. Churchill, 1:48.23; 5. Franklin, 1:49.93; 6. Stevenson, 1:54.27; 7. Salem, 1:54.64; 8. Plymouth, 1:54.95.

1,600 relay: 1. Cass Tech (Tucker, Baxter, Hull, Lindsay Askin), 4:07.24; 2. Stevenson (Stephanie Batshon, Adamcheck, Haley Babcock, Calka), 4:08.83; 3. Churchill, 4:12.86; 4. Franklin, 4:18.2; 5. Canton, 4:21.87; 6. Dearborn, 4:24.46; 7. Crestwood, 4:26.56; 8. Plymouth, 4:26.56.

3,200 relay: 1. Dearborn (S. Stassen, A. Stassen, Chehab, Czerwinski), 9:40.0; 2. Franklin (Butkowski, McPherson, Scott, Mallory Church), 9:49.73; 3. Salem, 9:52.23; 4. Churchill, 9:54.8; 5. Plymouth, 10:11; 6. Canton, 10:18.41; 7. Cass Tech, 10:34.37; 8. Stevenson, 10:34.83.

(sq): additional state qualifier.

MHSAA REGIONAL 5-1 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS May 15 at P-CEP Stadium

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 99; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 82; 3. Detroit Cass Tech, 81; 4. Livonia Churchill, 61; 5. Dearborn Fordson, 54; 6. Canton, 51; 7. Livonia Franklin, 47; 8. Westland John Glenn, 44; 9. Dearborn, 42; 10. Wayne Memorial, 36; 11. Plymouth, 35; 12. Redford Union, 23; 13. Dearborn Crestwood, 4; 14. Garden City, 2; 15. Detroit Cody, 0; 16. Detroit Western, 0.

Individual results
Discus: 1. Abdullah Homayed (DF), 147 feet, 10 inches; 2. T.J. Arancibia (JG), 140-1; 3. Dana Baltazar (S), 138-4; 4. Feerooz Yacoobi (D), 137-11; 5. Nate Coleman (LF), 136-1; 6. Jason Foster (C), 132-7; 7. Ahmad Bazzi (DF), 130-03; 8. Cortney Frazier (S), 129-9.

High jump: 1. Yusuf Naser (DF), 6-3; 2. Zachary Gaskell (S), 6-3; 3. Michael Hatcher (D), 6-1; 4. Hudson Cadet (LF), 6-1; 5. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-1; 6. Paul Classen (S), 5-11; 7. Terance Watson (WM), 5-11; 8. Pawan Dhaliwal (P), 5-11.

Long jump: 1. Dave Simor (LS), 21-10.25; 2. Isaac Cadet (LF), 21-4.50; 3. Nate Sergison (LS), 21-03.25; 4. Will Burek (LS), 20-9.5; 5. Scott Coppola (LC), 20-2.5; 6. Michael Hatcher (D), 20-1.75; 7. Sammie Hale (D), 19-8; 8. Adam Payne (C), 19-6.25.

Pole vault: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 15-4; 2. Jonathan Gudeman (LS), 12-10; 3. Edward Koelzer (C), 12-4; 4. Christopher Barnard (LC), 12-4; 5. Kevin Beadle (LF), 12-4; 6. John Krutty (S), 11-7; (tie) Grant Senkbeil (P) and Nick Alaniva (C), 11-4.

Shot put: 1. Feerooz Yacoobi (D), 50-10.5; 2. Abdullah Homayed (DF), 50-6; 3. Edward

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

Merhi (S), 49-9.25; 4. Dana Baltazar (S), 49-2; 5. Dave Fortin (LF), 47-1; 6. Nate Coleman (LF), 47-0; 7. Deon Clemons (LC), 47-0; 8. Jay Woolfork (LF), 46-9.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Cass Tech (Mathew Brown, Blake Bufford, Timothy Harris, Chonsey Poque), 8:04.46; 2. Plymouth, 8:05.24; 3. Canton, 8:09.23; 4. Churchill, 8:20.80; 5. Salem, 8:22.59; 6. Dearborn, 8:28.49; 7. Stevenson, 8:29.25; 8. Crestwood, 8:29.97.

110 hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.7; 2. Derik Peterman (LC), 15.43; 3. Thomas Gordon (CT), 15.64; 4. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.85; 6. Yusuf Naser (DF), 16.30; 7. Quentin Peterson (RU), 16.66; 8. Brandon Piliqian (P), 16.76.

100 dash: 1. Dair Mathis (CT), 10.71; 2. Brandon Hall (DF), 10.79; 3. Jeremy Langford (JG), 10.89; 4. Teric Jones (CT), 10.99; 5. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 11.04; 6. Paul Voegel (LF), 11.17; 7. Devon Easterling (LC), 11.27; 8. Parish Clayborn (WM), 11.38.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Dave Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Nate Sergison, Nick Anagnostou), 1:29.43; 2. Wayne Memorial, 1:30.20; 3. Churchill, 1:30.46; 4. Salem, 1:31.26; 5. John Glenn, 1:31.34; 6. Cass Tech, 1:31.86; 7. 1:34.21; 8. Redford Union, 1:35.07.

1,600 run: 1. Timothy Harris (CT), 4:24.28; 2. Warren Buzzard (P), 4:28.39; 3. Josh Hurst (C), 4:31.92; 4. Daniel Martin (S), 4:34.99; 5. Mark Waterbury (LC), 4:37.30; 6. Raidan Nagi (DC), 4:41.57; 7. Joshua Andarolo (LC), 4:43.66; 8. Acham Aljahmi (DF), 4:44.95.

400 relay: 1. Cass Tech (Thomas Gordon, Teric Jones, Delonte Hollowell, Dair Mathis), 4:26.9; 2. Churchill, 4:28.2; 3. Stevenson, 4:30.7; 4. Wayne Memorial, 4:33.2; 5. Franklin, 4:33.5;

6. John Glenn, 43.94; 7. Fordson, 44.99; 8. Dearborn, 45.52.

400 dash: 1. Nate Sergison (LC), 49.52; 2. Denzel Welis (CT), 50.40; 3. Zachary Gaskell (S), 51.21; 4. Brandon Williams (RU), 51.78; 5. Nelson Kenne (JG), 52.02; 6. Nicholas McIntosh (D), 53.10; 7. Jon Stoddard (GC), 53.27; 8. Jalen Woolridge (P), 53.42.

300 hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 38.72; 2. Sherif Hassanian (C), 40.15; 3. Scott O'Connor (S), 40.73; 4. Will Burek (LS), 41.97; 5. Walter Knapp (D), 42.0; 6. Havatt Ali (C), 42.68; 7. Sergio Pavan (JG), 42.92; 8. Daniel Easterly (CT), 43.32.

800 run: 1. Chonsey Pogue (CT), 1:57.07; 2. Warren Buzzard (P), 1:58.37; 3. Blake Bufford (CT), 1:59.88; 4. Keith Zech (C), 2:01.77; 5. Nelson Kenne (JG), 2:02.53; 6. Francis Mensah (JG), 2:04.21; 7. Eric Plisko (LS), 2:04.37; 8. Brendon Frost (D), 2:05.60.

200 dash: 1. Jeremy Langford (JG), 22.56; 2. Dominique Williams (S), 22.59; 3. Patrick Patin (S), 22.98; 4. Richard Duncan (LF), 23.26; 5. Brandon Williams (RU), 23.48; 6. Keith Marshall (RU), 23.66; 8. Delonte Hollowell (CT), 23.70.

3,200 run: 1. Oais Alkirah (DF), 9:38.80; 2. Matthew Devey (S), 9:43.39; 3. Shawn Howse (LS), 9:49.29; 4. Michael Charara (S), 10:01.95; 5. Jason Smith (S), 10:02.14; 6. Joseph Porcari (P), 10:06.64; 7. Derek Lax (P), 10:07.63; 8. Thomas Windle (LC), 10:10.93.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Scott O'Connor, Daniel Martin, Dominique Williams, Zachary Gaskell), 3:28.27; 2. Stevenson, 3:29.55; 3. Canton, 3:31.88; 4. Redford Union, 3:33.24; 5. Churchill, 3:33.94; 6. John Glenn, 3:37.09; 7. Plymouth, 3:38.38; 8. Franklin, 3:40.39.

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MIKE BURNARD

Plymouth's Erin Rodes rounds second and eventually scored during the Wildcats' doubleheader split with South Lyon Thursday afternoon.

Busy schedule results in several W's for 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's softball team had a lot to show for a 10-games-in-seven-days stretch that concluded with Thursday afternoon's doubleheader split with visiting South Lyon.

The Wildcats' most notable prize was the first-place trophy they earned following a championship effort at the Canton Classic tournament held May 9.

Plymouth (21-7) defeated the host Chiefs, 3-0, in the Canton Classic title game as pitcher Lauren Smith tossed a complete-game five-hit shutout. Smith struck out three and walked two.

"That's the first time we've won the Canton Classic, so that will definitely be a day to remember," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "The team was very excited about winning it all."

"Lauren pitched a great game and our catcher, Erin Rodes, did a great job of calling the pitches."

The Wildcats scored all the runs they would need in their two-run first inning when Marissa Blassic and Smith delivered RBI singles to score Beth Heldmeyer and Amanda Burnard, respectively. Plymouth banged out nine hits.

Plymouth opened the Classic by nipping Belleville, 3-2, despite getting out, 10-3.

"Samantha Cole pitched for Belleville, so any time you can beat her, you know you've done something," said Canfield.

Heldmeyer knocked in two runs with a second-inning single and Burnard brought home Christy Pattison with a first-inning hit.

Smith struck out one and didn't walk a batter to pick up the win.

Plymouth improved to 2-0 with a 7-6 triumph over perennially strong Tecumseh, which nearly overcame a 7-3 seventh-inning deficit.

Smith notched the win after yielding 10 hits and one walk. She struck out two Indians.

Offensively, the Wildcats were sparked by Heldmeyer (2-for-4, two doubles), Rodes (2-for-3, three runs), Stacey Klonowski (2-for-4, triple), Burnard (2-for-3, three RBI, triple) and Jill Brennan, who went 2-for-4 with two ribbies.

The Wildcats bounced Brighton, 10-0, in game three, thanks to two-hit efforts from Rodes, Heldmeyer, Klonowski, Pattison and Jessica Bondy. Klonowski scored three runs and drove home a pair with a triple. Smith and Miranda Oliver combined on the four-hit shutout.

Plymouth warmed up for the Canton Classic by sweeping a double-header from South Lyon East, 14-1 and 15-1. Both games were called after five innings due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

Smith tossed a three-hitter in game one before Oliver followed suit in the nightcap when she allowed just four safeties.

Five Wildcats enjoyed big days at the plate in game one: Rodes (3-for-4, three runs), Heldmeyer (3-for-3, double), Klonowski (3-for-3, four runs, four RBI), Burnard (3-for-3, three runs, two RBI) and Pattison, who went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Pacing the Wildcats' 16-hit attack in game two were Heldmeyer (3-for-4, three RBI), Klonowski (3-for-4, three runs, four RBI, home run), Burnard (2-for-4, two runs, two RBI), Brennan (3-for-4), Tessa Heldmeyer (2-for-4, two runs) and Oliver, who went 1-for-3.

On Monday, Plymouth dropped a 7-4 decision at Canton. The Chiefs jumped out to a 5-1 lead after five innings by scoring one run in the first and two in the second and fifth. The 'Cats rallied to within 5-4 with a three-spot in the top of the sixth, but Canton countered with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the frame.

Canton outhit Plymouth, 13-8. Smith suffered the loss, striking out one and walking one. Heldmeyer and Burnard both went 2-for-4.

Plymouth rebounded from the setback two days later when it pounded Livonia Churchill, 9-0. Smith hurled a six-hitter, striking out two Chargers. Bondy (3-for-3, three runs), Klonowski (2-for-4, two RBI), Burnard (2-for-3, three RBI, triple), Brennan (2-for-3) and Pattison (triple) led the Wildcats' offensive attack.

The Wildcats edged South Lyon, 3-2, in the opening game of Thursday's twinbill before falling in the nightcap, 5-4.

Smith struck out a career-high seven in the game-one triumph as the Wildcats overcome four errors thanks to strong hitting from Burnard (3-for-3, two RBI) and Blassic, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI triple.

The Lions overcame a 4-1 deficit with four seventh-inning runs to avoid getting swept. "We committed eight errors in the doubleheader, which is unacceptable," said Canfield. "I don't know if it was fatigue or what, but we can't do that in the playoffs and expect to win."

The bright spot in the loss was Heldmeyer, who went 4-for-4 with three two-base hits.

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CHIEFS

FROM PAGE B1

After the Rocks loaded the bases against Boucher with one out in the fifth and the Chiefs clinging to a 4-2 lead, hard-throwing junior Amy Dunleavy was summoned from the bullpen. Dunleavy, who pitched a two-hitter in the opening game win, proceeded to strike out Salem's red-hot clean-up hitter, Alexis Powell, before getting Briana Lee to hit a rally-killing ground ball to third baseman Heidi Lucke.

Canton padded its lead with a single run in the fifth before exploding four five in the sixth.

Canton sophomore short-stop CarolAnn Sexauer came within a home run of hitting for the cycle. Hitting out of the No. 3 hole in the batting order, Sexauer singled in the third, doubled in the second and contributed an RBI triple in the sixth-inning uprising. Christy VanEsley, Sam Podorsek and Lerner (two) also knocked runs in the lead-padding frame.

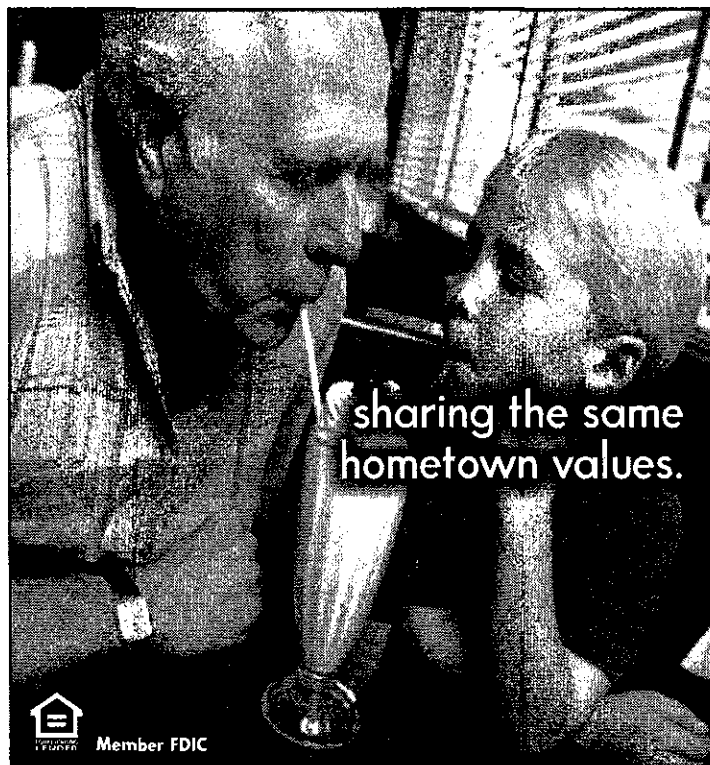
The Chiefs' victory would have been wider if not for a pair of outstanding defense plays by the Rocks. Center-fielder Christina Parsons robbed Lauren Leskowitz of an extra-base hit in the fourth when she made a back-to-the-plate running catch. Leskowitz was robbed again in the fifth on a fine back-pedaling catch by left-fielder Mary Johnson.

Johnson also sparkled in the field in the third when she nailed Lerner at the plate with a laser throw after one-hopping a Sexauer single.

Powell swung a hot bat for Salem in the nightcap, going 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI. Parsons and Johnson also contributed two hits for the Rocks.

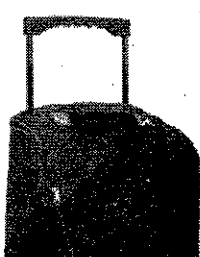
The defensive play of the game for Chiefs unfolded in the top of the fifth when Lucke back-handed Lizzy Mazorowicz's sharply hit ground ball and threw her out with an across-the-diamond bullet.

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Plymouth baseball team reels off six consecutive victories

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After hovering around the break-even mark for most of the 2009 campaign, Plymouth's baseball team has suddenly left .500 in its dust the past week.

The Wildcats won their fifth and sixth consecutive games Thursday afternoon when they swept visiting South Lyon, 7-5 and 10-0. Coach Chuck Adams' surging squad is now 16-9 overall and 8-6 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

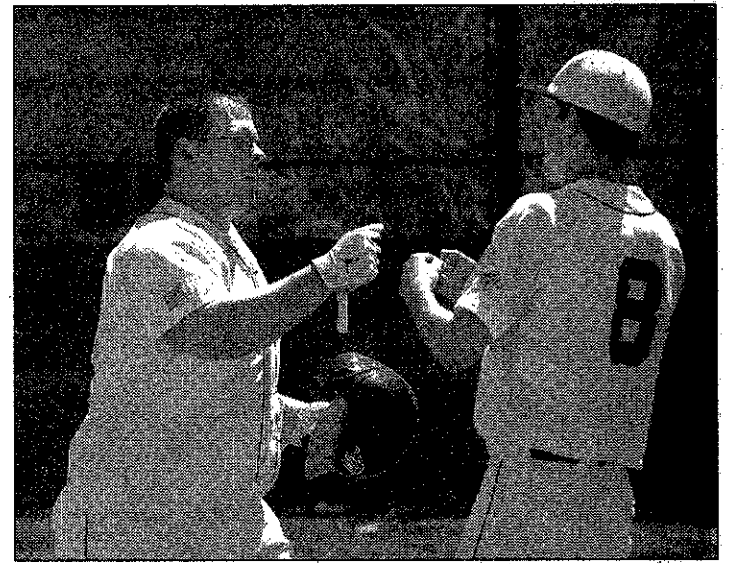
"I like the way we are playing the game right now," said Adams, who team is in a second-place deadlock with Canton in South. "We're finally doing a good job of not beating ourselves. We want to keep this momentum going as we move into our final week of the regular season. I think we're coming together at the right time."

Plymouth seized the opener against the Lions, 7-5, thanks in large part to a huge offensive game from Ronnie Goble, who went 2-for-3, including a two-run home run. Mike Nadratowski went 2-for-4 from his lead-off spot.

Matt Skubik, Brad Lineberry (home run) and Michael Rose also knocked in runs for the winners.

Skubik earned the win in relief of Luke Merandi. Skubik scattered six hits and struck out three. The senior right-hander did not yield a walk.

Lineberry and Nadratowski starred in the Wildcats' 10-0 victory in game two. Lineberry



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Plymouth's Matt Priebe (left) was congratulated by teammate Cliff Buttermore following a big hit earlier this season. Both Priebe and Buttermore played key roles in the Wildcats' recent six-game winning streak.

scattered eight hits over six innings while striking out five Lions. Nadratowski excelled at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. One of his hits was a run-scoring triple. Andrew Dodge delivered a two-run single for the 'Cats, who also received RBI from Lineberry, Matt Priebe and Ryan Spencer.

PLYMOUTH 6, CHURCHILL 3: ON Wednesday at Churchill, Lineberry and Merandi both drove in a pair of runs to back the stellar mound work of Nadratowski, who tossed a complete-game five-hitter. The sophomore struck out four while issuing just two free passes.

Nadratowski, Skubik and Goble all had two-hit days for the Wildcats, who rallied from

a 2-1 deficit with two runs in the sixth and three in the seventh.

PLYMOUTH 3, CANTON 0: On Monday at Canton, senior right-hander Cliff Buttermore limited the Chiefs to six hits while striking out seven. Plymouth pushed across two runs in the second inning before adding an insurance marker in the top of the seventh.

Alex Dixon took the loss for the Chiefs after yielding six hits and striking out eight.

Skubik and Travis Mewton knocked in runs for the Wildcats.

Cody Blakita went 3-for-3 for Canton. Andrew Tidwell had a two-hit day.

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Sensation seniors

Seven members of the Plymouth lacrosse team were recently honored on "Senior Night." Those honored were (from the left) Jordan Caverly, Patrick Miller, Norm Freda, Danny Norris, Chris Hoffman, Connor Martin and Alex Turfe.

27th Canton Cup to kick off Friday

The Canton Soccer Club is set to hold its 27th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament Friday through Sunday at various locations in Canton.

The largest tournament of its kind in Michigan, the Canton Cup will be held Friday from 5-9 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Over 8,500 players will travel from across Michigan, Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois to take part in over 900 scheduled games. More than 560 teams will be participating in the tournament, surpassing last year's record of 511 teams. Teams will be comprised of boys between the ages of 8 to 19; and girls aged 8 to 15.

Each team is set to play a three-game minimum with playoffs scheduled for each age

group. Teams will be divided into premier, select, travel and recreational divisions.

Over 45 fields will be used to host this massive competition, including 24 fields at Independence Park, 12 fields at Heritage Park, and five fields at Griffin Park.

Preparations are still being made by over 100 volunteers and staff for the tournament, which is sanctioned by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

More than 35,000 spectators are expected to attend.

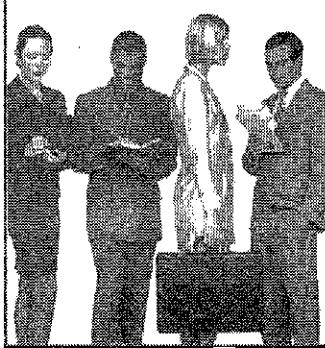
Tournament highlights will include the Michigan Bucks, the 2005 National Professional Development League champions, taking on the Cincinnati Kings in an NPDL contest sponsored by the Canton

Sports Center on Saturday afternoon at Independence Park.

In an effort to "go green" for the 2009 Canton Cup, the Canton Soccer Club will be emphasizing eco-friendly options during the event, including utilizing programs printed on recycled paper and presenting trophies made from recycled materials to younger age group winners.

The Canton Soccer Club is currently comprised of approximately 2,500 players with over 160 teams competing in in-house, travel, select and premier leagues.

For more information on the 27th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, visit the Canton Soccer Club Web site at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or the tournament Web site at www.cantoncup.net.



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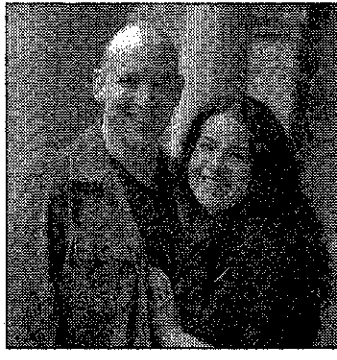
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FERRIS-WRIGHT

Amanda Marie Ferris and Christopher Thomas Wright announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Jim and Derinda Koch of Howell, and John and Carey Ellen Ferris of Waterford, attended Walled Lake Central High School and is a masters degree graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed with the office of Dr. Stephen G. Chase in Mt. Pleasant, and plans to attend the University of Detroit Mercy as a student in the Physician's Assistant Program in the fall of 2010. Her fiancé, son of Tom and Pamela Wright of Livonia, attended Livonia Stevenson High School and Central Michigan University. He is currently in the paramedic program at Mobile Medical Response, located in Saginaw, where he recently earned his emergency medical technician license. He is employed at the Pohlcat Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant. An August 2009 wedding is planned at the First Congregational Church, in Wayne.

HERMATZ-DEVINCENZI

Nicole Renee Hermatz and Anthony Michael Devincenzi announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Dennis and Patricia Hermatz of Wayne, is a graduate of John Glenn High School and attended Michigan State University and San Francisco State University. She is an A.P. English teacher at Evergreen Valley High School. Her fiancé, son of John and Carol Devincenzi of St. Bruno, Calif., is a graduate of Burlingame High School and attended the University of California-Davis. He is employed as an A.P. History teacher at Evergreen Valley High School. A November 2009 wedding is planned at Silver Creek Valley Country Club in San Jose, Calif. A reception also is planned at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia.

KOMLEN-AMADEI

Kelly Komlen of Livonia and Seth Amadei of Dearborn Heights announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Rosemarie and Peter Komlen of Livonia, is a Wayne State University graduate. Her fiancé, son of Lillian and Jerry Amadei of Vineland, N.J., holds a bachelor's degree from Stockton College in Pomona, N.J. and a master's degree from Wayne State University. Both are employed at Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. A September 2009 wedding is planned at St. Joseph's in Detroit, with a reception at The Detroit Yacht Club.

DOWNING-MAZZARA

Tiffany Downing and Christopher Mazzara, both of Oak Park, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Janet and Mike Downing of Beaverton, is a 2001 Beaverton High School graduate. She graduated in 2006 from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in broadcast and cinematic arts. She is employed by Katz Media Group in Troy. Her fiancé, son of Cindy and

Sam Mazzara of Livonia, is a 2001 Stevenson High School graduate. He holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology from Wayne State University. He is employed by Morpace International, Farmington Hills. An August 2009 wedding is planned at Northville Hills Golf Club.



Downing-Mazzara

40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

William and Rose Cook of Livonia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 12. The couple originally met in 1962, introduced by Rose's cousins, Nick and Mary Jane, after Bill's family moved to Livonia from Oklahoma. After two dates, Bill left Michigan to join the U.S. Navy. They went their separate ways for five years and met again when they both attended college in Michigan. Their "second" first

date started a relationship that remains strong after 40 years. Bill recently retired from a successful real estate career and Rose continues to work as a nurse educator. The Cooks celebrated their anniversary with their son, Jai, and daughter, Heather, in Santa Monica, Calif. The couple have lived in Livonia for 34 years and attribute their marital longevity to shared values and a sense of humor.



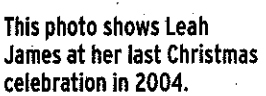
40th wedding anniversary

Family remembers Leah, boosts brain tumor research

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen and Phil James miss daughter Leah, who died Aug. 3, 2005, at age 5 1/2. Good memories live on in their hearts, and they reach out to others to fight the illness that claimed Leah.

Leah's Happy Hearts second annual Happy Feet for Happy Hearts Walk will be Sunday, June 7, at Maybury State Park in Northville Township. Registration for the 5K will be at noon, the event at 1 p.m., with proceeds supporting pediatric brain tumor research. The event raises money in memory of Leah James, who died of a brain tumor. Karen James is again organizing the walk, which also will focus on offering fun activities for children with brain tumors.



This photo shows Leah James at her last Christmas celebration in 2004.

"Also we host a Christmas event at Mott Children's Hospital" in Ann Arbor, Karen James said. Organizers set up "stores" on the hospital floors where young patients can shop for free for family gifts. The volunteers then wrap those gifts for the families. The nonprofit also makes, with Girl Scout help, no-tie fleece blankets for the children at Mott, where Leah was treated. There are also photos of the children inside snow globes. "I think there needs to be more research done," James said. The goal is for a cure and for

children to live longer. Last year's benefit walk had about 200 participants. "We're expecting at least that many," she said. For more information, visit Leahshappyhearts.org where you can register or donate online.

FUN ACTIVITIES

There will be a release of butterflies at the event following the walk. A Northville fire truck will be there, along with clowns offering face painting. "Leah was known for always saying 'My heart is happy,'" said James, a longtime Livonia resident who, with Phil, has an older daughter, 12. "She'd look at me and say, 'Mommy, my heart is happy.'" The logo for the June 7 event has a smiling heart from one of Leah's drawings. There will be a temporary tattoo of the logo for walkers, and purple T-shirts (Leah's favorite color) will carry the design. Platinum sponsors for the June 7 benefit include Independent Bank of Livonia, Charley's Deli/Grille of Northville (providing sandwiches), and RSVP. Gold sponsors are the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Dearborn Police Officers Charities, Sunny J's of Plymouth, Birmingham Center for Cosmetic Dentistry (Dr. Mitchell Milan, D.D.S.), GoLizzy, and The Park of Dearborn. There are also several Silver sponsors including local businesses. James tips her hat to her hardworking board of directors, all volunteers and friends, who make the work possible and keep Leah's memory alive. Register in advance online or the day of the event. James said participants will have the chance to win prizes for each \$25 pledged. There is a \$6 fee to enter Maybury State Park on the day of the benefit. The park is located on Beck, north of Seven Mile.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

starts at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com.

Orchid Society
Carolyn Butcher will give a slide show presentation on "Growing Orchids For Novices" 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at the Michigan Orchid Society meeting. Butcher is a past president of the Michigan Orchid Society and has been an active member for more than 25 years. Bill Porter of Porter Orchids will show his orchids. The group meets at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, Birmingham. Admission is free. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

Artist reception
Meet painter Leslie Masters and see her nature-inspired works at a reception, 6-9 p.m., May 22, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Masters is known both as a color painter and a teacher of painting and color theory. She has taught at colleges and art schools including Center for Creative Studies, University of Michigan, Mercy College in Detroit, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. She has been on the faculty of the BBAC since 1969 and served as the assistant director there for 11 years. Her current paintings explore abstract color glow from the landscape around her Ann Arbor studio as well as the mountains and canyons of Europe and the American West. Light refreshments will be served. (248) 332-6430.

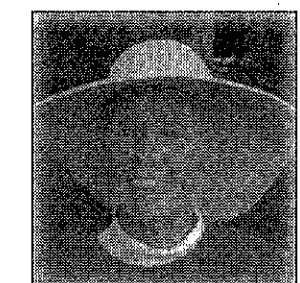
Plant Identification
Take a trail hike with the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, in Westland, and learn to identify native plants and trees. Wear proper shoes. Hike

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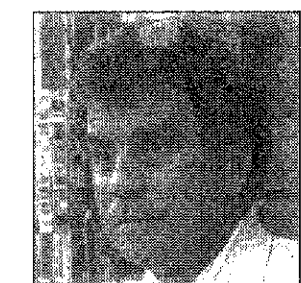
CONSTANCE MARGARET BRADY

Of Goodrich, MI. Age 77, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at home with her family. Funeral Services were 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 9020 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc, MI. The Rev'd George L. Cleaves officiated. Contributions may be made to the Flint Institute of Music, 1025 E. Kearsley, Flint, MI 48303 to the St. Cecilia Society for the Byrd Music Competition. Visitation was at the church from Noon to 1:00 p.m. before service. Margaret was born January 18, 1932, to parents Emil and Constance (Humphries) Kotting. She was a member of the Farm and Garden Club and was a Master Gardener. Margaret was involved in the Flint Institute of Music and the Byrd Music Competition. She was a wonderful mother, gardener and cook. Surviving are husband Dr. John L. Brady; children Gail Brady of New Orleans, LA, Grant (Diane) Brady of Howell, MI, Anne (Glenn) Brady-Sonshine of West Bloomfield, MI, Karen Brady of Los Gatos, CA; three grandchildren Jason, William, Lesley; brother Leslie (Margaret) Kotting of England; sister Susan (David) Lawton of England. Preceded in death by son Stuart Brady in 1980. She and her talents will be sorely missed. Funeral arrangements by the Brown Funeral Home, 1480 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI.



MARYLIN JACOBSON BROOKS

Age 81, of Rochester Hills, May 13, 2009. Loving mother of Chuck (Bobbie), Rick (Jane) and David (Marta) Brooks who are eternally grateful for the love of life Marilyn instilled within them. Grandmother of Matt, Darien, Andrew, Haakon, Julian and Anna Brooks whom she adored. Sister of: Edna Mary Richardson and Muriel Mersereau and the late Charles, Alvin, and David Jacobson. She was preceded in death by her parents Alvin Emanuel Jacobson and Edna Nelson Jacobson. Born Marilyn Hilma Jacobson on June 19, 1927 in Grand Haven, MI, she was a lifelong resident of Michigan including her final 50+ years in Rochester-Hills. Known as 'Mrs. Meadowbrook', Marilyn was one of the earliest volunteers at Meadowbrook Hall, founding the docent program and eventually becoming a living repository of the rich history of the hall and the Dodge/Wilson families. She curated the renowned 1981 Quilt Show at Meadowbrook Hall and was instrumental in bringing the Concours d'Elegance classic car show to Meadowbrook Hall while serving on the Concours Board of Directors. She was an enthusiastic fund raiser for the Meadowbrook Music Festival and served on the Michigan Historical Society Board of Directors and as Program Chairman of the Rochester Avon Historical Society. Marilyn was also a member of Stoney Creek Questors, and an active volunteer in the Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan in Rochester. She proudly served on the Board of Directors of Ross Controls and was a member of the First Congregational Church in Rochester for more than 55 years. Marilyn loved parties and distinguished herself as a wonderful and creative hostess. She was proud of her Swedish heritage and thrilled to host the Swedish soccer team during the World Games at the Silverdome in 1993. She was the first to lend a hand when others were in need. Through the year of her passing Marilyn loved playing bridge. She was a passionate University of Michigan football fan, a season ticket holder for decades. From the time her children were young the family spent a week each summer at U of M Alumni Association's Camp Michigan, eventually introducing her grandchildren to the joys of this family camp. Marilyn's love of history, art, and learning, especially about people and their passions, are gifts she gave to her family and the hundreds whom she knew through her community activities. Marilyn will be missed by all who knew her. Memorial service, Saturday, May 30th, 1 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven, MI. Reception to follow at Jacobson Cottage, Spring Lake Michigan. Also a celebration of Marilyn's life will be held in Rochester at a future date, time and location to be determined. Memorial Donations to: First Presbyterian Church, 508 Franklin Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417, First Congregational Church, 1315 N Pine St, Rochester Hills, MI 48307, Meadowbrook Garden Club (248) 620-2848, or the Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan, 3128 Walton Blvd PMB 247, Rochester Hills, MI 48309-1232. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. 248-651-8137. Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

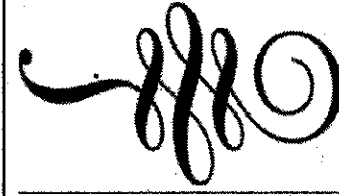


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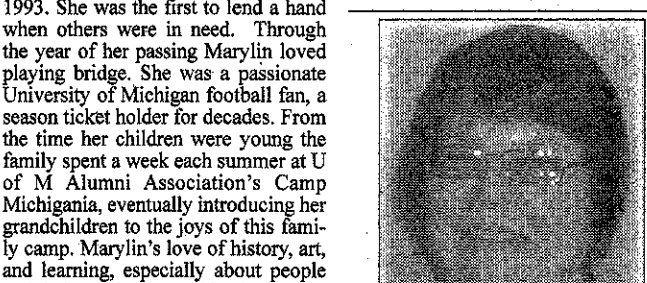
Age 61, lifelong Plymouth resident, passed away May 13, 2009. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1966. He then attended Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a manufacturer and an inventor who held many patents. His company, C.D. Sparling in Plymouth, makes equipment for the handicapped. The building that houses his business is the building in which the Alter car was made, he restored that building to its original condition. He attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He was interested in everything and everybody; he was a brilliant, wonderful, yet humble man. A gifted artist, his lawn is decorated with his artwork. When he was 18, he designed and made a plaque that was placed on Plymouth High School. That plaque is still there today. Torb is survived by his wife, Dolores; his children, Bob (Nola) Wellman, Alice (Don) Jordan, Hooker Wellman, Dan (Jennifer) Wellman, Amy (Glenn) Goodsmith, and Jack (Donna) Wellman; his brothers, Kim Guenther and Mike (Paula) Guenther; his grandchildren, Jimmy, David, Charley, Sean, Billy, Kris, Alan, Rebecca, Jeremy, Brendan, Richard, and Annie; his great-grandson, Max; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Geneva and Harold Guenther, and his brother, Peter Guenther. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m. Friends may gather at church beginning at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or the Salvation Army in Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. To leave a condolence or share a memory www.schrader-howell.com

Margaret 'Ann' Carver

Age 76, May 13, 2009. Beloved wife of John H. Dear mother of Tom (Brigitte), Scott (Denise) and Beth (Tim) Collins. Grandmother of eight. Sister of Bob (Jean) Cain. Longtime teacher in Garden City Schools who will be missed by many students and friends. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm. Funeral Service Monday 11:30am at the John N. Santeju and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Garden City. Memorials suggested to the Parkinson's Foundation.



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PATRICIA E. SCHWIMMER (NEE PARK)

Age 58, an angel among us, died unexpectedly on May 13, 2009. The daughter of Sophie and Jack Park, Pat was born in Detroit, graduated from Plymouth High School and received her nursing degree from Washtenaw Community College. She was an oncology nurse at Garden City Hospital from 1992 - 2003. Survived by her husband Edward, her children and step-children, Jeremy (Amanda) Allemendinger, Nicole (Kevin) McKay, Linda Schwimmer, Daniel Schwimmer, Katie (Brian) Rozek, and Stephanie (Steven) Phillips. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, Kevin, Sarah and Megan Allemendinger, Kenneth, Aaron and Sophia McKay, Ryan and Brianna Rozek, Pierson Schwimmer and Alexander Phillips. A sister Mary Linda (Lynn) Moak and brother John (Susan) Park also survive. Visitation Monday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Tuesday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Service from Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 North River, Ypsilanti on Wednesday at 12 noon. Interment at Highland Cemetery. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

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NEIGHBORS

Spring concert

Churchill students perform with professional director

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Hering will relinquish her conducting duties for most of Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra's spring concert Wednesday.

But her 50 students will be in good hands as they play music by Tchaikovsky, Glière and Saint-Saëns, under the direction of maestro Arie Lipsky of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.

Hering, Churchill's director of bands and orchestras, says she feels confident her student musicians will perform well under another conductor's baton.

"I think every conductor has their own personality. With students who are used to working with one style, there's a bit of adjustment. But maestro Lipsky is clear and easy to work with," she said, adding that he led a workshop with her students in March. He'll rehearse with them again this week, Monday-Wednesday, in preparation for the show.

"What he'll do is likely want to hear what we've been working on and then he'll rehearse the music with them. It's a chance to play under a professional conductor in preparation for a concert."

Although the Ann Arbor Symphony offers several

SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT

What: Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra in concert
When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20
Where: Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 744-2650
Admission: \$5 at the door
Guest conductor: Arie Lipsky of Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

outreach programs, Lipsky's work with the Churchill students and subsequent concert is a first for the professional orchestra. "We have four ensembles that go to area schools and perform two 30-minute performances with a question and answer period," said Lara Dunbar, education and outreach director for the Ann Arbor Symphony. "Arie also visits schools as part of our Meet Your Conductor program. He gives a 30- to 40-minute presentation as a school assembly. He also works with orchestra classes when asked. Arie loves this type of interaction with young musicians."

"This supports our mission, develops our future audience and just may be preparing our future players. Our orchestra members love the opportunity to work with students as well."

The symphony's "Side-By-Side" concerts bring high school musicians and professionals together for performance. Both Hering and Dunbar hope Churchill's upcoming spring show with Lipsky is a first step in preparation for a Side-By-Side con-

cert at Churchill next year.

"There have been three Side-By-Side concerts with Pinckney Community Schools," Dunbar noted. "Side-By-Side concerts are big projects that take a great deal of time and work. We hope that an actual Side-By-Side concert will grow out of the Orchestra Night with Churchill."

Hering said her orchestra's concert proceeds have paid the fee for Lipsky's visits this year. She's hopeful that the Ann Arbor Symphony will obtain a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant, to cover most of the Side-By-Side costs at Churchill next year.

"Next year we'd only have to cover a small portion of the \$10,000 cost. We would not have to do any fund-raisers." Hering said the Side-By-Side cost is considerably higher than Lipsky's workshop fee because it includes "a whole orchestra and union musicians."

She likes the idea that Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra will work with the professional musicians over a two-year period because more students will benefit from the experiences.

She learned a few lessons from Lipsky's visit, too.

"The biggest piece of advice to me was that I needed to trust my students to do the right thing. I need to allow them more freedom to perform. It was great advice. I've been trying to do that," Hering said. "They have to be more responsible. If I'm not giving them every bit of information, they have to listen to each other more."



Robert Bidner (left), Alyssa Gonzales and Samantha Meeker perform with the Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra.




Maestro Arie Lipsky of the Ann Arbor Symphony will conduct the Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra in concert Wednesday.



Samantha Ehlert (left), Teddy Roberts (standing) and Justin Sarkis perform with the Churchill High School Orchestra.

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NEURITIS

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Diabetes is a common cause of neuritis. However, drugs, diet, heredity, Lupus, vasculitis and cancers (rarely) can be cause. Many doctors after identifying that the problem is neuritis will refer the patient to a neurologist as this specialist has the equipment and training to determine the underlying cause of the problem.

Treatment varies. Individuals with neuritis related to diabetes may do well with Lyrica. In cases of drug-related neuritis, stopping the medication is the treatment of choice. At times, no therapy works, and treating the pain is all that doctors can do.

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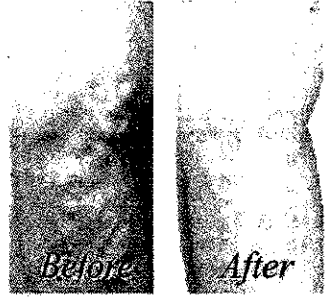
Visit the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Web site at www.a2so.com. Find more information about Churchill High School at www.livoniapublicschools.org/churchill.cfm.

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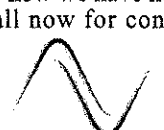


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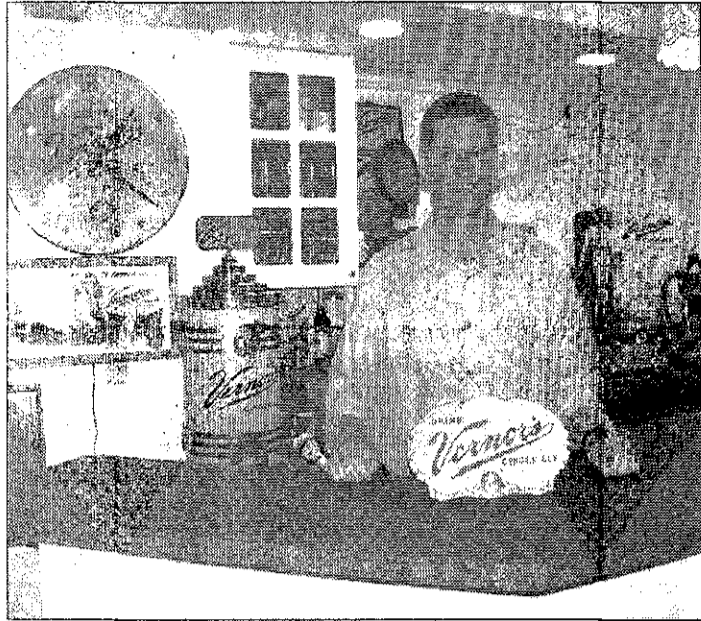
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Vernors collector revives bygone days



Keith Wunderlich poses with part of his Vernors collection in the basement of his Troy home. He gives a presentation on the Detroit product May 21, at the Livonia Historical Society Banquet at Greenmead Historical Park.

story, Wunderlich was able to interview Ron Bialecki who was the Vernors Gnome in the 1970s and 1980s.

COLLECTING

"I don't remember the plant at the foot of Woodward, but I remember a sign by Wayne State with the Gnome," said Wunderlich, whose slide show traces the history of Vernors from the Civil War to today. "I find items all over the place although they're getting harder to find, garage sales, flea markets, the annual advertising show in Indianapolis. People also know I collect and contact me."

Wunderlich estimates he owns a couple of thousand Vernors items. Stepping into his basement is like returning to Vernors soda fountain days.

"You can do it inexpensively," said Wunderlich. "There are a ton

who could go down in history as Vernors' biggest promoter of the soft drink. "I love it. It's a great pop and there's that Detroit connection. With the economy the way it is now, people are buying local. We're seeing a lot of interest in home-grown things to help our local economy."

Robert Legel remembers Vernors was the only fluid his wife could keep down before she died five years ago. Like Wunderlich



The Vernors soda fountain at the foot of Woodward.

he's heard stories about people's fondness for the soda. That's why the Livonia Historical Society selected Wunderlich as a highlight of its annual banquet. The public is invited to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the service organization which helps refurbish and restore historic buildings at Greenmead. Its flea market in the fall brought in \$14,000 last year.

"The banquet is not really a fund-raiser," said Legel, historical society president for the last two years. "We hope to have Vernors floats for dessert. I just came back from the senior center in Livonia where I took a flier. People said, 'We grew up there. I know where that building was on Woodward.'"

The LHS banquet begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, in the Alexander Blue House and features dinner, a silent auction and presentation by Wunderlich. Tickets are \$16, and available by calling Greenmead at (248) 477-7375 or Legel at (734) 591-6845.

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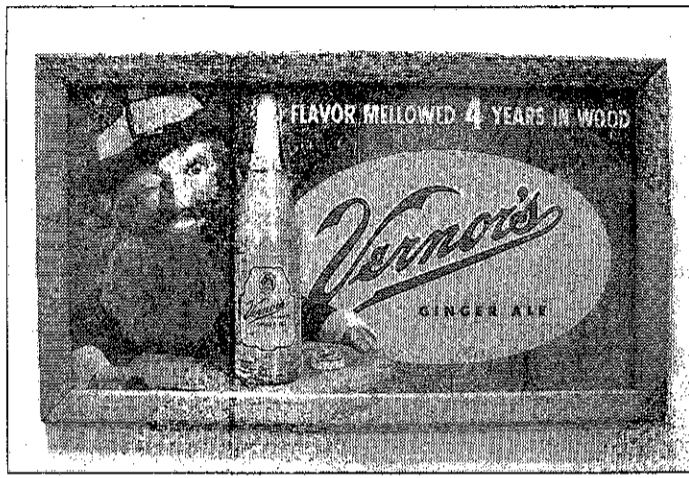
Anytime my brother, sister or I had an upset stomach, our mother would heat up Vernors. Thousands of other Detroiters have similar memories. That's why the Livonia Historical Society invited collector Keith Wunderlich to speak about the phenomena at its annual banquet Thursday, May 21, at Greenmead Historical Park on the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile.



Linda Chomin

Wunderlich became interested in the memorabilia after discovering Vernors bottles from the '50s and '60s in his parents' garage as a teenager. The 52-year-old Troy man learns about the impact of the soda every time he gives a presentation or signs copies of his book, *Vernors Ginger Ale*, from Arcadia Publishing. Even his students know about the soda. Wunderlich is assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction of L'Anse Creuse Public Schools.

"People come up afterwards and tell me they went to Vernors soda fountain or there's a certain recipe they liked, Cream Ales, half cream and half Vernors, or different mixes they put into it, a cherry flavoring. I hear a lot about hot Vernors," said Wunderlich. Vernors was founded by phar-



The Vernors Gnome was used in advertising for years.

macist James Vernor in 1866 after he returned home from the Civil War. It's unknown why he chose ginger for the soda formula he was perfecting, but the Chinese have used the extract to treat indigestion for 2,000 years.

"James Vernor worked in a drugstore in the early 1860s and was messing around with a formula for ginger ale," said Wunderlich. "He enlisted and was in the Civil War for four years. When he returned he opened up a keg of extract he was working with. He hadn't changed the formula but it had mellowed. Even today it's still aged in oak barrels for three years."

Vernors is still made in Detroit by Pepsi. It is the oldest produced soda in the nation. For the inside

of bottles you can pick up for a \$1. I see them in antique malls. eBay is full of Vernors memorabilia. I have dispensers. Old newsletters give me a lot of the history of the company, uniforms. My earliest items are from Vernors in the 1870s, early letter heads from 1900 and before, early trays from the soda fountains. It all helps tell the story of Vernors."

Wunderlich writes about different Vernors topics for every quarterly newsletter of the collector's club he founded (www.wowway.com/~vernors).

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"Vernors had soda fountains in Pontiac, Flint which is still there, Toledo, Dayton, Canada, Buffalo, New York," said Wunderlich,

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The concerts will be held on Friday, June 26, at Kensington Metropark, near Milford/Brighton; Saturday, June 27, at Metro Beach Metropark, near Mount Clemens, and Sunday, June 28, at Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester/Washington Township. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

The program titled "I Love a Parade," will be lead by DSO Resident Conductor

Thomas Wilkins and features favorite marches from popular and classical music such as John Williams' *Imperial March*, the main musical theme from the famous *Star Wars* movie franchise, Tchaikovsky's *Coronation March*, Mendelssohn's *Midsummernight's Dream: Wedding March*, Sousa's *El Capitan March* and many more.

Concert goers should arrive early for the best seating and should bring a chair or blanket. Picnic baskets are allowed, but no glass containers. Food will also be available at the parks' concession areas.

A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is \$20 annually for regular admission, \$12 annually for seniors or \$4 daily. General information can be found at www.metroparks.com or by calling (800) 47-PARKS. For more information, contact Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-

3178, Metro Beach Metropark at (586) 463-4581 (800) 477-3172 or Stony Creek Metropark at (586) 781-4242 or (800) 477-7756.

The internationally acclaimed Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the fourth-oldest symphony orchestra in the U.S., is known for trailblazing performances, visionary maestros and collaborations with the world's foremost musical artists. Beginning in the 2008-09 season, esteemed conductor Leonard Slatkin, called "America's Music Director" by *The Los Angeles Times*, became the 12th music director of the DSO.

The DSO boasts a year-round performance schedule that includes classical, pops, jazz, world music, young people's concerts and festivals. The DSO makes its home in Orchestra Hall, and actively pursues a mission to impact and serve the community through music.



City of Plymouth 2009-2010 Budget City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2009-2010 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the portable band shell in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2009-2010 City Budget.

PROPOSED 2009 CITY MILLAGE RATES: The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2009 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth.

The 2009 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2008 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.

The 2009 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2002, 2004 and 2008 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 2.7700 mills, an increase of 1.5200 mills from the 2008 tax rate.

The 2009 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.7200 mills which is the same as the 2008 tax rate.

The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 15.8734 mills for 2009, which is an increase of 1.5200 mills from the 2008 total City tax rate of 14.3534 mills.

EQUALIZATION FACTORS: Wayne County established a tentative 2009 equalization factors of 0.8892 for the residential class of property, .9247 for the commercial class of property and .9852 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has decreased assessments for the residential, commercial, and industrial classes for 2009 by the proposed factors, all 2009 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2009-2010 PROPOSED CITY BUDGETS: The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2009-2010 as follows:

GENERAL FUND:		EXPENDITURES	
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$5,003,860	Administration	\$1,339,530
Licenses & Permits	3,100	Buildings & Grounds	480,610
Federal Grants	0	Police Department	2,973,190
State-shared Rev	830,580	Fire Department	1,058,720
Sales of Service	535,930	Public Works Dept	658,810
Cemetery Revenue	182,500	Other Functions	181,450
Parking Revenue	67,100	Capital Outlay	233,100
Other Revenue	818,000	Debt Service	125,740
Transfers in	162,310	Transfers Out	594,230
REVENUE TOTAL	\$7,583,380	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$7,583,380

MAJOR STREET FUND:		EXPENDITURE TOTAL	
REVENUES			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 343,300		
Contrib. & Other	8,000		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 351,300	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 351,300

LOCAL STREET FUND:		EXPENDITURE TOTAL	
REVENUES			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 139,660		
Contrib. & Other	166,530		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 306,290	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 306,290

RECREATION FUND:		EXPENDITURE TOTAL	
REVENUES			
Contrib. From GF	\$ 217,000		
Contrib. & Other	874,780		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,091,780	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,091,780

WASTE & RECYCLING FUND:		EXPENDITURE TOTAL	
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 747,060	Operating Expenses	\$1,065,500
Sales of Service	318,440	Debt Expenses	0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,065,500	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 351,300

OTHER CITY FUNDS:	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
Plym Community Youth Advisory Comm Fund	\$ 550	\$ 550
Parking Fund	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 958,790	\$ 958,790
Building Fund	\$ 395,950	\$ 395,950
Neighborhood Services Fund	\$ 139,450	\$ 139,450
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	\$ 429,760	\$ 429,760
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,100
OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 6,700	\$ 6,700
2002 GO Bond Debt Fund	\$ 199,850	\$ 199,850
2003 LTGO Debt Fund	\$ 66,960	\$ 66,960
2004 GO Debt Fund	\$ 427,720	\$ 427,720
2006 LTGO Debt Fund	\$ 122,320	\$ 122,320
2008 GO Debt Fund	\$ 635,460	\$ 635,460
2002 Capital Improvement Bonds Debt Fund	\$ 129,590	\$ 129,590
Michigan Transportation Fund Debt Fund	\$ 275	\$ 275
Water/Sewer bond * Interest Debt Fund	\$ 286,500	\$ 286,500
DDA Debt Fund	\$ 300,050	\$ 300,050
Public Improvement Fund	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
2008 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$1,523,000	\$1,523,000
MTF Construction Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 927,400	\$ 927,400
Water/Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$3,914,000	\$3,914,000
Equipment Fund	\$ 680,810	\$ 680,810
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS:

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE:

A complete copy of the 2009-2010 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

Garden club plans its 50-year celebration

The Hill and Dale Garden Club, a fixture in Farmington for more than 50 years, seeks past presidents to join a celebration and installation of new officers on June 11. The event also will include a dinner and social time.

Hill and Dale Garden Club is one of the few area garden clubs that hold evening meetings. Its members work with special

needs students on garden therapy projects in Farmington Schools and teach gardening to young Junior Gardeners in Saturday programs at the Farmington Library.

Its 10 meetings a year provide wide-ranging programs in gardening, design, environment and health. Hill and Dale is a member of Michigan Garden Clubs.

The group hopes to hear from past club presidents and is accepting reservations for the June 11 celebration. Send written reservations to club treasurer and party planner Carol Smith at 36756 Tanglewood Lane, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, or call Gretchen Pugsley at (248) 349-3555. View the Web site at Hillanddalegc.org.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **District-Wide HVAC Air Filters**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Gene Montayne of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2962. Sealed bids are due on or before 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 29, 2009 to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of **District-Wide Mop Service & Supplies**. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Harry Lau in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2970. Sealed bids are to be labeled (Attn: Mop Bid) and due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 9:30 a.m., Friday, May 29, 2009 at which time, the bids will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.011

TEXT AMENDMENT 005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXXVI, SECTION 36.2.78, DEFINITIONS; GASOLINE SERVICE STATION WITH OR WITHOUT THE SALE OF CONVENIENCE GOODS.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Charter Township of Plymouth is hereby amended as follows:

Section 36.2.78. Definitions.

78. GASOLINE SERVICE STATION WITH OR WITHOUT THE SALE OF CONVENIENCE GOODS:

An establishment that includes buildings and premises for the primary purpose of retail gasoline sales. An automobile convenience/gasoline service station may also include an area devoted to sales of automotive items and convenience goods primarily sold to patrons purchasing gasoline. A service station is not an automobile repair or body shop. The retail sale of foods, drinks and other convenience goods may be included in addition to the sale of fuel, however, the sale of packaged alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Part II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Part III. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Part IV. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Part V. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

Part VI. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause a Notice of Adoption of this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Part VII. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Zoning Ordinance text amendment shall be effective seven days after publication.

Part VIII. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 110 of Public Acts of Michigan, 2006, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on May 12, 2009 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 12, 2009.

Effective Date May 24, 2009.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, June 9, 2009 Ilmor Engineering, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Ilmor Engineering, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property located at 49999 Plymouth Oaks Blvd, Lot 14, Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Ilmor Engineering, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Bid Packet #24: HVAC Controls Upgrades at Eriksson, Field, & Hulsing Elementary Schools and Temporary Scaffolding Shoring for Pedestrian Bridge Crossings**. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection and pick-up (1 set per company) at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; (248)-427-8400. They can also be viewed at; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing. Bid Division descriptions include:

Bid Division 150: Temperature controls Bid Division 183: Scaffolding

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. (see above). Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Project Documents should be addressed in writing and faxed to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy), a valid familial disclosure statement, and a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 2009 where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed bids will not be accepted. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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LIVING ROSARY

St. Michael the Archangel Parish prays its biannual Living Rosary 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, in the church at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. All are invited to participate in this Catholic experience in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony follows the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

VAAL SPRING SHOW

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents "Artistic Expressions," the club's spring show, through May 29, at Livonia City Hall, Five Mile and Farmington roads.

The juror for this show, Sy LeVine, was very impressed with the quality of work by VAAL artists. LeVine was an art teacher and administrator in the Livonia School System for many years. He still serves as the Fine Arts Curriculum Consultant for the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency.

LeVine chose 49 out of 100 entries in all media for the show.

This year's winners include Tim Marsh, first place for Monkey Business, an oil; Patricia Becker, second place, Dream Weaver, watercolor, and Regina Dunne, third place, In Conversation, pastel. Honorable mentions went to Tim Marsh, Tricia Martin, Barbara Eko Murphy, Loretta Neville, and Isabel Renaud.

Viewing hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information or to receive a free catalog of VAAL art classes, call (734) 838-1204.

BAND COMPETITION FUND-RAISER

More than 15 bands will compete to help raise money for a local organization that connects those in need of home repairs with volunteers ready to help.

The bands will play all genres of music at the Second Annual Battle of the Bands noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 23, in the large pavilion at the Garden City Park, rain or shine.

The music is free with proceeds from concession and T-shirt sales going to Michigan Missions, a nonprofit organization that helps unemployed, disabled, elderly and low-income persons with home repairs at no cost to them.

Garden City Park is located on the northeast corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill Road. Call (734) 793-1850 for directions.



Tim Marsh won first place for 'Monkey Business,' an oil. It is one of the works in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia spring show.

Michigan Missions is nonprofit organization that brings youth, host churches and homeowners together to serve God by serving others.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2009 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application 1464, 10432 Trailwood: The applicant is requesting a variance in required rear yard setback for a porch enclosure; required setback is 50 feet, proposed setback is 46.1 feet, variance requested is 3.9 feet.

Application 1465, 44437 Oregon Trail: The applicant is requesting a variance in required rear yard setback for a porch enclosure; required setback is 50 feet, proposed setback is 40 feet, variance requested is 10 feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

Joe Bridgman, CMC Clerk,
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Lockers for the Canton High School Boys Locker Room**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Canton Athletic Director, Suzanne Heinzman at 734-416-7544 or at the walkthrough scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28th, 2009 at Canton High School Lobby located at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Canton Locker Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48187 on or before 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2009. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of **District-Wide Maintenance Uniforms** for the 2009-10 school year. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Harry Lau in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2970. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 29, 2009. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Children's support group builds sandcastles from grief

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Megan Wolfston rips page after page from a phone book. Only minutes before the 11-year-old girl was racing to change places under the parachute canopy as part of play therapy. SandCastles grief support group for children brings to the surface feelings hidden deep inside after the loss of a loved one.

Wolfston's sister, 3 1/2 year old Miranda, died from neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer. Afterwards Megan attended the group for several years along with her older brother and sister. She returned recently after the death of her grandfather.

SandCastles is a continuum of the Henry Ford Hospice program in the Henry Ford Health System. Wolfston and her mother Paula leave their home in Clawson for the Birney Middle School location of SandCastles in Southfield every other Tuesday evening. In addition to support groups, a summer camp allows children and teens to grieve in a supportive environment and learn coping skills.

"Joshua had a problem opening up," said Paula Wolfston. "SandCastles helped him learn a way to express himself with grief. Crystal didn't want to upset her mom by talking about it but needed to. It helped Megan, who was 2 1/2, understand her sister wasn't coming back."

After the games were over, Megan talked quietly about the sister she missed.

"It helps me remember her," said Megan. "We used to do a lot together. It's fun being with other people who had members who have passed, doing cool activities, blowing bubbles."

Jason Tylenda is one of the volunteers trained to work with the children. Earlier he was calling out questions. "Everyone who's been sad since their person died" switch to the other side of the



Megan Wolfston, 11, from Clawson tears up a phone book as a way of releasing anger.

parachute canopy. All of the children raced across the room.

"It's a lot about normalization," said Tylenda. "It shows someone else was sad. There are others like you."

Founded in 1997, SandCastles offers grief support for children, ages 3 to 18, at 7 sites including Livonia and Rochester. The evening begins with dinner followed by activities in the Volcano room to let off steam. A group discussion helps children build sandcastles from grief.

"The anger and frustration for kids build up on the inside," said Peggy Nielsen, program manager. "The feelings are not wrong but what you do with it is wrong. We have punching bags, building blocks to knock down. We start the program with dinner as a lot of families are now single parents. It's a way to get to know each other. There's something about socializing over food that brings people together."

The adults as well as children need support during the grieving. An adult group meets separately in another room.

"I didn't have a support system at home," said Paula Wolfston. "It helped me to talk to people who felt the same way and to under-

stand what my children were going through."

Three years after Sharon Amey's husband committed suicide she continues to attend the SandCastles grief program at a Livonia church every other Thursday evening with her 7-year old twins, Ashley and Kevin. The children were 4 when their 52-year old father killed himself after being laid off two weeks before Christmas in 2005.

"We were going every two weeks then stopped going for awhile until I noticed the kids were struggling," said Amey of Canton. "Most of the times a person who commits suicide gets it in their mind everybody would be better off. They have no clue what the family is going to go through. I don't think he was thinking what Ashley and Kevin would do without him. At first they were so young and I would ask them what you talked about. They'd say we talked about times daddy took them sledding, played with them, took them to the park. They showed me the crafts they made. They would be about their dad being gone. Sometimes they would even say 'mom is sad.' When the kids went to the camp, they finally felt like they were not alone. I could see they got it. It was nice to see them being empathetic with other children who'd lost someone. SandCastles helped them get there. They turned their sad or bad times into telling somebody you're going to be okay."

Amey dealt with her grief in the adult group.

"Talking really does help when someone commits suicide. You have to talk," said Amey. "At SandCastles everyone is so supportive. As parents we mostly talked about the kids and how they were reacting. After a year or two you see your children being helped and they're going to be okay then the parents can grieve."

Amey thinks she's reached a point where she's going to be

okay. "I'd just like people to know there's always, even though it doesn't seem like it, a family member you can go to, a minister. There are just so many different places to help with a problem. I drill that into my kids. You have aunts, uncles, cousins and you always can come to me whatever is going through your mind. With all the layoffs, I just want to tell people there's hope. There's always a new career. My husband could have been a master gardener. Every year I see the two wisteria he tended. Our neighbor said he left his legacy in the crocuses and tulips."

For more about SandCastles or volunteering, call (313) 874-6881. Pre-enrollment is required. There is no charge but families are encouraged to make donations.



Megan Wolfston (left), 11, from Clawson, volunteer Jason Tylenda, and Desire Brown, 12, Oak Park, run under the parachute canopy as part of the play therapy for SandCastles grief support for children. Southfield's Birney Middle School hosts the support program of Henry Ford Hospice.

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WORKWISE Developing informal partnerships at work is an emerging trend. While management might advocate specific ones, it's possible for you to form them on your own. Philip Berry, president of Philip Berry Associates L.L.C., a human capital and employment consulting firm in New York City, defines these as relationships of "shared understanding, with both parties working toward the same goals and objectives." By increasing productivity and motivation, they have a major impact. "JOINT DESTINY" When you're feeling isolated in a large or small company, Berry points out, building these partnerships on your own will bring richness to your work, a sense of "joint destiny," with some meaningful benefits: -- feeling that you've rejoined the human community; -- knowing that people are helping you rather than working against you; -- noticing that other people understand, support and validate your work; and -- working more easily, which elevates your mood.

As Berry puts it, "You'll stop thinking that you're rolling water uphill." TALL ORDER The fact that this is a tall order doesn't make it impossible to achieve. You can form these ties if you choose the best people and you follow several steps. The first has to do with finding the partner. You need a good match, a person whose stake in the shared objective is as great as yours. You'll be able to spot the person when you see "how well (you) 'click' and appreciate the other's contributions," says Helen Cooke, managing director of Cooke Consulting Group, L.L.C., in Haddon Heights, N.J. "To cultivate successful partnerships," she continues, "you must make time to inquire (without being invasive) about the other person. This doesn't require a major time commitment but to work well, it does require genuine interest in the other person -- his or her likes and dislikes and goals. Begin to demonstrate your care by spending two minutes asking the other person about his or her weekend before launching into your Monday morning meeting agenda." She adds that you must get outside of yourself by empathizing with the other person. Once you've identified a good potential partner, you can build this relationship if you understand that "relationships are built on meeting each other's needs," states Drew McLellan of McLellan Marketing Group

Inc., in Des Moines, Ia. "Find ways to let the person know that you're paying attention and you care. On occasion, make a grand gesture, such as staying late to them with a project or in smoothing over a mistake with the boss." Express your thanks often and be willing to forgive (genuinely) when the person makes a mistake." These steps will build trust, an essential element in informal partnerships. Some simple and not-so-simple steps will build a basic, not necessarily formal, structure that allows you to communicate effectively. That is critical in this relationship, because you might not always view a situation the same way. Berry recommends a regular "expectation exchange" whereby you agree to meet in person, communicate by telephone or write a memo summarizing progress. He says that this is essential to facilitating the work, because it develops a comfort level that encourages openness. If you don't give each other feedback and handle conflicts, you may well jeopardize the relationship. "Sometimes individuals will ignore disagreements or not tell the other party what's on their mind," he explains. "If one has given the other a proposal and the other party didn't like it," there may be hurt feelings. Because of them, there may be a withdrawal from the relationship. Informal partnerships build open communication and trust to meet shared goals and objectives. The effort enriches your work while promoting well-being in the workplace.



Credit: Arpi Pap Philip Berry is a strong advocate of developing informal partnerships in the workplace. Here he and Nadine Vogel, president of Springboard Consulting LLC in Mendham, N.J., discuss how they can work together to mutual benefit. Berry is president of New York City's Philip Berry Associates L.L.C.

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- 16 New England st.
- 17 Place
- 19 Safety or mosquito
- 21 "Venus" singer
- 23 Pipe handle
- 25 Vote in favor
- 26 Theater section
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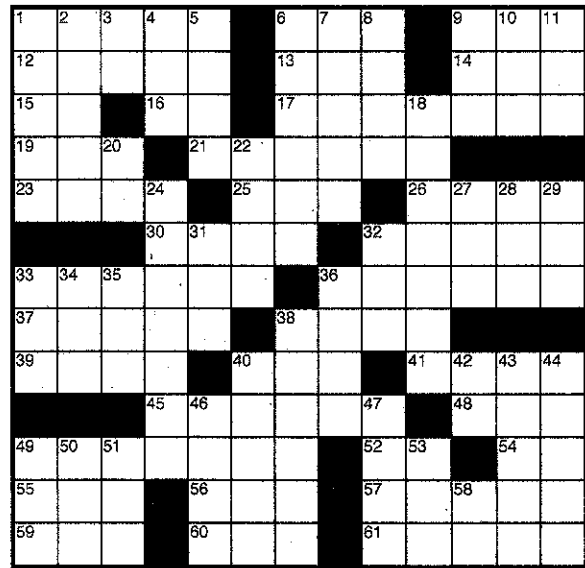
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- 45 Sprinkled
- 48 Bob Hope's WWII sponsor
- 49 Seek advice
- 52 Keep... eye out
- 54 Copper, to a chemist
- 55 Sports figure
- 56 Afternoon break
- 57 Brief summary
- 59 Olive yield
- 60 Spooky, maybe
- 61 Not just some

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- 29 Um cousins
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- 32 Boring
- 33 Spiral molecule
- 34 Geological period
- 35 Flour holder
- 36 Hopscootch, e.g.
- 38 Classified (2 wds.)
- 40 Heaped
- 42 Frat letter
- 43 Famed statuette
- 44 Too thin
- 46 Garage contents
- 47 Press one's luck
- 49 --Magnon man
- 50 Teahouse attire
- 51 None
- 53 Carson City loc.
- 58 After yr. 1

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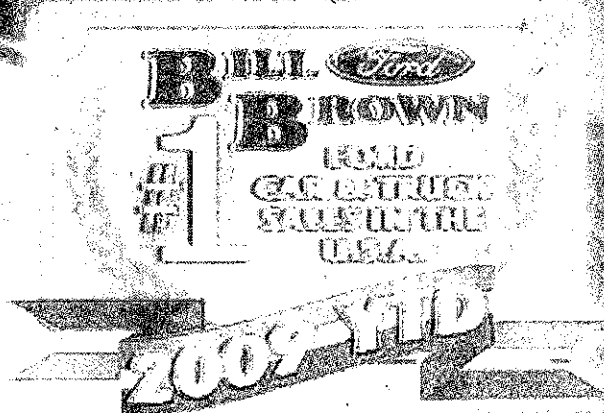
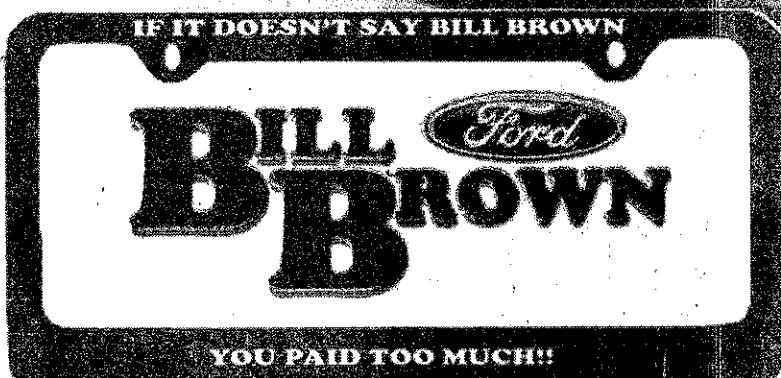
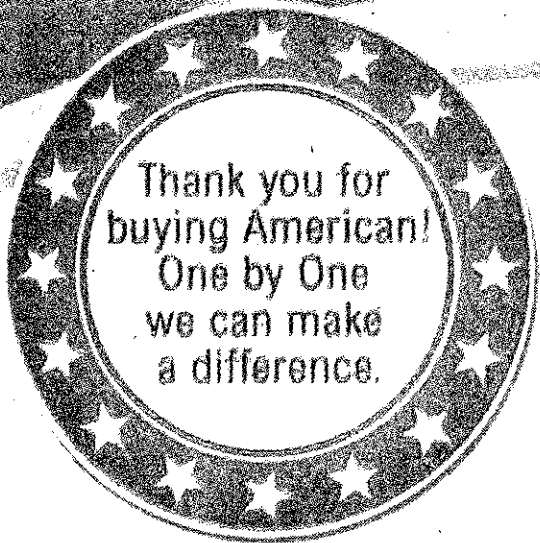


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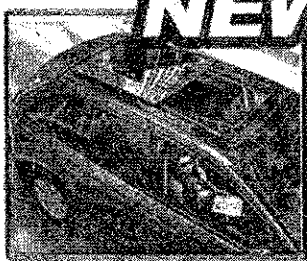


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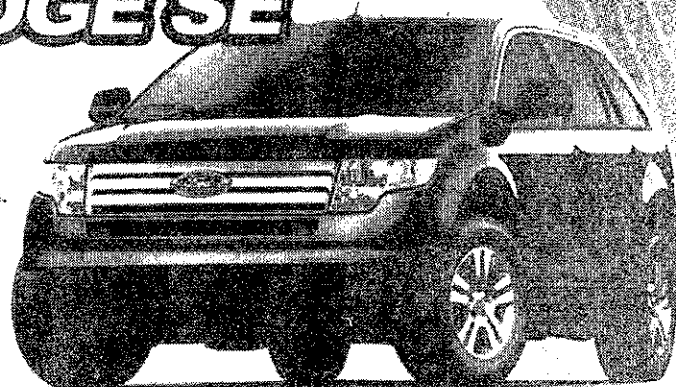
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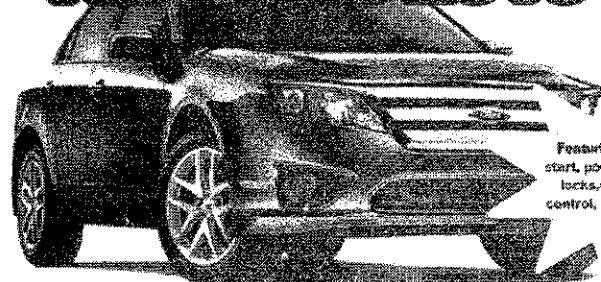
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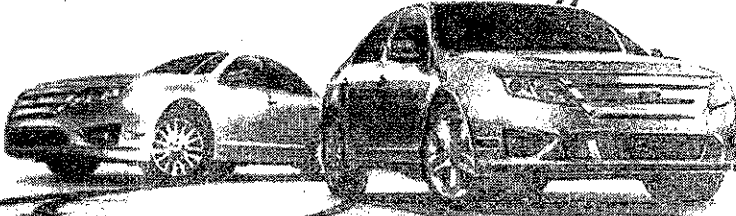
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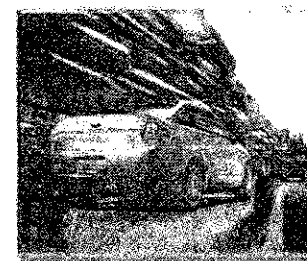
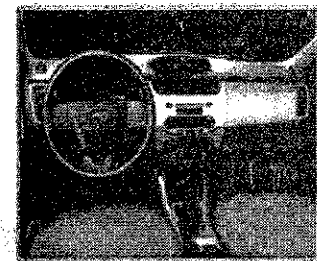
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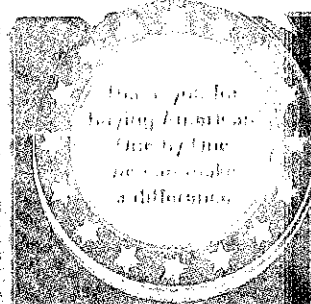
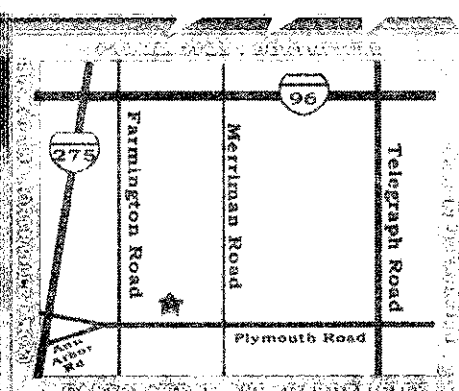
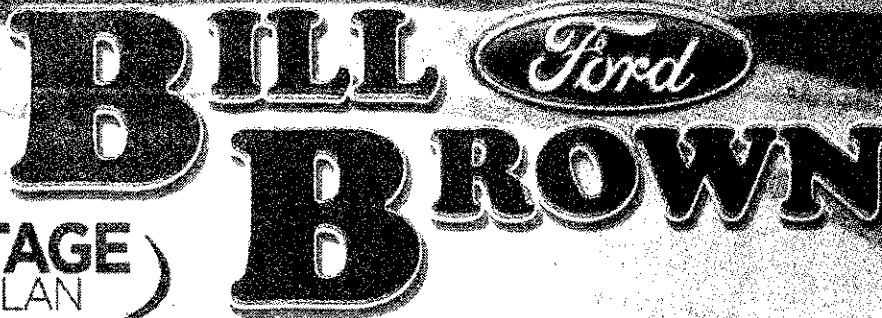
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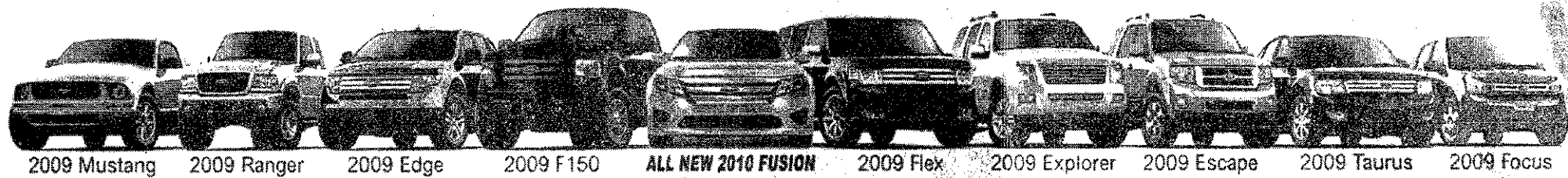
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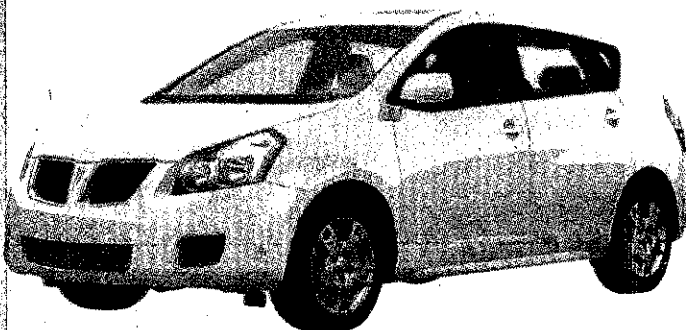
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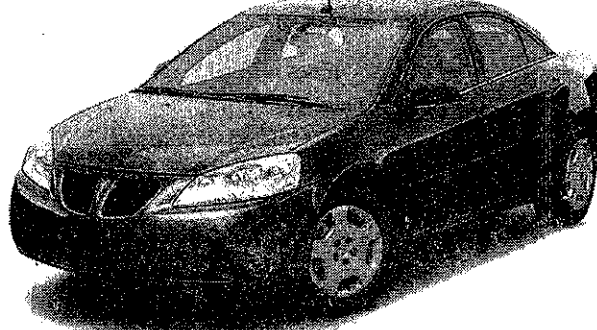
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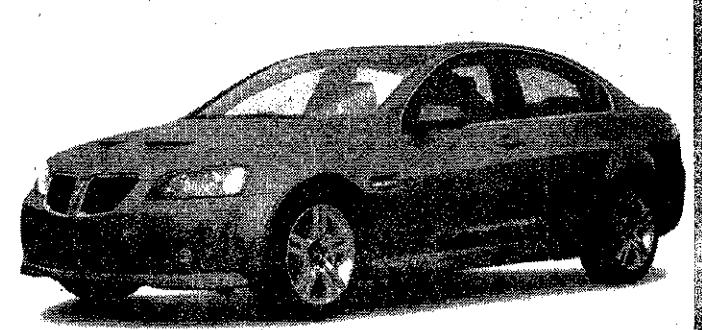
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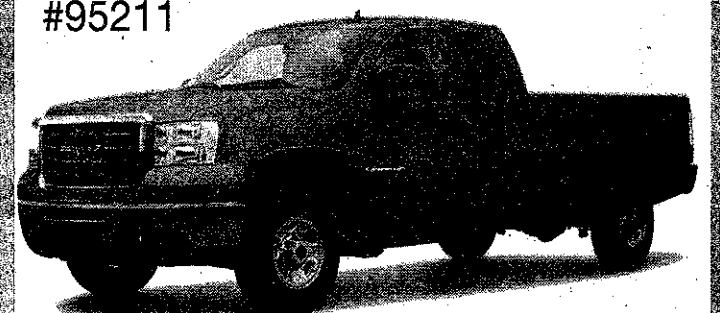
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