

CANTON CONNECTION

First time

Calling it "one of the most important ordinances that we've ever created" at the Wayne County Commission, Commissioner Moe Blackwell, D-Highland Park, is lauding a new law that will enable county sheriff deputies to be hired for patrol outside of their normal working hours.

With support from Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Belleville, whose district includes Canton, Blackwell shepherded a new ordinance passed by the commission's full board at its May 6 meeting — the first ordinance of its kind in the state — that essentially frees deputies to be hired by private sectors to patrol streets, events, and anywhere else where increased police presence is most needed.

The deputies would be available from a pool of qualified officers, and would be working shifts exclusive of their normal county sheriff shifts.

"In times of declining budgets, like we're in now, it's rare to see an expansion of such a crucial service," McNamara said. "After three years we finally have support from the sheriff's union, the sheriff, and numerous business groups."

Spring fling

New Horizons Band of Canton, sponsored by Evola Music of Canton, presents a "Spring Concert Extravaganza" 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, in the Evola Music Recital Room.

Featured music will include movie themes, Big Band-era music, classic and Broadway tunes. It will also feature group ensemble and individual performances. Admission is free.

Evola Music is located at 7170 N. Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 455-4677.

Cup soccer

The Canton Soccer Club is set to hold its 28th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament May 28-30 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.

Tournament sponsors include Oakwood, State Farm, and Kohl's. Participating teams with over 6,000 players will travel from Michigan, Ontario, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to take part in over 900 scheduled games, in one of the Midwest's largest club-based tournaments.

For more information on the 28th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, visit the Canton Soccer Club website at www.cantonsoccer-club.com or the tournament website at www.cantonicup.net.

Search for missing teen has happy ending

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 15-year-old girl missing since March 1 from a Canton foster home was found safe Friday afternoon in Eastpointe, where she had been staying with someone she knew, authorities confirmed.

The two-month search for runaway Devon Kroetsch ended after Canton police, working with Eastpointe authorities, found her unharmed in the last of several locations where she had stayed, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. "We're glad to bring it to a con-



Devon Kroetsch, a 15-year-old missing since March 1, was found Friday.

clusion where she was found safe, unharmed and she's placed back into the custody of Wayne County juvenile authorities, who will hopefully make a proper placement for her and improve conditions for her," Schreiner said. "She appeared to be relieved by the fact that she didn't have to live any longer as a kid who was on the run and who had to endure the stress of being

listed as a runaway."

Schreiner didn't divulge the identity of anyone who was harboring Kroetsch, saying that criminal charges are pending.

Kroetsch's mother, Michelle O'Brien of Redford, had talked briefly by phone with her daughter Friday and was relieved that she was found safe.

"I can breathe," she said. "I had been on autopilot. I didn't even know how to feel anymore. I have two other small children at home, so I had to be strong for them. But I was so relieved to get that phone call today. She's doing good, and she was

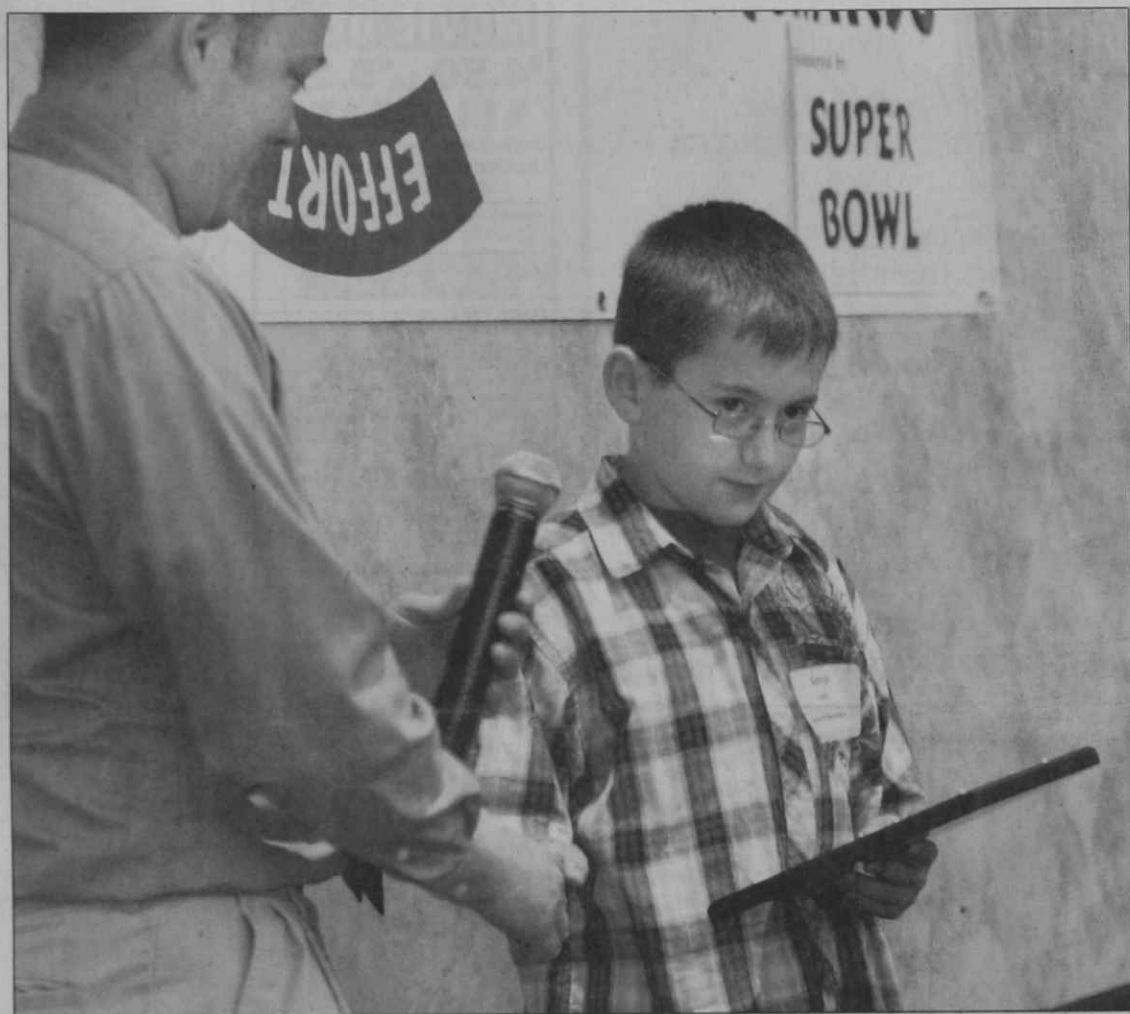
not abused."

O'Brien had heard from her daughter a few times after she initially disappeared. She has said her daughter had spent time in a girls home in Vassar for behavioral problems before she went into the foster home. Kroetsch had told her mother that she was safe, but refused to disclose her whereabouts.

Schreiner credited Canton Police Detective Mike Wells with helping to locate Kroetsch by following up on tips about her whereabouts.

"It was through his work that we

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Teacher Chris Hammond introduces George Leco from Farrand Elementary at Wednesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards luncheon, where more than two dozen students were honored.

Students honored for turning things around

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Taken by children's protection officials from her biological mother, rescued — and eventually adopted — by her grandmother, one could understand why Kimberly Schweim might have had issues going into high school.

Bad decisions, bad friends, bad attitude — Schweim had them all and, of course, her school work suffered.

Then she woke up — she says it

happened headed into her junior year at Plymouth High School — and realized things had to change.

And they did, so much so that Schweim, now a senior at Plymouth, was handed one of more than two dozen Turnaround Achievement Awards at the 14th annual banquet, sponsored by Super Bowl, at the Summit on the Park in Canton Wednesday.

"I didn't care about my grades, didn't really put any effort toward school," Schweim said. "At a certain point, I realized I only had two

more years, and I needed to change. I started to get over everything that happened. I started to care."

Schweim's story is similar to many of the students recognized at the luncheon, sponsored annually by Community Bowling Centers to recognize students who have made significant changes in their lives. It's what makes the awards so special to sponsor, according to Mark Voigt, the proprietor of Super Bowl in Canton.

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Location, location, location

Canton considers policy to buy from local firms

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton officials will consider a purchasing policy that favors local companies as the township embarks on a broad-ranging study aimed at fine-tuning and streamlining the way it does business.

Some municipalities already have adopted so-called local preference policies amid hopes of supporting hometown businesses and spurring local economies.

Yet, township officials concede that such measures, though well-intentioned, can drive up costs — a worrisome scenario as elected leaders battle deepening financial problems.

"I champion 'shop Canton' every day of my life," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said Tuesday evening, during a Canton Township Board of Trustees study session.

But, she and other elected leaders concede they will have to weigh the potential benefits and pitfalls of creating an actual township policy that favors local companies — shifting from the practice of accepting the lowest qualified bidder regardless of location.

Some municipalities already have adopted local preference policies that favor local companies whose bids are no more than 3 percent or 5 percent higher than those of outside firms. Not only does such a policy need "some cutoff," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said, but officials have to decide whether local means strictly Canton

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Mom's good advice: 'Don't sweat the small stuff'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pausing from a morning walk in Heritage Park, Canton mom Melissa Main reflected on Mother's Day and the best advice her own mother, Connie Sidener, has given her.

"The best advice she gave me was not to sweat the small stuff," she said. "It's OK if the laundry doesn't get done right away. Go outside and play with the kids."

Main, the mother of son Christian, 6, and daughter Emma, 4, strolled through the park with friend Evelyn DiCola, a Superior Township mom who has two sons, Cameron, 9, and Gabriel, 7. They didn't have their children with them, though they were baby-sitting a friend's child.

"My mother taught me to be the best that you can be," DiCola said, adding that her mother, Nancy

Buchholz of Milan, taught her to raise her own children "with good moral values."

Main, a 35-year-old stockbroker, said she and husband Mark never really wanted children of their own.

"God knew better, and he gave us two," she said.

She hasn't regretted it for a moment. She said the best Mother's Day she had was her first as a mother, when Christian was just a few weeks old.

This year, Main plans to visit her parents in Toledo for Mother's Day. Her beloved grandmother, 80-year-old Helen Case, will be visiting from Wichita, Kan.

"I don't get to see her much, so I'm really looking forward to it," she said.

The entire family plans to go to church and have an outdoor cookout.

Main and DiCola often meet in Heritage Park for walks. They also attend the same Canton church,

Connection Church.

DiCola, a stay-at-home mom and former flight attendant, said her best Mother's Day was probably her first as a mom, "just the opportunity to be a mom and the blessing of being a mom."

She described herself as "very fortunate" that she gets to be a mother to Cameron and Gabriel. She also plans to visit her mother and grandmother Alice Jackman on Mother's Day.

"Any day I get to spend with my mother and my grandmother is special," she said.

First things first, however. DiCola expects to start today with a Mother's Day tradition that any mom could appreciate.

"My husband (Kevin) and the boys always bring me breakfast in bed," she said. "It's so special."

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Evelyn DiCola (left) and Melissa Main talk a break from their walk in Heritage Park to talk about Mother's Day.

Kiwanis Club helps sick children

Kiwanis Club of Canton members want the local community to "come together to support sick kids."

That's why the club, for the third straight year, hosted a "baby" shower benefiting C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

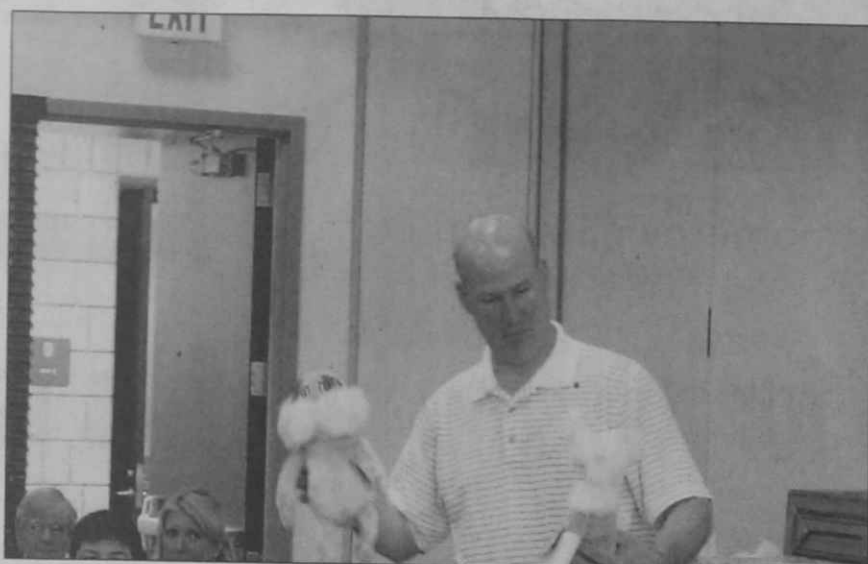
The shower, held recently at the Summit in Canton, included "typical" shower events such as hospital Bingo, lunch and door prizes.

Dan Fischer, director of child and family life at Mott, presented a program discussing the construction of the new Children's Hospital, a larger facility with additional beds to assist more children.

According to statistics provided by the club, more than 7,000 children from the Plymouth-Canton area were treated on an inpatient and outpatient basis last year.

Several hundred gifts were donated by the over 45 participants including the Canton Seniors, The Golden Girls, Canton Handicrafters, and the Hot Tea Cups. The gifts ranged from handmade afghans, to activity sets, games, workbooks and gift cards.

"All of the gifts are given to hospitalized children to ease the stress and uncertainty of their hospital stay," club publicity chair Mark Ott said. "Dan Fischer said



Dan Fischer, director of child and family life at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, takes a look at some of the gifts donated during the Kiwanis Club of Canton's baby shower.

this event is the largest community-based 'shower' he has ever attended."

The Canton Kiwanis Club is actively seeking new members from the Canton

community - people who are looking for ways to give back. Anyone interested in making a difference can contact the club at info@cantonkiwanis.com.

Target suspect pleads, avoids jail

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Farmington Hills woman accused of stealing jewelry from J.C. Penney stores in Canton and Taylor has avoided prison after she pleaded guilty and was placed on probation.

Jennifer Christy Clemente, 30, has been placed on probation for two years after she recently pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to one count of larceny by conversion of merchandise valued between \$1,000 and \$20,000, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Clemente's plea averted a trial and the potential for a prison sentence of up to five years.

She was ordered to stand trial in February amid allegations she stole one-carat diamond earrings on Dec. 26 from the J.C. Penney store on Ford Road in Canton. She also faced similar court proceedings for a Jan. 25 incident inside the Penney store in Taylor. Clemente's plea centered

on the incident in Taylor. She was captured there when store employees recognized her after Canton police released photos taken from a surveillance camera inside the Canton store, township Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

Clemente's case had been sent to Wayne County Circuit Court after she voluntarily waived her separate preliminary examinations in February in district courts in Taylor and Plymouth.

After she pleaded guilty to the Taylor incident, Clemente was given credit for time she already had served in jail.

Under the terms of her probation, she has been ordered not to commit any other crimes and not to leave the state of Michigan without court permission, according to the state corrections department.

She also has been warned to report for monthly probation appointments and to notify authorities of any change of address.

Clemente also has been ordered to pay restitution, along with court and attorney costs.

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Health care forum

The 11th District Congressional Democrats, in conjunction with Organizing for America, District 11 Voters for Affordable Health Care and the Michigan Universal Healthcare Access Network, present a District 11 town hall meeting, "How the PPACA and Health Care Reform Benefit You," at noon (registration starts at 11:30 a.m.) Saturday, May 15, at Northwest UAW Local 163, 450 S. Merriman in Westland.

Keynote speaker will be U.S. Congressman John Conyers, who will discuss the bill and what still needs to be done.

The expect panel includes District 20 State Rep. Marc Corriveau, who will answer questions on the state health committee initiatives; Garrett Awra, state director of Organizing for America, who will talk about President Obama's status on the health care bill; John Freeman, director of Michigan for Health Care Now, who will talk about the initiative of his organization and what they are hoping to accomplish.

The event allows audience members to bring questions to the panel and find out what it means to them. Audience members will be able to interact with each other and tell their stories and concerns.

Blocking Out Melanoma

Relay For Life Canton Team,

Blocking Out Melanoma, hosts a fund-raiser 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Canton Cinema on Ford Road, during which 50 percent of concession sales will be donated to the team.

Dora Cardenas, team captain, will be in the lobby to hand out vouchers for customers to turn in prior to making a concession purchase in order for her team to receive credit.

Blocking Out Melanoma was created in memory of former Plymouth High School freshman girls volleyball coach Kim Renzi, who lost her seven-month battle with cancer in April 2009. Those unable to support the team at this event can stop by the team's site, #39, located at the back of the pond near the wooden bridge at Heritage Park at the Relay For Life event starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15 and ending at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 16.

Kiwanis Club

The Canton Kiwanis Club is seeking new members who can help to have a direct impact on 1,400 children and provide gifts and activities that impact over 200,000 Michigan youngsters.

The Canton Kiwanis Club includes people who live and work in Canton, and it is looking for others who have a similar interest and desire to give back to the community.

The Canton Kiwanis is inviting people to join the club for breakfast during the month of May to find out more about the organization. Programs this month will include Canton Economic



Financial literacy

Community Financial Credit Union hosted State Rep. Dian Slavens, (D-Canton), at their student-run credit union branch at Plymouth High School as part of Financial Literacy for Youth month. "The hands-on experience that our kids receive through the student-run credit union teaches them the value of fiscal responsibility and helps prepare them for the 21st century economy and workforce," Slavens said. Community Financial operates three of their 30 local student-run credit unions at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, provides classroom presentations to over 9,000 students annually, and offers no cost seminars a variety of topics geared to assisting people with the challenges in managing credit and debt.

Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz and Downtown Development Director Kathleen Salla.

The club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley Road south of Joy. It is actively looking for people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members are invited to join the Kiwanis for breakfast or contact the club at info@cantonkiwanis.com.

Diversity walk

The Michigan Roundtable

for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors the Walk2gether Walk-a-thon on Belle Isle beginning at noon Sunday, May 16.

The walk is designed to promote the elimination of bigotry and racism. The Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion will have their own team entered in the walk. Funds raised will be placed toward some upcoming PCCDI programs.

Residents who can't attend the walk, but who still wish to help, can contact pycandi@gmail.com

Home buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite you to attend a free seminar for First Time Home Buyers 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, and again June 8, at Community Financial Credit Union located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Potential home buyers will learn about buying in today's real estate market, mortgage products, including FHA financing and other programs especially designed to help first-time borrowers, free pre-approvals and much more.

For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8812. Refreshments will be provided.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

For more information, visit the credit union web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

Color guard audition

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Color Guard is holding clinics at Plymouth High School from 6-8 p.m. May 10-12 for anyone interested in joining the Fall Guard. Color guard auditions take place Monday, May 17, from 6-8 p.m.

Color guard members use a combination of dance and athletics mixed with use of rifles, sabers, flags, and other props. Auditions are open to any student in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools grades 9th through 12th.

As members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, Color Guard members participate in all competitions including the Grand National Band Championships in Indianapolis in November.

If anyone is interested in further information they can contact Color Guard Director, Jennifer Leseth at Jenifo30@gmail.com.

Historical speaker

The Canton Historical Society hosts its last spring speaker series 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12, at the Canton Museum, located on Canton Center Road just south of Cherry Hill.

The speaker will be Jennifer Huff, a Ph.D candidate in modern American history at Ohio State University. The topic will be on multi-district busing plan to desegregate the Detroit Public School students from Detroit. In June 1972 federal district court Judge Stephen J. Roth ruled in favor of multi-district busing. It sparked a controversy throughout metro Detroit.

In "the battle over busing" Huff will examine the controversy on the local level in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

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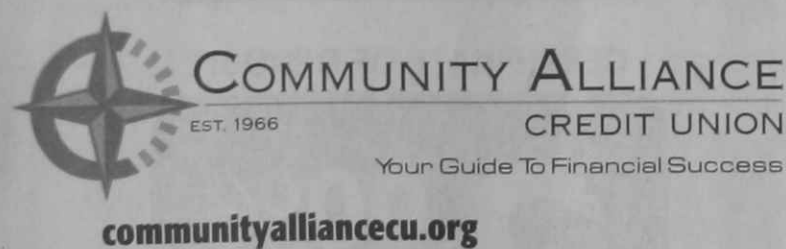
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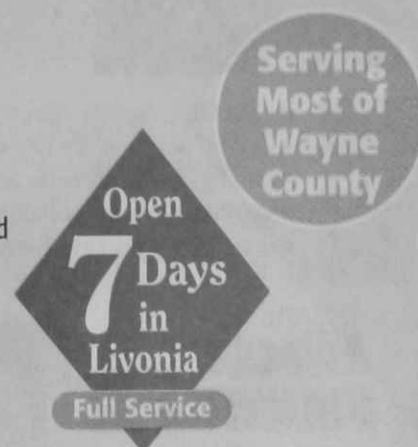
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EDUCATION

Student government

Second-graders take charge of their classroom

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jessica Lopata runs her second-grade classroom at All Saints Catholic School like a city; she's the mayor, and her students fill a variety of roles including police officer, banker, librarian and mail carrier.

On Wednesday, the class got a visit from Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who came in to answer questions and show the kids how the professionals do it.

LaJoy, in his first term as township supervisor, spent time explaining how the township runs and answering questions posed by a discerning group of second-graders.

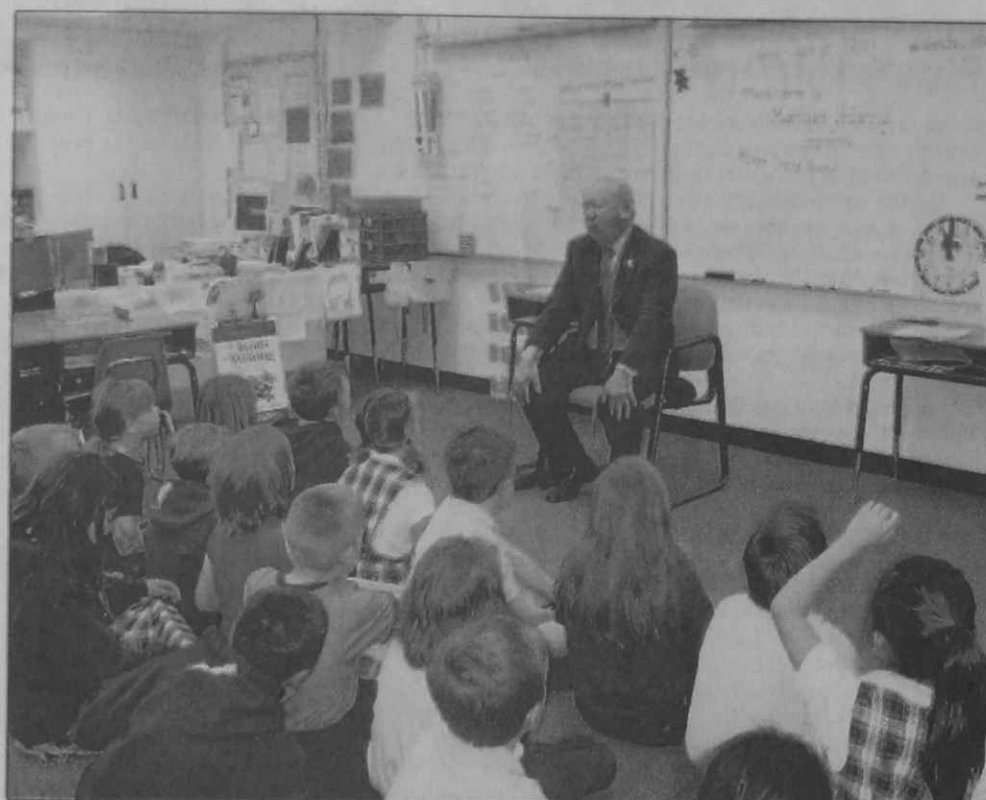
And he had a ball doing it. "I really enjoy that," LaJoy said of his visit, smiling. "They asked a lot of good questions. It's good to talk to them at their level."

Lopata, in her seventh year at All Saints (and her third teaching second grade), likes the idea of running the classroom like a municipality. It's called "Lopata Land," and the teacher takes the honor of being mayor seriously.

The students take it seriously, too. The police officers give tickets: Run in the hall, and it's a speeding ticket; talk loud in the classroom, and it's a noise violation; forget to push your chair back under your desk, and you get a parking ticket.

There's a librarian and a mail carrier, every draws salaries and pays bills (using play money, of course). Everybody switches jobs every quarter.

"It's a great thing to do in second grade," said Lopata, who got the idea from a col-



Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy fields questions from students in Jessica Lopata's second-grade classroom at All Saints Catholic School.

league. "Our social studies emphasis is on community. It's a great way to get them to remember."

Sarah Noonan, an 8-year-old from Canton, has been a police officer, a mail carrier, a caterer and a fine collector.

"They're good," Sarah said of the jobs. "You get to learn how to do it if you want to do it when you grow up."

After talking about how Canton is run, LaJoy faced the music and took questions (both verbal and from letters students wrote him). Among his responses (most of them given with a broad smile):

- Does LaJoy have security guards? "We have police officers, but I don't have anyone protecting me," he said.

- Does he like his job? "I like my job very much. The thing I like the best is when you can help people with a problem. It's kinda neat."

- How long do you want to keep your job? "You want to know if I'm running for re-election?" LaJoy asked, laughing. "The people of Canton have given me the privilege of serving for four years. I have two-and-a-half left; after that, we'll decide."

- Is your job complicated?

"It can get pretty complicated, especially when people don't agree with me," LaJoy said, drawing laughs. "If everyone would just agree with me, this job would be a lot easier."

LaJoy appreciated the questions, and the interest the students showed in government.

"It's so important to get involved," LaJoy told the students. "We need a lot of people to be involved and represent the community. Maybe one day one of you will be supervisor. Just wait until I'm done," he added with a smile.

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choirs – including Allegro (above) – bring their concert, "Singsation," to the Salem High School auditorium stage 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Choirs bring 'Singsation' to Salem High stage

Concert-goers will get a chance to jump in their seat and dig a little deeper to cheer as nearly 300 choristers share their favorite music and traditions at "Singsation 2010," the PCEP Choirs' annual spring festival of popular music and salute to some 48 graduating seniors.

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Spring Choral concert, "Singsation," returns to the Salem High School Auditorium 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11.

This year's program includes selections made popular by the hit TV show, "Glee," as well as Disney, The Beatles, Van Halen, and The Black Eyed Peas.

Salem Senior Clare Cavicchio has even arranged Beyonce's Single Ladies for the Madrigal Singers.

Members of the PCEP Choirs – Park Singers, Allegro, Dulchissima, and Festival Singers – have been preparing for weeks to share what they say will be "an upbeat and exciting program" for their community.

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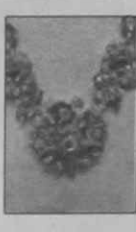
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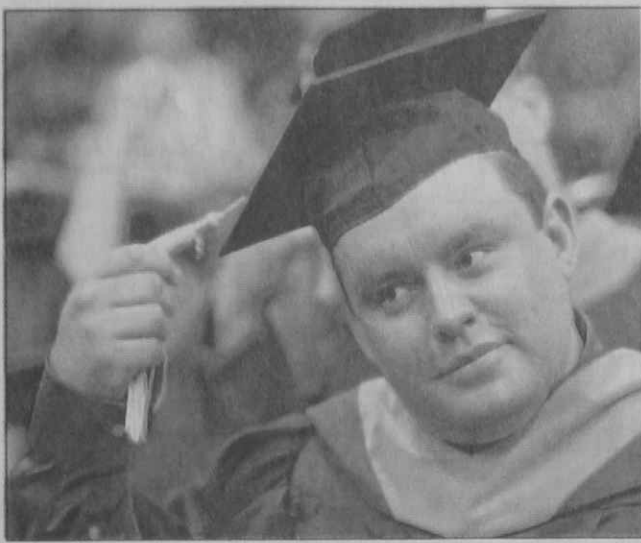
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Business grad April Sawyer receives her diploma from Board Chair Michael Obloy. April lives in Canton.



Jesus Ramirez, of Livonia, switches the tassel on his mortarboard from right to left, to signify that he is now a graduate.



Leslie Banks celebrates receiving her diploma. She is from Redford.

Madonna celebrates 63rd commencement

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Madonna University conferred degrees upon 958 graduates May 2 in a commencement ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Nearly 765 students received bachelor's or associate's degrees, with the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees were awarded to C. David Campbell, president of the McGregor Fund, and Lu Hongjun, president of Shanghai Institute of International Finance. The Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Sister Marie Ann Stamm, professor of religious studies.

Presiding over the 63rd commencement ceremony was Madonna University Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan.

As part of commencement, all graduates and their families were invited to a Graduation Mass April 29, at the Felician Chapel, in Livonia where Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archdiocese of Detroit, served as celebrant. A reception hosted by Sister Rose Marie Kujawa was held in the University Center dining room immediately following the Mass.

Madonna University is an independent, coeducational, Catholic liberal arts university sponsored by the Felician Sisters of Livonia.



Sarah Tupacz and Victoria Giesler of Canton help Heather Lacaria of Livonia, get ready for the processional.

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FROM PAGE A1

- Trustee Pat Williams suggested efforts to eliminate so-called "escalation clauses"

FROM PAGE A1.

"She was found at the house of an acquaintance and taken into custody without inci-

• Any purchasing changes still would have checks and balances. Under current policy, for example, a township purchase between \$2,000 and \$5,000 requires approval from a department director, the finance director and two of the township's three full-time elected officials.

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FROM PAGE A1

Discovery Middle School student Hamad Abed knew he had to make changes, too. A 13-year-old eighth-grader, Abed had been suspended twice over what he called "really big



"I don't want to take anything away from the honors students and others who receive accolades, because they deserve them," said Eggenberger, who serves as secretary on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. "But these kids have gone through a lot and they've worked so hard to get where they've gotten."

- Farrand Elementary – George Leco
- Hoben Elementary – Damon Flores
- Central Middle School – Alex Kenrick, Sarah Reasoner
- Discovery Middle School
- Madison Shafer-Smith, Hamad Abed
- East Middle School – Jesse James, Stephon McArthur
- West Middle School – Robbie Beydoun
- Canton High School – Lisa Toner, Cady Struble, Stephen Maude, Kevin Rempe
- Plymouth High School – Jordana Davey, Hayley Dufresne, Jake Panek, Kimberly Schweim, William Layton, Christian Mosier
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Fund-raiser hopes to help homeless veterans

A fund-raiser combining poetry, music and coffee is taking aim at helping the Michigan Veterans Foundation.

The fund-raiser, a poetry and music event dubbed "Stand Up for Veterans," takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Karma Coffee Shop, located at 3015 Wayne Road (next to the Dairy Queen) in Wayne.

The three-hour poetry and music event will include military

veterans among the performers. For those who want to give a cash donation, a check or money order needs to be made out to the Michigan Veterans Foundation.

"We are also looking for donations of canned goods and non-perishable items to help stock their food pantry for the homeless veterans who reside temporarily at the center until they are back on their feet and can move onto a better job and their own homes,"

said Cheryl Vatcher-Martin of Canton, an author-poet who is helping organize the event.

In order for these female and male veterans to procure a good paying job they must have professional clothing available to them to wear to an interview. Organizers are also looking for donations of busi-

ness attire for women and men that can assist them in the transition from homelessness to a secure job and residence.

Martin is a former Army Sergeant, Past Commander of a local DAV Chapter, Member of DAV 113, Member of American Legion Post #32.

"I am grateful that Former

USMC Cpl. John Smolinski is a big part of organizing our fund-raiser. John is also a talented poet and percussionist," she said.

Veterans who'd like to perform at this event can contact Martin at peroinc5@comcast.net or (734) 397-1626 in the evening.

"We are grateful to Karma Coffee Shop for allowing us to

hold our fund-raiser. Those who stop by can donate to a worthy cause, hear great performers read their poetry, and buy an excellent cup of coffee," Mrs. Martin said. "John and I are looking forward to helping the Michigan Veterans Foundation help fellow veterans," Mrs. Martin said.

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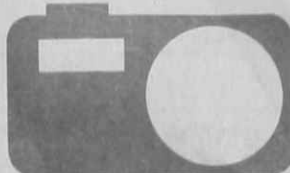
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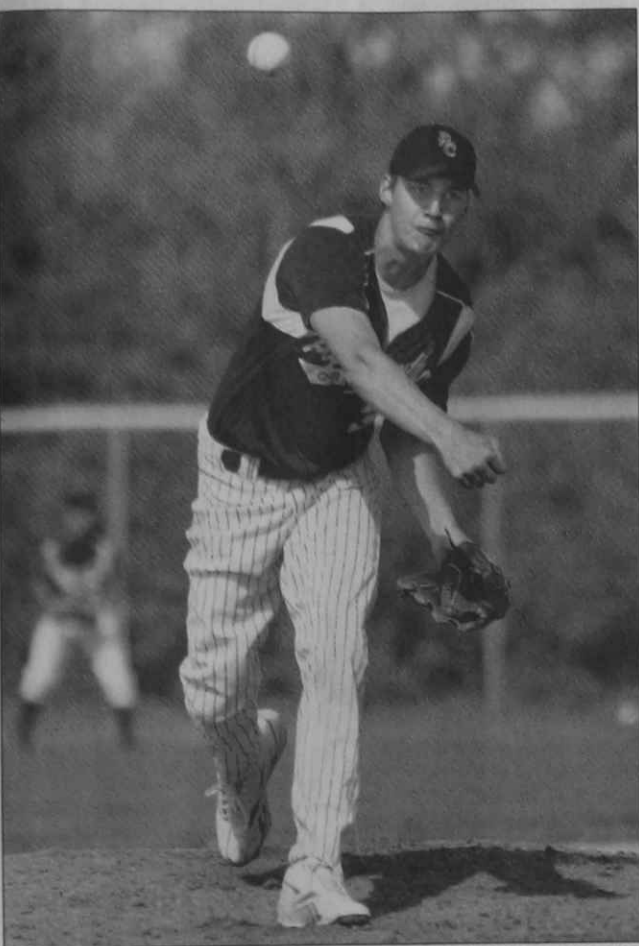
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Plymouth Christian senior Ethan Walker delivers a pitch toward home plate during Thursday's game. Walker didn't win the contest, but he did homer and double while driving in three runs.

Late rally clips Eagles

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A five-run seventh inning Thursday gave Huron Valley Lutheran an 11-7 win over host Plymouth Christian Academy to pretty much clinch the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference baseball title.

But PCA head coach Joe Bottorff said the way the Hawks have rallied to defeat his team in the late innings for the second time in a week will only crank up the motivation dial if the teams meet in the postseason.

"Unfortunately it probably means the conference for them (Hawks) since they're undefeated and we have two losses," said Bottorff following the contest. "We still have second place to play for. ... We still have the districts. These guys are in our district and we might get another shot at 'em and if we can do it then that would be pretty sweet."

The winning rally, fueled

by back-to-back RBI singles by Bryan Gruenewald (4-for-5, 2 RBI) and Shawn Schaffer (2-for-4, 3 RBI), started with a leadoff walk to Tyler Wagaman.

But the key play was a pop up in foul territory that PCA catcher Dan Slater lost in the sky and couldn't track.

Had Slater squeezed the foul, there would have been two outs and three on base. Instead, Alex Harris walked to score the first run of the frame, making it 7-7.

"Our catcher didn't get a lot of communication from his pitcher (on the pop up)," Bottorff said. "He was saying 'Where is it?' but no one was telling him. Hey, Ethan (Walker) almost made another great play from first base, he almost got it."

GREAT EFFORT

As it was, Walker had a superb game, doubling off the fence for two runs in the first and hammering a homer over the centerfield fence in the fifth to give PCA a 7-6 edge.

It was Walker's first fence-clearing blast of the season.

"Ethan had a great game," Bottorff said. "As an individual effort you can't ask for more."

Walker also started the game on the mound, but needed to be relieved in the fourth after a single by Gruenewald knotted the score at 5-5.

According to Hawks head coach Matt Schaewe, whose team improved to 8-1 overall and 7-0 in the MIAC, it is gratifying to see how his team never gives up in any game.

"The last couple games we've had to play from behind and we just stuck with it," Schaewe said. "They've done a real good job."

About the leadoff walk jump-starting the deciding seventh, the coach noted that his team seems to have the mindset needed for comeback victories.

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

GAME WRAPS

Prep baseball

PLYMOUTH 6-0, JOHN GLENN 1-4: Wednesday's twinbill between KLAA South opponents started well for the Wildcats, with junior lefty pitcher Mike Nadratowski winning his first game of the season.

Nadratowski gave up just one run and four hits in six innings while striking out four.

"It's nice to see Mike get a win," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "We've struggled to support him offensively this year."

But Nadratowski did get some offense against the Rockets, with Rich Guglielmi ripping two hits (including a double) and driving in a run. Matt Priebe chipped in with two RBI.

Plymouth (9-9, 4-7) managed one hit each by Ben Wohl, Phil Emminger, Nadratowski and Jake Beauchamp in Game 2 and it wasn't enough to back pitcher Andy Dodge (who dropped to 2-2 with the loss).

"Unfortunately, we just couldn't muster enough offense," Boyd said. "Defensively, we played pretty well."

CANTON 8-5, FRANKLIN 3-1: The Chiefs (15-3, 10-2) scored five runs in the third to take the lead in Game 1 and never trailed the rest of Wednesday's doubleheader.

In Game 1, Ben Staley was the winning pitcher, fanning seven Patriots in a complete-game effort. At the plate, Andrew Tidwell (3-for-3, three RBI) and Joe Galanty (triple, two RBI) paced a seven-hit attack.

The nightcap featured another complete game by Canton as Tidwell (5-0) struck out 10 and did not allow an earned run.

Catcher Seth Tschetter

Please see **WRAPS, B2**

Marathon at Massey

Rocks nip Chiefs in 14th inning to cap thrilling softball matchup

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thursday night's annual rivalry softball game under the lights at Don Massey Field in Plymouth had it all, including great plays, strikeouts galore and an inside-the-park home run.

And it was a good thing Salem and Canton had the benefit of artificial lights because they needed 14 innings to decide the KLAA crossover thriller — with the Rocks winning 2-1 on an inside-the-park homer by leftfielder Sam Maksimovic.

The loss was Canton's first of the season, after 14 consecutive victories.

"It was amazing, it was my first home run of the season and to be against Canton, they're a big rivalry," said Maksimovic, still charged up about her game winner. "... I don't have

the words to explain it."

Because Massey's fence dimensions are much deeper than at typical high school softball fields, Maksimovic's smash over the head of Canton's right-fielder kept rolling. And she kept running, easily beating the relay throw to home plate.

"It's going to come down to that key hit in a game," Canton head coach Jim Arnold said. "When you're playing 14 innings hopefully it doesn't end on an error and it didn't."

"The kid got a nice hit over the head of the rightfielder, she deserved to win the game."

The homer almost didn't happen because of a mishap in the top of the 13th. A leadoff single by Canton's Heidi Lucke took a bad bounce and glanced off Maksimovic's neck, enabling Lucke

to take second.

Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland went out to talk to Maksimovic to make sure she was okay enough to continue.

"She's a tough kid and she didn't want to come out of the game," Southerland said. "... Obviously it paid off, so she wanted it pretty bad."

Fortunately for the Rocks (10-8 overall, 5-5 in the KLAA), Canton senior Amy Dunleavy popped up a bunt and Salem junior pitcher Briana Lee wriggled out of the tight spot.

THAT'S ENOUGH

"My heart was racing, I wanted to get out of that inning so bad because I felt like I messed up," Maksimovic noted.

According to Maksimovic, she didn't

think her night was going to have such a sweet ending, especially after getting hit by the batted ball.

"I didn't think I was going to recover, but as you can see I did by hitting a home run," she said with a wide grin. "I just took all my frustration and jacked it."

Both starting pitchers were sensational in going the distance, particularly Salem's Lee — who struck out 18 batters and allowed just seven hits.

Lee seemed to be throwing just as hard in the 14th as she did in the first.

"We were pumped up (to face Canton), but I basically came out here and played my game like I always do," Lee said. "And my team just backed me up and that helped a lot."

Please see **MASSEY, B4**

Youngsters earn medals, praise

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton, young local gymnasts Maddie Toal and Vanasia Bradley certainly are raising the bar.

An unrelenting work ethic, augmented by the instruction of Spicher and assistant coach Justin Laury, built a springboard for excellence that both 11-year-olds are taking off from.

Last month, Maddie Toal won four of five events in the Jr. B age group at the Kalamazoo-hosted Level 8/Region 5 competition. Talented gymnasts from a handful of Midwest states (Michigan,

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky) that comprise Region 5 tried to out-do each other on April 17-18.

"Maddie is incredibly talented and works hard in the gym every day," said Splitz owner/coach Eileen Spicher. "She is very hard on herself, always strives for perfection."

"She had an awesome day. You will usually see a gymnast be a regional champ on one or two events but not four."

Toal — training at Splitz for six years — was victorious on vault (9.50 points), uneven bars (9.625), floor exercise (9.65) and all-around (38.225) while taking second place in balance beam (9.45).

"Maddie was in her zone

the week before the meet and everything she accomplished was well-deserved," added Spicher.

But Spicher said other Splitz gymnasts also did well at the regionals:

- In the Jr. D age group, Alyssa Green was regional champ on vault with a 9.55 and took third on floor and 13th in all-around

- In Sr. B competition, Sierra Yacoub took a regional championship on floor with a 9.275 while taking 13th on vault and 14th in all-around.

"Justin and I couldn't be prouder of these girls," Spicher said. "They train 22 hours a

Please see **GYMNASTS, B3**



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Wearing proud smiles for their recent gymnastics accomplishments are Maddie Toal (left) and Vanasia Bradley, who both train out of Canton's Splitz Gymnastics Academy. The facility is located on Old Lilley Road near Joy Road.

Benefit on hold

Plans are to still hold baseball games to raise funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation, but they take place Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 instead of this weekend due to bad weather.

Coaches for Salem and Plymouth decided to cancel Saturday's "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" games but they will be played later this week with money from a raffle, baked goods sales and \$3 programs to be culled for a donation.

Varsity and freshman teams from both schools will play doubleheaders beginning 11 a.m. Saturday. Meanwhile, the JV twinbill is slated for 4 p.m. Friday.

The event, intended to raise at least \$1,000 for the cause, is jointly organized by the Salem Baseball Dugout Club and Plymouth Baseball Boosters.

High school teams throughout Michigan are hosting games this spring for "Strike Out Prostate Cancer."



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BASEBALL

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"I think they're thankful they have a second chance and they try to make the most of it," Schaewe said.

PCA (4-8, 4-2) got off to a quick 3-0 lead thanks to a string of four hits in the first against Hawks starting pitcher Schaffer.

Dan Slater singled and stole second and scored on a ground-rule double by Matt Dodson — who went 4-for-4 on the day.

Following with a single was Jon Slater and Walker bashed a two-run double off the fence in left to make it 3-0.

But Huron Valley scored four runs in the fourth for a 4-3 edge. A rising liner off the bat of Andy Barber (2-for-5) sailed over the head of PCA centerfielder Josh Johnston for two of those runs.

The Eagles came right back with two runs in the bottom

half for a 5-4 advantage with a two-run single to right by AJ Smith the big blow.

Both teams traded runs during the fourth and fifth, as the Eagles held serve. In the fourth, Dodson doubled to left-center to score a run and make it 6-5.

An error — one of five committed by PCA — tied the game at 6-6 in the fifth but Walker's home run off Huron Valley reliever (and winning pitcher) Barber restored the one-run lead for the Eagles.

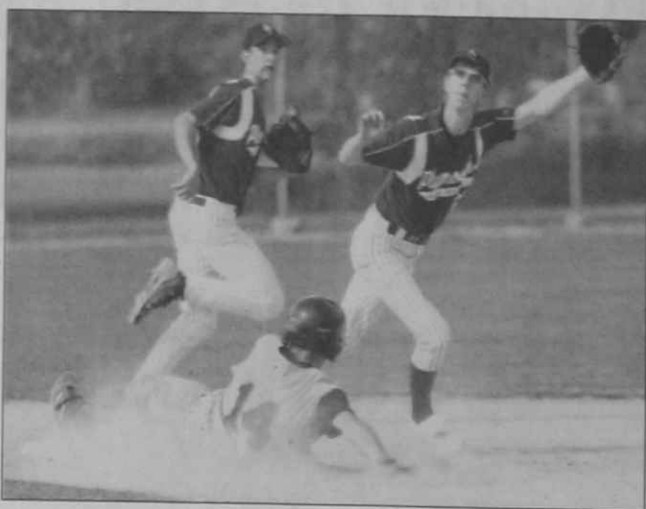
That's how the game remained until the seventh.

NO REPLY

"They got a couple guys on, strung some base hits together," said Bottorff, about the winning surge. "Every hit they got the louder their dug-out got, it builds."

Facing a huge deficit in the bottom of the seventh, leadoff hitter Walker tried to stoke a PCA rally with a shot to the gap in left-center.

But Huron Valley centerfielder Ivan Bell flagged the



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Reaching up to grab a high throw is Plymouth Christian second baseman Matt Hagelin (right) as Huron Valley's Alex Harris slides in safely. PCA shortstop Matt Dodson (No. 23) hurries to back up Hagelin.

ball down to dampen PCA's hopes. The Hawks as a group played much stronger defense than the home team did.

"We've been pretty good on defense the whole year, they've really got their heads in the game and they're

thinking what play could come next," Schaewe said. "We've got pretty good speed in the outfield and so I'm really happy with what they did."

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Hewlett tees off on diabetes

Former University of Michigan football quarterback and Salem alum Rich Hewlett and his wife Chris are hosting the "Swing to Cure Diabetes," golf outing May 17 at the University of Michigan Golf Course, 500 Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor.

The all-day event begins with an 11 a.m. shotgun start and supports the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes

Center.

Rich Hewlett is probably best remembered for being the starting quarterback in the 1979 Michigan-Ohio State game when he was just a freshman, but his latest effort is inspired by a father's will to find a cure for his son's diabetes.

Some of Rich's former Wolverine football teammates and legendary coach Lloyd Carr will be there to play.

WRAPS

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doubled twice in three at-bats, while Garrett Bryden (1-for-3, three RBI) also contributed to the win.

Girls soccer

SALEM 1, SOUTH LYON 1: In a hard-played KLA Central matchup, the Rocks played to a deadlock behind solid goalkeeping from Tabitha Mann (eight saves) and a goal from Emily Lundh. Setting up Salem's only tally was Lauren Booth.

CANTON 1, PLYMOUTH 1: Both Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals squared off Tuesday and left the pitch with a tie.

Canton got on the board first about 32 minutes into the contest when Lindsey Winters converted a feed from Jessikah McClendon. The Wildcats answered when Katie Moss found the net from about 25 yards out.

"It was a good game between the rivals," Chiefs head coach George Tomasso said. "I was happy with my team's performance."

CHURCHILL 0, PLYMOUTH 0: Livonia Churchill girls soccer coach Dave Hebestreit came away encouraged despite a 0-0 deadlock Thursday with host Plymouth.

Churchill, missing two starters because of injury, allowed just one shot on goalkeeper Kaylie Secord the entire game.

The Chargers had five corner kicks to Plymouth's two.

Marissa Williams also notched the shutout for the Wildcats (6-1-4, 4-0-2).

Boys golf

CANTON 176, WAYNE 192: The Chiefs remained unbeaten after six dual matches, thanks to Wednesday's triumph at par-35 Hilltop.

The medalist was Canton's Zach Conrad, with a nine-hole tally of 37 strokes. Other Chiefs on the varsity card included Brandon Laabs (46), Marty Peck (46) and Kyle Korte (47).

Also eclipsing the 50-mark were Frank Parzynski and Josh Maxam, with 49 strokes each.

Canton visits Livonia

Franklin on Tuesday.

PLYMOUTH 149, CHURCHILL 157: Also unbeaten in KLA action, the Wildcats defeated the Chargers at Fox Hills.

Ryan Bauer, Josh Heinze and Kyle Rodes each registered 37 for the day while James Bryans finished with a 38.

Other Plymouth golfers were Ryan Rieckhoff (39) and Justin Bauer (42).

Plymouth will next take part in Monday's tournament at Walnut Creek Country Club.

Thunderbirds fastpitch softball

Thunderbirds Fastpitch Softball is looking for a few more enthusiastic and committed young women who love to play softball.

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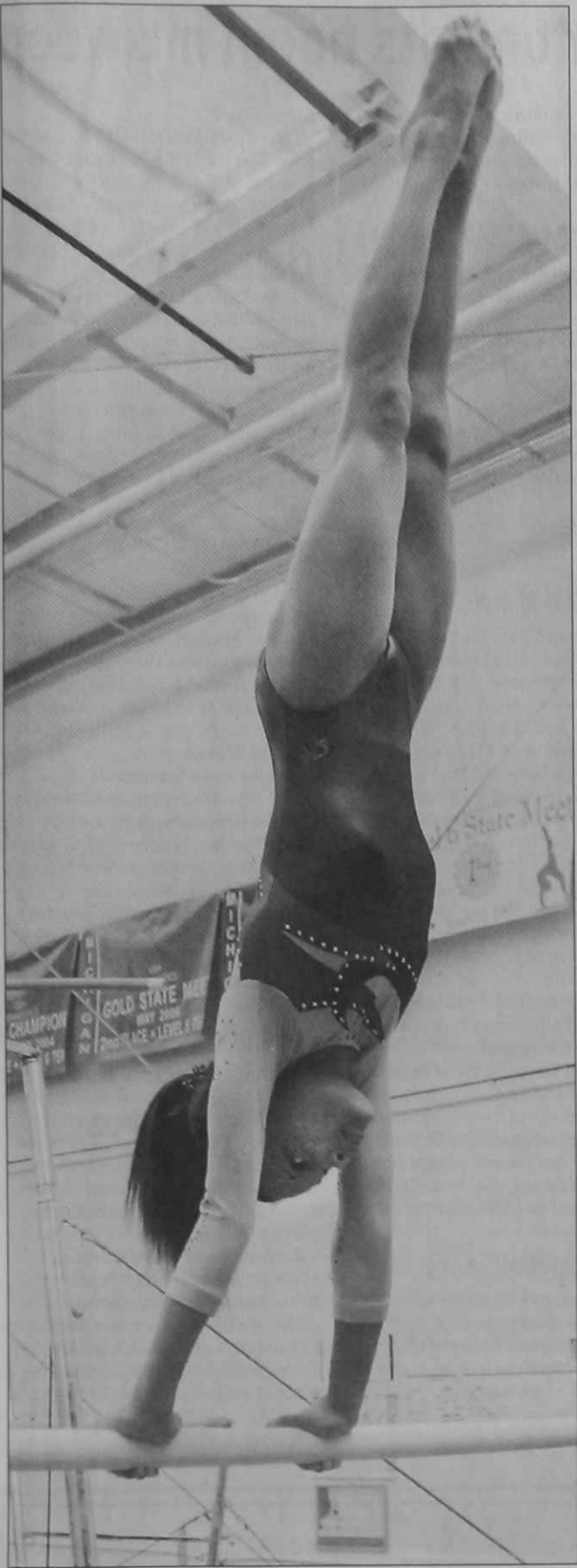
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Getting in some reps on the uneven bars during a recent training session is Vanasia Bradley.

GYMNASTS

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week, all year long, and it's nice to see them have moments like this."

STATE MEET SWEEP

The following weekend, it was Vanasia Bradley's time to shine. She sparked the Level 7 Splitz team to fourth in the team standings at the April 25 state meet in Midland.

In her third year of training at Splitz, Bradley claimed the title of state champion in all five events — vault, 9.575; bars, 9.50; beam, 9.60; floor, 9.45 and all-around, 38.125.

"She (Bradley) has unbelievable talent and is a very strong competitor," Spicher said. "She swept the meet, ... not winning one or two events but winning every event."

But there were other excellent performances in Midland:

In the Jr. 12A age group, Splitz gymnasts to make some noise included the following:

- Haley Moores, third on vault, seventh on bars, sixth on beam and third in all-around;

- Alyssa Schiller took eighth on vault, sixth on beam, fourth on floor and sixth in the all-around scoring;

- Lilly Bentley was third place on vault, ninth on beam and floor and seventh in all-around.

In the Jr. 14A age group, Kirsten Smith (7th, vault; 3rd, bars; 4th all-around) and Shainna Yacoub (5th, floor; 6th all-around; state champ on bars with a 9.325) all had noteworthy showings.

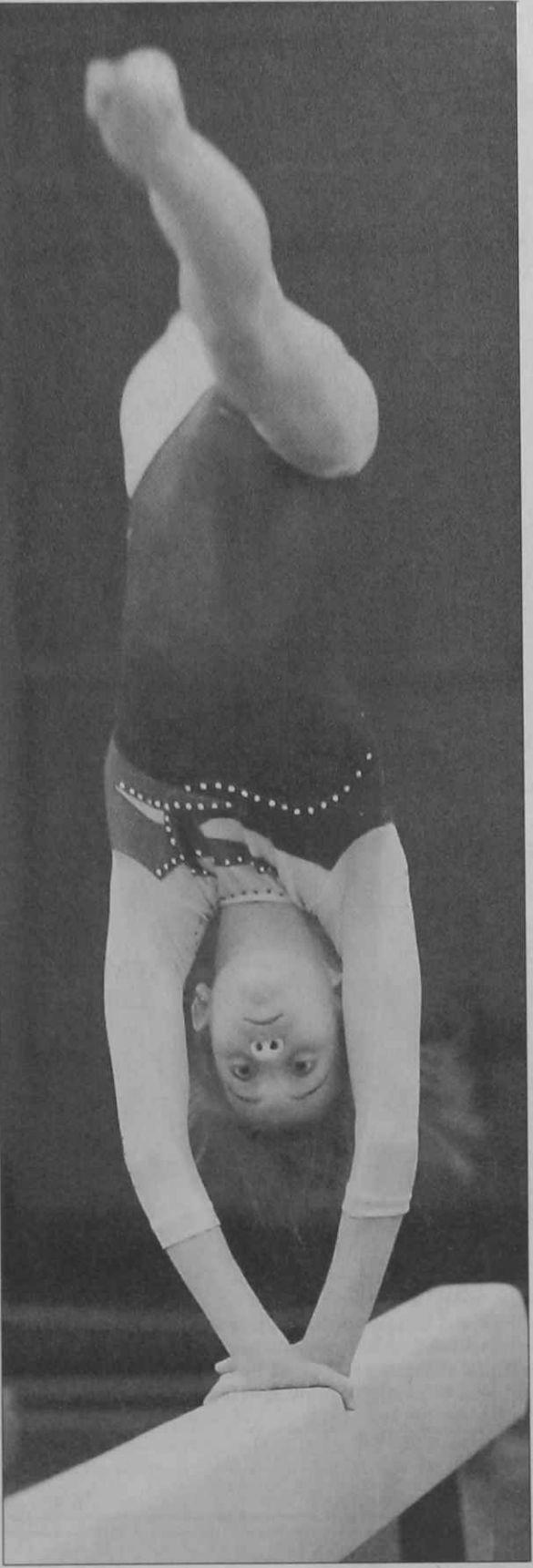
"Justin and I coach these girls and we were very proud of how they did and finished their season," Spicher said.

Maddie and Vanasia are inspiring others at the gym to get after it, too.

"It definitely helps motivate the upper level girls knowing they have these little girls coming up," Spicher said. "A little friendly competition in the gym is always good."

"But they are always happy for each other when someone learns a new skill."

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Perfecting her routine on the balance beam during practice at Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton is Maddie Toal, who won four events at the Region 5 competition last month.

TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

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JOHN GLENN 46

May 4 at John Glenn

Plymouth 1sts: Ruffin, long jump (19-feet, 8.75-inches); Dhaliwal, high jump (6-0); Senkbeil, pole vault (12-10); Brindza, shot put (51-11); Choma, discus (129-2); 3200 relay (Johnson, Eiben, Gielerski, Heck), 8:51; Pilligan, 110 hurdles (15:76 seconds); Porcari, 1600 run (4:40.18); Buzzard, 800 run (1:58.09); Neumann, 3200 run (10:19.74); 1600 relay (Buzzard, Dhaliwal, Porcari, LeMerise), 3:30.51;
2nds: Bockstanz, pole vault (11-6); Birman, shot put (45-8.3); Brindza, discus (122-2); Wilson, 1600 run (4:55.43); Dhaliwal, 400 run (53.21); Deykes, 300 hurdles (43.26); Heck, 800 run (2:04.30); Askew II, 200 dash (23.53); Gierleewski, 3200 run (10:29.96);
3rds: Zuzo, pole vault (10-6); Cohn, shot put (44-5.5); Keys, discus (119-10); Deykes, 110 hurdles (17.29); Askew II, 100 dash (11.37); Neumann, 1600 run (4:55.67); Johnson, 800 run (2:10.18); LeMerise, 200 run (23.89); Wilson, 3200 run (11:25.35).

MIAC JAMBOREE

May 4 at Lutheran Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 183; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 129; 3. Plymouth Christian, 96; 4. Newport Lutheran South, 55; 5. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 6; 6. Birmingham Roeper, 4.

WHITMORE LAKE INVITATIONAL

May 1 at Whitmore Lake

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Whitmore Lake, 129 points; 2. Milan, 92.5; 3. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 91; 4. Michigan Collegiate, 88; 5. South Lyon, 72; 6. Lutheran High Westland, 61.5; 7. Adrian Madison, 35; 8. Plymouth Christian, 34; 9. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 12; 10. Detroit Community, 9.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 7

HARTLAND 2

May 6 at Hartland

No. 1 singles: Allie Carpenter (S) defeated Abby Haughie, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Anna Norman (S) def. Kelsey Retich, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Hope Des Jardins, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 4:** Kerry Macdonald (S) def. Melanie Leonard, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ashley Davis (S) def. Erika Paajanen-Elizabeth Jaros, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Ashley Walker-Mallory Rojo (S) def. Mary Villorot-Kaitlyn Ratliff, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Alex Lamb-Olivia Gonzalez (S) def. Lauren Hall-Jenna Christensen, 6-7(4), 6-1, 7-5; **No. 4:** Kaitlin Slack-Caitlin Distelrath (H) def. Ewa Zajac-Sarah Bellaire, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 5:** Reghan Moore-Allison Beaver (H) def. Emily Simmons-Lindsey Spaulding, 6-4, 7-6(3), 6-2.
Dual match record: Salem, 5-2 overall and 5-2 KLAA.

PLYMOUTH 6

W.L. WESTERN 3

May 6 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Jillian Bean (W) defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Janani Sadasivan (W) def. Priya Joshi, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Vicya Sadasivan, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Anna Saeki (W) def. Kirithi Duraiswamy, 7-6(3), 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong (P) def. Melissa Witkowski-Sam Segal, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(2); **No. 2:** Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson (P) def. Shayna Lickfold-Sophia Shul, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose (P) def. Chelsey Eichler-Megan Blaze, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Annie McKenzie-Iulia Fratila (P) def. Caribel Andrade-Emily Wang, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 5:** Jahnavi Patel-Mariah Tesarz (P) def. Ashley Lucas-Ashley Lustre, 6-4, 6-0.
Dual match record: Plymouth, 5-2 overall and 5-2 KLAA.

BRIGHTON 7

PLYMOUTH 2

May 4 at Brighton

No. 1 singles: Taylor Parrish (B) defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Julia Peterson (B) def. Priya Joshi, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Kelsey Moellmann, 6-3, 6-7, 10-1; **No. 4:** Lia Mancuso (B) def. Kirithi Duraiswamy, 6-1, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Emily VanNorman-Mary Wojtala (B) def. Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 2:** Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson (P) def. Shannon Urban-Rebekah Wright, 7-5, 6-3; **No. 3:** Katie Ayaub-Aubry Russell (B) def. Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 4:** Rachel Raneses-Alyssa Pratt (B) def. Annie McKenzie-Iulia Fratila, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 5:** Courtney Logghe-Maddie Heatley (B) def. Mandy Martin-Mariah Tesarz, 7-5, 7-6(1).

Madonna ties record with 43rd win

The No. 11-ranked Madonna University baseball team tied the program record for victories in a season on Thursday with a sweep of Rochester College.

MU, now 43-7 overall, took the opener, 7-0, before completing the sweep with a 5-4 walk-off win in the nightcap at Ilitch Ballpark to close out the 2010 regular season.

MU's 43 wins this season ties the 1993 squad for the most victories in school history. The Crusaders have now posted 30 or more wins in the last seven seasons and the 43 triumphs are the most since the 2005 team registered 40.

Dan Harder's RBI single scored Steve Pelletier in the bottom of the seventh to complete the sweep.

Harder went 2-for-2, while Mike Gansser added two hits and an RBI.

MU used fourth pitchers with Kyle Bolton

going the final two innings to improve to 8-0 overall.

In the first game, MU racked up 13 hits as lead-off man Ted Toune went 3-for-3, including his ninth homer of the season, to go along with two RBI.

Jeff Bultinck went 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Spencer Sarel contributed two hits.

The Crusaders used three pitchers - John Ballarin, Jeremy Gooding and Sam Haldane - to combine for the 6-hit shutout.

Ballarine went the first three innings followed by Gooding, who went the next three to improve to 8-1 on the year. The two combined for eight strikeouts and no walks.

Rochester falls to 16-31 overall.

MU, winners of its last 23-of-26 games, will open the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs beginning at 10 a.m. Monday against Concordia University at Ilitch Ballpark.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, May 10

Canton at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Washtenaw, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

Ply. Christian at Roeper, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12

Novi at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
Canton at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth (2), 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

Franklin Road at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

(all double-headers unless noted)

Salem vs. Plymouth (makeup date, Strike out Prostate Cancer), 11 a.m.
Lumen Christi at Canton, 12 noon.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, May 10

Canton at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

Pontiac Acad. at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy (2), 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12

Canton at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Novi at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth (2), 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

Franklin Road at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Ladywood at Warren Regina (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Madonna Tournament, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, May 10

Ply. Christian at Lutheran High South, 4:30 p.m.

Greenhills at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Ladywood at Royal Oak, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Ply. Christian at University Liggett, 4:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.

Salem at S.L. East, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Roeper at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Tuesday, May 11

South Lyon at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 3:45 p.m.

MIAC Jamboree at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Kensington Conf. Meet at Novi, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

River Rat Relays at A.A. Huron, 9:30 a.m.
Warrior Inv. at Luth. Westland, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS GOLF

Monday, May 10

W. Wayne Inv. at Walnut Creek, 11 a.m.
John Glenn vs. Canton at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.

Wayne vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

Salem vs. S.L. East at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

Wayne vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12

Northville vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Plymouth

at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.

Franklin vs. Canton at Lodi Wld G.C., 3 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Plymouth vs. Bedford Hills (JV), 8 a.m.

Wayne County Inv. at Dearborn C.C., 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 15

MIAC Tourney at Lutheran N. West, TBA.

Bedford Inville at Legacy G.C., 9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Monday, May 10

Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

KLAA crossover at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at KLAA crossover, 4 p.m.
KLAA crossover at Canton, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12

Ladywood vs. F.H. Harrison at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Kensington Conf. Tourney at Novi, 9 a.m.

Catholic League Tourney, TBA.

BOYS LACROSSE

Monday, May 10

Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12

University-Liggett at Canton (JV Field), 7 p.m.

Saline at Plymouth (Varsity Field), 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

Salem at Lincoln, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Wednesday, May 12

PCS at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

PCS vs. Huron Valley at Milford Stadium, 7 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

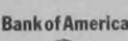


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MASSEY

FROM PAGE B1

The Chiefs scored in the top of the first when centerfielder Lauren Leskovitz (2-for-6) singled to left to score courtesy runner Sarah Wagner and that run held up until the bottom of the seventh.

But that was it, with Canton not taking advantage of the few scoring chances they had.

In the sixth, Lee loaded the bases by hitting a batter and serving singles to CarolAnn Sexauer and Leskovitz. The threat fizzled, however, when the next batter bunted into a double play.

"We didn't hit the ball as well as I thought we should," Arnold said. "We were a little anxious. But we'll rebound."

Also strong was Canton's Dunleavy, who fanned 14 Salem batters while scattering 11 hits (3 each by Lee and Salem catcher Alexis Powell). Dunleavy nearly blanked the Rocks, but gave up the tying single to Jenny First with two out in the seventh to score Kelly Janiczek (2-for-5).

RIISING TO THE OCCASION

Salem nearly made it 1-1 in the fourth when Lee (3-for-5) drove a liner over the Canton centerfielder's head.

Lee rounded third and headed home in a bid for a homer, but the Chiefs worked a perfect relay — Leskovitz to shortstop Sexauer to catcher Jessica Lerner (who slapped a tag on Lee's arm).

With red-and-white balloons on one side of the diamond, blue-and-white balloons on the other and plenty of Canton and Salem alums in the stands, the marathon game (more than 3 hours) was fitting for such a festive setting.

At the center of it all was the showdown between Lee and Dunleavy, each pitching as if the game wouldn't be decided until dawn.

"You had two of the best pitchers in the league pitching today," Southerland said. "It's always a great game, it's a lot of fun and it's such a good rivalry."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eagle eye

Eying her target during Thursday's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference softball game is Plymouth Christian Academy sophomore pitcher Katie McCormick. Unfortunately for the Eagles, Huron Valley Lutheran was a bit better, taking the game 16-2 in five innings. PCA dropped to 4-7 overall with the defeat.

Canton bats boom in sweep

Canton couldn't be stopped Wednesday, rolling to a softball doubleheader sweep against KLAA South rival Livonia Franklin, 10-0 and 11-8.

The victories gave the Chiefs a 14-0 record, including 8-0 in the KLAA, entering Thursday's game against Salem (*see related story*).

"It was a team effort, they don't give up," said Canton head coach Jim Arnold. "Our hitting has been exceptional."

Senior pitcher Amy Dunleavy allowed just two hits and fanned nine Patriots in Game 1, which ended after five innings due to the

mercy rule.

The Chiefs collected 15 hits, with Sam Partain (4-for-4), CarolAnn Sexauer (3-for-3) and Katie Mattson (3-for-3) doing most of the damage.

In the nightcap, Canton broke an 8-8 tie with three runs in the eighth for the victory.

Consecutive hits by Dunleavy, Jesse Webster and Partain followed an inning-opening error to account for the runs. Partain drove in all three with a double to center.

Partain and Sexauer led the Chiefs' attack, each going 2-for-5. Partain drove in three runs while Sexauer knocked in two.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Plymouth grid meeting

Next season's Plymouth Wildcats football players and their parents are invited to attend a mandatory meeting slated from 6:30-to-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School. Head coach Mike Sawchuk and his entire staff will be introduced and parents will receive "all the important paperwork necessary for your student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season." Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth football boosters club, also will speak about getting involved with that program as well as fundraising responsibilities. Sawchuk stated in a letter to parents about the May 25 meeting that the 2010 season is "just around the corner and we are as fired up as ever to continue our excellence on and off of the field." Any questions, please contact Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 or via e-mail at Mike.Sawchuk@pcemail.net.

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NEIGHBORS

Not bugged by acting: Seniors prove they've 'still got it' on stage

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Joanna McKay hadn't performed since high school when she joined a community theater troupe a few years ago.

But at 73, the Canton woman, like the other actors in Still Got It Players, possessed life experience, a plus when developing characters for the stage.

"You're never too old. Whatever dreams you have, as long as you have the fortitude to move around, you can do anything you want," said McKay, now 76.

That enthusiasm and life experience sets senior actors apart from the pack, says Debbie Lannen, who directs Still Got It Players, a performance group for age 50 and up.

"They're a unique group to direct. What's nice is they do have experiences that are totally different from kids. They've been through it," Lannen said.

"When one of the characters says he enlisted in the army in 1965 and another (mentions) Vietnam, of course these guys remember that. They lived through it."

Lannen, former performing arts coordinator for Novi and a seasoned director, convinced Spotlight Players in Canton to take the Still Got It Players under its wing last year. The troupe's first show was in August 2009. It's gearing up for its second production, a set of four one-act plays, Wednesday-Saturday, May 12-15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill,



"Dinner Plans" features Pat Watson, (left) Madeline Carpenter, Bella Glenn, and Caroline Zamarka.

Canton. Show times are 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, 19-59; \$13 for seniors, 60 and up and students under 19; and \$12 per ticket for groups of 15 or more. They're available by phone at (734) 394-5460, online at www.canton-mi.org/village theater, or at the door.

The one-act plays are *How to Marry the Minister*, *Dinner Plans*, *The Committee* and *At Half Time*.

"They are hilarious," Lannen said. She selects plays that both an older audience and senior cast will enjoy.

"Choosing a play can be hard — just the actual logistics of being on stage. The last time around we had them on a platform, but they were used to working on a flat floor. We had one lady in her 80s, we had to make sure we had a stage hand there to help her down."

Working with elderly actors requires some adjustment in staging, as well as the performance material. Lannen prefers shorter plays because the material is easier to memorize.

"The first one we did last year went off very well. The seniors who auditioned and were involved loved it. Most came back and re-auditioned this time."

"It's a new concept. Whenever there's a senior group in the area, they seem to do musical revues and the senior might only be in one or two numbers in a two-hour show. We went with acting. This way, they have more to do in an actual production. We might do a full length play at



Lanna Collins, (left) Lee Thomas and Robin Hoover rehearse "How To Marry the Minister."

some time, but if we do we'll stick to a farce."

McKay, who plays a "grouchy" member of a senior women's basketball league in *At Half Time*, said she loves keeping active and is involved in everything from playing cards to Wii bowling to the Red Hat Society. Family and friends will watch her perform this week, like they did last year. She also performed with the now defunct senior troupe at the Summit in Canton for a few seasons.

She said "the thrill of being on stage and having a big family so a lot of people are there" compels her to continue acting. She loves hearing grandchildren say "Do it again, Grandma."

Tom Strock, 70, also of Canton, worked with the Summit senior players for a few years before joining both Still Got It Players and the Spotlight Players. Before that he'd acted in high school plays.

"I thought it was nice to portray different characters when I was in high school so long ago. I always thought, watching films on TV, it's kind of neat being an actor. They are able to play different characters and remember lines. I thought it's a wonderful profession," said Strock, who worked in the insurance industry for 31 years.

He portrays a man eager to join a senior housing complex in *The Committee* this week and plans to continue acting.

"It's enjoyable to take on a new role and meet up with people you've known from other productions."

To learn more about auditioning for a Still Got It Players show, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org and click on Still Got It.

Livonia actors perform reader's theater

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Patti Wachtel promises that "everyone will recognize themselves" in the humorous readings her cast of senior actors will perform Friday, May 14 in Livonia.

Diva and Drama Queens, the Livonia Civic Park Senior drama group, will read three short comedies, including "Ladies at Lunch" which offers a mix of recognizable characters from "the whiner" to the perfectionist.

The free Reader's Theater performance starts at 1 p.m. and runs about a half hour at the senior center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Reserve a spot by calling (734) 466-2555.

Wachtel, a recreation director at the center, selected reader's theater scripts that are written specifically for a senior cast and audience.

"I was new to the center last year and wanted to add programs. I added creative writing and I threw it (reader's theater) out there to see if they'd jump at

it. And they did," said Wachtel, who has experience in community theater.

The cast, which ranges in age from "late 50s" to 91, is costumed and uses props.

"We carry the script and have action," Wachtel explained. "I have two men and six women. One man came to bring his friend for the play and he was going to sit and read while she practiced, but he read twice and he was hooked."

"It's really neat because they are bonding as a group. They practice one day a week for about an hour and a half. It's different from community theatre where you're practicing every night."


As of last week, 50 friends and family members had signed up to see the show.

Wachtel said the group will take the summer off and tackle new reader's scripts in September for a fall performance.

Activities, including Diva and Drama Queens, at the Civic Park Senior Center are open to all seniors. There are no residency requirements. Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Arthritis Today

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CURRENT TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Doctors treating rheumatoid arthritis have an usually large number of therapeutic choices. Over fourteen drugs fit into the class called Disease Modifying Anti Rheumatic Drugs (DMARDs) that is, medications with the ability to halt the arthritis.

Experience shows that two medications - methotrexate and a drug from the Anti-TNF group - form the combination most likely to stop rheumatoid related inflammation.

The problems with using methotrexate + an Anti-TNF are twofold. One is the possible side effects. They include susceptibility to tuberculosis, gastritis, possible increase in the risk of cancer, particularly lymphoma, hepatitis, rash, mouth sores, and an increased change of developing spinal cord conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis.

The second problem is the cost. Methotrexate is inexpensive, a three month supply of the injectable form is \$34. Unfortunately, the Anti-TNF runs between \$1500-\$2200 a month, or nearly \$24,000 a year. Patient assistance programs exist to help patients with inadequate funds and/or health insurance policies insufficient to carry the expense. However, these assistance programs have limits on what they offer.

Furthermore, the physician must monitor the methotrexate and Anti-TNF combination by laboratory tests on a four week basis. This surveillance brings added expense. Finally, the requirement that the patient see the doctor on a monthly basis carries a cost that cannot be ignored even if it cannot be calculated.

Until medical science develops good therapy that also includes low cost with less risk, doctors must direct treatment of rheumatoid arthritis in a narrow line between side effects and expense.

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Art – the road to a brighter future, panelists say

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Could art be a catalyst for change? The answer was an overwhelming yes as leaders of the arts community and state Sen. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, took part in a lively discussion on Wednesday at Daimler Financial Services Americas Headquarters in Farmington Hills.

This is the second year Daimler hosted the evening to promote the arts as a road to a brighter future. Lora Viranda, Daimler Diversity and Communications manager, said part of a successful business is continuing to be innovative.

"The goal at Daimler is we want to see positive change in the community," said Viranda of Berkley. "It's a challenging economic time in Michigan. We need to have creative solutions. The arts can inspire these new ideas. We have to think about business, the economy in a different way. It's critical that the arts community continue to have a strong presence."

The consensus was the arts inspire creative thinking. Franz Reiner, CEO and president of Daimler Financial Services, opened the discussion: "Art is something special that drives diversity, innovation and creativity."

'CATALYST FOR CHANGE'

"Art can be a catalyst for change," said Reed Kroloff, director of Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. "I came from New Orleans and saw art and designers take a city smashed by nature and revitalize it."

It was Jurgen Walker, then Daimler Financial Services chairman, who approached Cranbrook with an interest in forming a partnership in 2001 to display contemporary art. Today, a number of programs benefit students and Daimler. A yearlong exhibit of 60 works allows graduate students to show paintings, prints, and mixed media while providing a creative



Reed Kroloff, director of Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, makes a point at last week's panel on the arts.

environment for employees.

"As a company we're part of the community and thought how can we use our facility here to discover what the role of art can be, to see what can come out of it," said James Ryan, director of communications and corporate marketing, and discussion moderator. "We want to inspire in a creative way, use art as a platform."

Panel members agreed that education in music, visual arts and theater develops future leaders. Among those in the audience was Pamela Good, founder of Beyond Basics which brings art and tutoring to students at Thirkell Elementary in Detroit. She is grateful for Daimler funding.

"Daimler is committed to education, literacy and the arts," said Good of Birmingham. "I found Beyond Basics after realizing the vast difference in public education. These children are mostly behind in school because they can't read. Art is essential to breaking down that aversion to reading."

Carol Hofgartner believes equally in the value of art. In 2004, she founded Art Road, a nonprofit that



PHOTOS BY JOE ALDINI

Carol and Stephen Hofgartner, founders of Art Road. The Hofgartners are Livonia residents.

introduces clay and various media to 400 children at Edison Elementary School in Detroit every week.

Daimler is a corporate sponsor for Art Road and several programs in Metro Detroit. Hofgartner estimates only half of Detroit schools have art and music.

"Art gave me my start in life," said Hofgartner, a Livonia resident with a master's degree in architecture. "Art is intrinsic to our beings."

HANDS-ON EFFORT

Next week, 50 Daimler employees are going to Art Road to help create five Art Dogs that can be taken out into the community to illustrate program benefits. A couple of years ago, 40 employees renovated the art room and greenhouse and created an art gallery.

The large-than-life Art Dog on display was created by 125 of the elementary students. It stood next to

seating for the panel of Reed Kroloff, Clarke, Rick Sperling, founder of Mosaic Youth Theatre, Aaron Dworkin, founder of the Sphinx Organization, and Terry Blackhawk, founder of InsideOut Literary Arts Project that sends poets into Detroit Public Schools. Andrew Barnhill, a University of Detroit Jesuit High School senior who works with DPS elementary students as part of InsideOut, preceded the discussion by reciting a poem inspired by the experience.

"The publication of the children's work, the beauty of their ideas brings everybody together," said Blackhawk during the discussion.

Sperling proudly spoke of the fact that 95 percent of children in Mosaic Youth Theatre go on to college. He founded the nonprofit in 1992 to provide performing arts training for youth. Students have gone on to perform on Broadway as well as to

practice law.

"Arts are the window to those opportunities," said Sperling. "Whether they go into the arts or not that experience changes them. It's really important now that arts have got to make the case everyday why art is important to students, to everybody. It's about creating great people."

Dworkin believes that engaging in the arts is essential to students becoming "well-rounded" adults. Sphinx offers music programming and an annual competition for African American and Latino youth.

"We need to prove the value of the arts to academic testing," said Dworkin, who received bachelor's and master's of music degrees in violin performance from the University of Michigan. "Funding for the arts for the entire country is equal to the city of Berlin."

Blackhawk urged the audience to "become involved in their schools and communities, to be an ambassador for the arts."

Clarke learned firsthand the importance of self-expression. He was the first person in his family to go to college because of an arts scholarship. He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Cornell University before receiving a law degree from Georgetown University.

Growing up, his east side neighborhood was decimated by heroin and a myriad of problems. He thinks the answer is "to transform cities through the arts."

"We have to change the mindset," said Clarke. "Knowledge is overrated. Artistic expression is the direct path to being enlightened."

Sphinx laureate John Sanderson closed the program with a performance of two violin pieces including Bach Fugue in G Minor, rivaling the inspiration of Clarke's final words.

"Contact your elected officials. Consider running for office. Change the system. Get elected and vote for (arts) funding."

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uct and material choices, answers on renovation values and inspiring ideas for design.

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REUNION CALENDAR

Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Andover High School
Class of 1970
Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Cis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com

Dearborn Heights Haston High
Class of 1965
45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Detroit Cody
Classes from 1950-1969
Annual picnic for all '50s-'60s Cody Comets and friends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland. BYOB and bring a chair; organizing committee will supply music and memorabilia. The Optomystics will perform. Door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels and music CDs will be available. Free parking for classic cars. No need to register - just show up. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

Class of 1965
Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkoski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie
Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960
50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166)

Detroit Pershing
Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. Call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School
Class of 1970
Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Class of 1980
30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River, Farmington. Contact Kelly McDonald at kelly_ths1980@yahoo.com and Farmington High School Michigan Class of 1980 on Facebook

Garden City High School
Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East
Class of 1964
Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweet1t2001@yahoo.com

Garden City West
Class of 1970
40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ for \$50 per person. Classmates from 1968-72 also invited. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Stevenson
Class of 1975
35th reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Attire is dressy/casual. Cost is \$30 per person through PayPal or by check in advance or \$40 at the door. Send checks to Stevenson Class Reunion, 115 Continental Road, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518. Send PayPal payments to payments@institutionalmarkets.com. Send e-mail correspondence to stevensonglassof75@yahoo.com. (845) 534-2228

Oak Park High School
Class of 1980
30th reunion, July 2-4; for informa-

tion, e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Plymouth Canton, Salem
Class of 1980
Joint 30th reunion with golf outing Sept. 3 and evening gathering.

Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its Web site visit <http://home.comcast.net/~1980cantonsalem/site/>. Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping certain public improvements in the City, including a) street, streetscape and sidewalk improvements, with traffic signal upgrades, in the Downtown Development Authority District; and b) geothermal ice production, heating and cooling improvements for the Plymouth Cultural Center, together with all related site and utility improvements, appurtenances and attachments.

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THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Linda Langmesser
City Clerk, City of Plymouth

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Camps set for cancer survivors

The American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, will offer two camping programs, free of charge, this summer for cancer survivors, age 4-15.

Young Camper's Day is a one-day program offered for children, 4-6 and will be held Sunday, June 20. Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a week-long summer camping experience held June 20-25 for children, 7-15. Both the Young Camper's Day and Camp Catch-A-Rainbow programs are held at the YMCA Storer Camps near Jackson, where children have access to activities such as swimming, horseback riding, canoeing, arts and crafts, and much more.

Health care professionals are available at the camp 24 hours a day, so most medical treatments, with the exception of radiation

therapy, can be done on-site or at a nearby cancer center.

"The commitment of our volunteer doctors and nurses enable us to offer this unique camping experience, while ensuring the wellness of all of our campers who have unique health needs," said Kathleen Wilson, program manager of Childhood Cancers for the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division.

With a physician's approval, registration applications for young cancer patients and survivors are being accepted through May 28 for the Young Camper's Day and Camp Catch-A-Rainbow.

Application forms are available by calling the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or visiting www.cancer.org/campinbow.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org. They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: January 19, February 23, March 9 & 23, April 20, May 11 & 25, June 22

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Township Clerk

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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 **District-Wide HVAC Air Filters**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741. For technical information, please contact Gene Montayne of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2962. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, May 20, 2010 to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: District-Wide HVAC Air Filter bid) located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, where they will be opened and publicly read. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 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
Nancy Eggenberger, 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 Audio-Video Equipment for the Salem High School. Bid documents will be available electronically on or after May 6, 2010 from the District's technology consultant: Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. located at 28001 Cabot Drive, Suite 110, Novi, MI 48377 by calling (248) 848-0123 or via email request to eprzywara@thai.com (request document 208089.01). A pre-bid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center on May 24, 2010 at 2:00 PM.

Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and must be clearly marked "SALEM HIGH SCHOOL AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT" and must be received no later than 2:00 PM local time on Friday, May 28, 2010 at which time they will be opened and read publicly. The PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Building is located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. For additional information, contact Jim Casteel, Director of Integrated Technology at (734) 416-2708. The Board of Education for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

WEEDS AND GRASSES TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

This shall serve as formal notice to all property owners and occupants of the City of Plymouth, MI.

In accordance with International Property Maintenance Code 2006, Section 302.4, and Section 18-756 of the Plymouth City Code, as adopted by the City of Plymouth, it shall be the duty of **every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land** within the City of Plymouth, to cut and destroy all noxious weeds and grasses upon said land, or shall cause the same to be done, as often as necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Failure or refusal to comply allows the City to enter upon said lands and mow the weeds and grasses. The City of Plymouth will bill the property owner a minimum of \$125.00 per mow for the service.

The ordinance is in effect from May 15 - August 1, 2009 without further notice to the property owners.

Any questions can be directed to the Code Enforcement Officer at 734-453-1234. Additional information can be found at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
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MILESTONES



Helen Sliwka is surrounded by her great-grandchildren. Jordyn Barnes of Plymouth is pictured left and Brook Dolkowski of Canton, right. Gathered behind her are Alexys Kraus (left), Courtney Dolkowski, Brittany Dolkowski, Justin Dolkowski, Aaron Dolkowski, holding Jake Barnes of Plymouth, and Troy Dolkowski, all of Canton.

CELEBRATING WITH FAMILY

Helen Sliwka of Dearborn Heights celebrated her 95th birthday, Dec. 25, 2009, with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her daughters are Patricia Kraus and Nancy Dolkowski, both of Canton.

"She considers herself very lucky and loves them all," Dolkowski said, adding that the nine great-grandchildren range in age from 21 to 2 1/2.

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Horton of Plymouth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Michael Maurer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maurer of Plymouth.

Both Jennifer and Michael are Plymouth-Canton Educational Park graduates. Jennifer graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in special education and teaches at Tonda Elementary School in Canton. Michael also graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in business



Horton-Maurer

hospitality and works for US Foodservice.

A June 2011 wedding is planned.

OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Alison Barney and Eric Sadi announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Karen Barney of Farmington Hills, is a Harrison High School graduate. She attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., and earned a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising from Laboratory Institute of Merchandising in New York City, N.Y.

She currently is product development manager at Jones Apparel Group in New York City.

Her fiancé, son of Michael and Meg Sadi of Greenwich, Conn., earned a bachelor's



Barney-Sadi

degree in communications and is working on his MBA at University of Connecticut. He is assistant vice president of leasing at Simon Property Group in New York City.

An October 2010 wedding is planned in Monroe, Conn.

COLIN DAVID SARNS

Colin David Sarns was born March 16, 2010, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Proud parents are David and Bianca Sarns of Westland. Grandparents are Ron and Maryann Baase of Willis Township and Russ and Judy Sarns of Livonia. Mariam Mackinder of Novi is Colin's great-grandmother.



Colin David Sarns

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

NATIVE PLANTS


Carol Clements, Nankin Mills naturalist, will point out native Michigan plants, including those that have a special attraction for butterflies, during the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m., May 19, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Wear appropriate clothing. Parking on Hines Drive. and Ann Arbor Trail. \$3.00 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

GARDEN WALK


Visit six gardens with soothing waterfalls and ponds, unique art and ornamentation, and a diverse array of magnificent plants, trees, and shrubs at the Ann Arbor Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 12. Tickets for the 20th annual event are on sale at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, among other locations. They cost \$12 for adults, and \$3 for students K-12. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at a cost of \$15 per adult, and for \$3 students K-12. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens, and additional pictures, are online at www.annarborfarmandgarden.org/events/garden-walk.

In Loving Memory


This Special Mother's Day!




Geraldine "Gennie" Ministrelli
May 30, 1927 - Feb. 12, 2010
You will always be our shining star. We love you and miss you every minute of everyday. Your unconditional love, hugs, kisses, laughter, beautiful smile, loving spirit and gentleness will be in our hearts and lives forever. Love, Hugs and Kisses, Your Loving Family XXXX
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Jennie Christine Sandell
June 6, 1933 - November 15, 2009
Your family misses you greatly this Mother's Day along with each and every day that passes.
- Diane, Dennis, Ed, Joni and your loving husband, Bill.
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Kay 'Marceau' Dowd
Oct 26, 1948-Mar 15, 2005
We can't believe it has been 5 yrs since our Mom, Gram Gram and friend has been gone. We are forever saddened by the milestones she has missed & will continue to be absent from in this life. It hasn't been the same without you! We love & miss you MOM!!! Love, Brenda, Jack, Angie, Stacy, Mike, Danielle, Nate, Caden & Abby
OE0869103



Betty Sobkowiak
Aug. 29, 1935 - Aug. 31, 1995
You are in our hearts and memories everyday.
We Love and Miss You.
Your Loving husband John and children Deborah, Susan, Nancy, Judith, Robert, Patricia and Catherine
OE0869114

GWYNETH PLETZKE
Aug. 8th, 2009
Happy Mother's Day Mom!
We miss you everyday!
Love Always,
Your Family
OE0869138



DELOS F. (FRED) HAMLIN, JR.

82, of Pentwater, died unexpectedly in Venice, Florida on April 26, 2010. Fred was born on March 21, 1928 in Farmington, Michigan to Delos F. Hamlin, Sr. and Mildred E. (Hartz) Hamlin. After graduating from Farmington High School in 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for two years where he spent one year in office training at Colgate University in New York. He then attended and graduated from Michigan State University with a business degree in 1950. At the start of the Korean War, Fred enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a First Lieutenant, was Squadron Adjutant with the 376th Bombardment Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, and graduated from flight school in 1952. On June 22, 1952, Fred married Patricia A. McCarthy in Fort Worth, Texas. He was then stationed in Japan where he flew B-24's during the Korean War. At the end of the war, Fred and Pat moved back to Farmington where he worked as a sporting goods salesman for a couple of years. In 1957, Fred took over the bowling business established by his father known as Farmington Lanes. For many years, Fred was instrumental in the growth and development of youth bowling when he established an after-school program where he taught thousands of elementary school children the sport of bowling. In 1969, Fred was named Proprietor of the Year in recognition for having the most sanctioned youth bowlers in the State of Michigan. It was also in 1969 that he, Pat and his five children discovered Pentwater during a family camping trip, purchased a cottage on Pentwater Lake and made it their summer home. In 1972, they joined the Pentwater Yacht Club and for several years Fred was head of their junior sailing program. Fred was also a member of the Pentwater Men's Service Club. In 1984, Fred retired from Farmington Lanes and made Pentwater his permanent home. Not one to sit idle, in 1987 he purchased another bowling center in Whitehall, Michigan until 1994. After 39 years together, Pat preceded Fred in death on November 22, 1991. He then married Mildred (Millie) Petersen on December 4, 1992. Fred took great pride in overseeing and managing the family's 1,900 acre deer camp, also established by his father, in Clare, Michigan. He was a passionate proponent of land, forest and wildlife management and conservation, and so that it would remain in its natural state in perpetuity, he placed the property with the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy. In recognition of his other conservation efforts, he was named Conservationist of the Year. He also enjoyed gardening, cooking, playing Bridge and reading. Fred will be greatly missed by his wife Millie; children Barbara (John) Manak of Hart, Robert (Cathy) Hamlin of Muskegon, James (Donna) Hamlin of Fowlerville, Linda Harris of Hartland, and Steven Hamlin of Muskegon; sisters Ruth (David) Clark of Muskegon and Jane (Tony) Byers of Catonsville, MD; grandchildren Michael and Amber Hamlin, Troy, Alex and Tricia Harris, Mark Wite and Miesha (Brian) Landers; great-grandchildren Christopher Hamlin, Allena Wite and Jackson and Sophia Landers; step-grandchildren Kristen Walter and Corey and Collin Bradford; stepsons Mike (Val) Petersen, Mark (Connie) Petersen and Marty Petersen; step great-grandchildren Mira Lee, Layne Brooks and Estella Petersen, and many other family members and friends. A memorial service for Fred will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Pentwater with Father Sam Morrison officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Clare.



ELIZABETH J. HULL

Age 86, of Redford Twp., passed away May 6, 2010. Visitation Tuesday, May 11 from 4-7pm with a memorial service at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.

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CATHERINE M. ANDERSON (nee. RODRIGUEZ)

May 16, 1927-May 1, 2010 following a multiple year battle with brain cancer. A resident of Bloomfield Hills, Catherine was born and raised in New York City and was the first in her family to earn a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Queens College in New York. Shortly after graduation, Catherine pursued a career in actuarial services, working for a large insurance company in New York before relocating to Michigan with her husband, Robert Anderson. Shortly after their arrival in the Detroit area, Catherine focused her attention on the fashion industry, becoming a widely recognized runway model and commentator for more than four decades with credits in industrial and commercial films as well as broadcast media where she was regularly featured on a variety of programs. She was an accomplished swimmer and demonstrated interests and athletic abilities in a number of sports, including skiing, golf, flying and equestrian activities, which she shared and enjoyed with her family and friends. A classically trained dancer, singer and performance artist, Catherine continuously held a deep appreciation for the arts. She was a member of several arts organizations throughout Michigan and frequently volunteered her services at local and community theatres. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society. Wife of the late Robert S. Dear mother of Elise Anderson, Stephanie Clugston (William) and the late Patrice Retzlaff. Grandmother of William and Matthew Clugston. Services will be held privately. Family suggests memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. view obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ISABEL ISHERWOOD

Age 95, Passed away May 3, 2010 at home in Garden City. She was preceded in death by loving husband, Edward. Beloved mother of May Rourke, James and Robert. Dear grandmother of Dennis & Kathy, and great-grandmother of Ashley & Bailey. The family would like to thank the caring staff of Angela Hospice. Private funeral services were held, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Please share a memory on the on-line guestbook at www.rggharris.com.



NATHAN LaMONICA

Age 39. Passed away suddenly on May 5, 2010. Beloved son of Samuel Jr (Debra) & Margaret. Dear brother to Samuel III (Theresa) & Lance (Maria) & step-sister Melanie. Proud uncle to Samuel IV (Wendy) & Daniel (Maggie). Special friend to Erin. Family will receive friends at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia, Monday 2-9pm. Funeral Service at Funeral Home Tuesday 11am. The family would appreciate donations to Michigan Humane Society or Rescue Group of choice. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

LOIS MARTENS
Age 73, of Fulton and Gun Lake died January 27. From 1970-81, she resided in Livonia and was a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. She was graduated from Schoolcraft College in 1975 and the University of Michigan in 1980. Lois practiced as a registered nurse at Grace Northwest Hospital from 1975-81. Her survivors include her husband of 52 years, Ron, and three children, Alan Martens, Camille Subject and Nathan Martens. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 23 at the First Presbyterian Church of Richland. Please visit: www.avinkremation.com for a complete obituary, share a memory or send condolences.

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STEPHEN R. MATHERS

Age 60, passed away April 4, 2010 at his home in St. Petersburg Florida. Loving Father of Stephanie, Kimberly and Benjamin Mathers. Beloved son of Robert and Shirley Mathers. Dearest brother of Michael Mathers (Annette), Cindy Smith (Brian) and Jeffery Mathers (Allyson). Dear uncle to one niece, three nephews and 6 great nieces and nephews. Dear friend of Pamela. Mr. Mathers, a longtime resident of the Detroit area, was a graduate of Michigan State University where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. Family will be receiving friends Saturday May 22, 2010 1-4pm with a Celebration of Life Service at 2pm, Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon, MI. Arrangements entrusted to Girrbach-Krasan Funeral Home (Southgate Chapel) 15748 Fort St.



BARBARA ELLEN TERBERG

Age 81 of Plymouth, May 4, 2010. Beloved wife of Edwin. Dear mother of Paulette (Thomas) Duggin, Raynette (Timothy) Blome, Jeffrey, Richard (Karen), Robert (Julie), and Scott. Also leaves sister-in-law Nancy (Roger) Sutliff. She was preceded in death by infant daughter Barbetta. Proud grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of twenty. Family and friends will gather Saturday May 15, from 10 AM until the 11 AM memorial service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions to the church would be appreciated by the family. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Community unites to fight rare disease

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Judy Nissan hopes to raise \$50,000 in less than three months.

That's a lofty goal for most people, but the Canton wife and mother of three is driven by a passion to save her loved ones' lives.

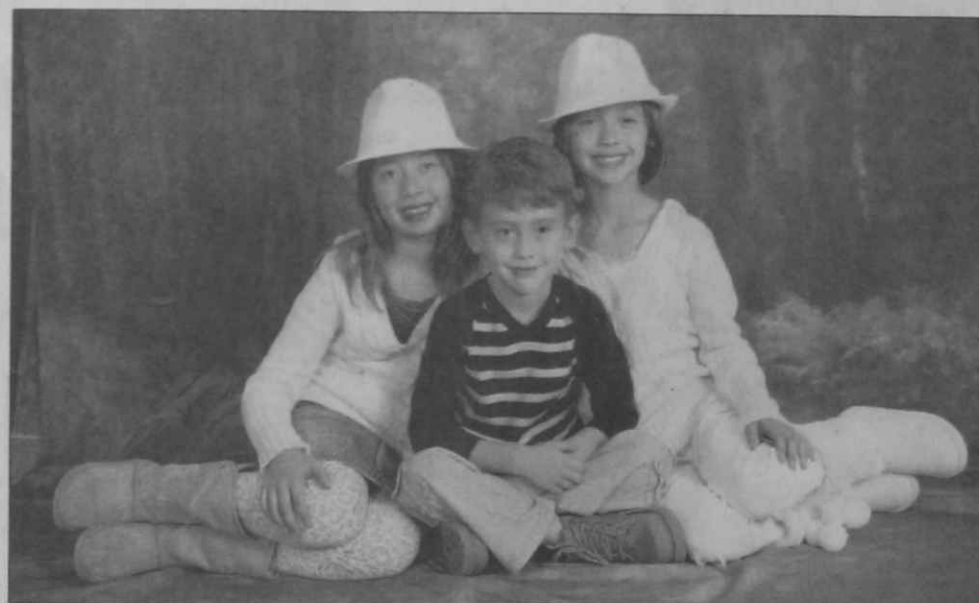
Her husband, Clay, and oldest daughter, Sydney, 10, have been diagnosed with a rare disease called hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT), also known as Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome. Her youngest child, Jared, 7, is showing symptoms and only time will tell if her youngest daughter, Sierra, 9, will display signs of the hereditary disease.

"Emotionally, financially and physically, it's devastating when it comes into your family," Nissan said. "The hard part is knowing that there is a cure out there, but when you're only raising pennies every year ... it could take forever before we see anything. There's no federal funding for it."

Described as "the silent killer" HHT affects about 50,000-70,000 individuals in the United States and 1.2 million worldwide, according to the HHT Foundation International. The multi-system blood vessel disorder results in death or disability for 20 percent of the affected population. Half of the children with a parent afflicted by the disease inherit the gene.

According to the foundation, an individual with HHT forms blood vessels that lack the capillaries, which connect arteries and veins. That means arterial blood under high pressure flows directly into a vein without first having to squeeze through the very small capillaries. As a result, the place where an artery is connected directly to a vein tends to be a fragile site that can rupture and result in bleeding. The abnormal site is called a telangiectasia if it involves small blood vessels. It's called an arteriovenous malformation (AVM) if it involves larger blood vessels.

Telangiectases tend to occur on the skin and the mucous membrane that lines the nose. AVMs usually occur in the



The Nissan children of Canton

HHT FUND-RAISERS

• **Saturday, May 15:** Party from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Cherry Martini, 50296 Cherry Hill, Canton to raise funds for the HHT Foundation. Donations accepted at the door with a \$5 minimum cover charge. The night will feature drink specials, 50/50 raffle, a prize raffle, DJ, and dancing. RSVP by calling (734) 306-0342 or via e-mail at avanbrussel@me.com

• **Friday, May 21:** Pay \$25 for three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Call Joe Wallen at (248) 824-0797 or Scott Gilbert at (734) 718-5916 for registration information

• **Wednesday, June 16:** Eat at Buffalo Wild Wings, 41980 Ford Road, in Canton and 20 percent of your bill will be donated to HHT Foundation

• **Monday, June 21:** Golf at Bello Woods Golf Course, 23650 23 Mile, Macomb to raise funds for the foundation. Registration is at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.; cost is \$100 per golfer or \$400 per team. The day includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, drink tickets, door prizes and raffle. Register by June 1. Call Jeff Babisz at (586) 738-6408 or Jeff Paquette at (734) 558-543 or e-mail to jbabisz@comcast.net or gogolf@comcast.net

• **Saturday, Aug. 7:** Participate in the Walk-A-Thon for HHT. The event begins at 9 a.m., in Heritage Park, Canton and includes opening ceremonies, the walk, performances by Central City Dance, entertainment and food and T-shirt sales. Learn more at www.ourhopeholdsthecure.org

internal organs, such as the intestines, stomach, lungs, liver and brain and can cause hemorrhage, stroke and death.

Nissan's husband has AVMs from the disease in his intestines, esophagus, mouth, nose and liver. He has had multiple surgeries to try and control the progression of this disease and receives regular infusions

to counteract the blood loss. Sydney suffers from nose bleeds and shows evidence of the disease in her lungs.

"You can't get an MRI scan every day, but if you have one (AVM) growing it can be fatal," Nissan noted. "I look at my kids every day and Clay every day and they look healthy, but if one of those rupture ..."

The family initially didn't realize the disease was hereditary. Clay's mother died at age 57 from HHT "but I truly believe she didn't know the extent of it," Nissan said. "My husband became sick in '04 and was hospitalized. That's when he was officially diagnosed."

"For me, a lot of it is that you feel hopeless, because it's in your whole family."

To battle those feelings of despair, Nissan started a new fund-raiser, "Hope Holds the Cure," a walk-a-thon to benefit the HHT Foundation. She enlisted the help of friends, like Amy VanBrussel, also of Canton, to make the walk on Aug. 7 a success.

VanBrussel and others plan several "grassroots" fund-raisers this month and in June to make Nissan's \$50,000 goal a reality before the walk even begins.

"The walk-a-thon will be a celebration by that time. We will have all the money raised," VanBrussel said. "We're hoping to increase awareness and a part of our mission is to look outside our group and enlist support from the community. It's nice to see how generous people can be."

Donations also are accepted on the group's Web site at www.ourhopeholdsthecure.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

Stroke program

Learn about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of strokes, 10:30-11:30 a.m., May 11, in the auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. 9 Mile, Southfield. An optional tour will follow the lecture of the Bi-Plane Interventional Suite showing the latest technology in diagnostic imaging. The presenter will be Dr. Matthew Holtzman, neurologist on staff at Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital. To reserve your seat, call St. John SeniorLink at (888) 751-5465.

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group will hold its Fibromyalgia Awareness Day luncheon 1-3 p.m., Thursday, May 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The luncheon is open to anyone with fibromyalgia, chronic pain or individuals seeking a support group to help them deal with fibromyalgia. For more information, visit www.MetroFibroGroup.com

Asthma screening

Laurel Park Place in partnership with the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, and specialists from the University of Michigan Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, present a free asthma screening day 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 15, at Laurel Park Place, 37700 6 Mile, in Livonia. Visitors will have the opportunity to take a simple breathing test and fill out a short questionnaire in order to assess whether they have asthma or not, and to discuss the results with U-M asthma specialists. For more information call (734) 232-2154.

Botsford Commons

The senior living community will present "Living the Fullness of Life," 7-8 p.m., Thursday, May 20, in the Town Commons Dining Room, 21300 Archwood Circle, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, north of Eight Mile, in Farmington Hills. Margaret K. Lightner, president of Botsford Commons Senior Community, kicks off the session with comments on living to life's fullest in a continuum of care retirement community. Her presentation is followed by: "Healthy Aging" with Dr. Annette Carron, geriatrician and medical director of the Botsford Senior Assessment Center; "Brain Fitness" with Diane M. Zide, executive director of senior living services at Botsford Commons; and "Getting Your Documents in Order; Community Resources" with Dawn Doyle, supervi-

sor, social services. Dessert and beverages also will be served. For more information, call (248) 426-6951.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Julie Ader will present "Women and Stress: Healthy Responses to Life's Demands" from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 20 in the hospital auditorium. She'll focus on healthy alternatives to dealing with positive and negative stress that women encounter. The presentation also includes bone density, blood pressure and massages from 5:30-7 p.m. A \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit the Marian Women's Center Programs. To register, call (734) 655-1182. Or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

JUNE

Hemophilia Foundation

The Foundation's "Swinging for Smile" Charity Golf Outing, runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 7, at Fox Hills Golf Club of Plymouth. Proceeds go to HFM's Camp Bold Eagle and Eagle Outpost, for children with bleeding disorders. The event costs \$50 for dinner only per person, \$190 for golfing and dinner per person or \$750 for a golf and dinner package for four. Contact Dawn at (800) 482-3041 for more information.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.



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5 Ways to Turn Off Employers

Anthony Balderrama,
CareerBuilder.com writer

Don't do this in your job hunt
Job searches, much like first dates, are about giving the other party -- in this case the employer -- a once-over and presenting yourself in the best possible way. Also similar to first dates, job searches give you several opportunities to make a single mistake that is a real turnoff.

You're on your own when it comes to finding true love, but for staying in an employer's good graces, we've got you covered. So put on your best clothes, style your hair and make sure you don't make one of these job interview gaffes that are certain to turn off an employer:

Turnoff No. 1: Arriving too early for an interview

The reason: Interviews are scheduled at specific times for a reason. Hiring managers have other meetings and responsibilities to deal with throughout the day, so they can't interrupt their schedule just to meet with you. Also, interviews often have multiple components. If you're scheduled to meet the hiring manager first, then have a conversation with some potential colleagues, followed by a tour of the company and finally a drug test, an early (or late) arrival disrupts everyone's schedule.

The solution: By all means, arriving early is better than arriving late. However, from an interviewer's perspective, arriving 45 minutes early and letting the receptionist know you've arrived is just as bothersome as showing up 45 minutes late. If you get to the interview location too early, go to a nearby coffee shop, take a walk around the block or sit in your car to pass the time. Checking in with the front desk five or even 15 minutes early is acceptable and shows the employer you're punctual.

Turnoff No. 2: Letting your desperation show

The reason: Although you have been looking for a job for several months or even longer, don't let your frustration become the interviewer's problem. A negative attitude that causes you to vent about the hardships of being unemployed can leave you reeking of bitterness and repel employers.

The solution: Don't get us wrong -- being unemployed can be one of the worst experiences a person goes through, and anyone who has been there understands that eventually you reach a point where you want to scream. Nevertheless, do your screaming before you get to the interview.

When you're preparing for the interview, think like an employer. Do you want to hire the person with amazing qualification, a great personality and the potential to grow with the company? Or do you want to hire the person whose primary concern is getting a paycheck, who sounds angry and who might quit the moment a better job comes along? Enthusiasm impresses an employer; desperation does not.

Turnoff No. 3: Being too aggressive with your follow-up

The reason: Employers want to see enthusiasm from job seekers, but they don't want to be inconvenienced by said enthusiasm. Two e-mails, a handwritten note, a few phone calls and a quick visit to the office just to see how things are going will not impress a

hiring manager. That approach will scare them.

The solution: Again, enthusiasm wins over desperation every time. You need to send a thank-you note, and you can

send both an e-mail and a postal letter to cover your bases. Pestering employers doesn't just make you look desperate, it also annoys them. They don't have time for so many distractions and eventually the first thing they'll think of when they see your name is, "Oh, that's the one who wouldn't leave me alone."

Prove you have common sense, which includes knowing when to stop.

Turnoff No. 4: Talking trash about anyone

The reason: You probably have plenty to say about your incompetent former boss and inept co-workers, but you know better than to say it. You've been told that employers hear you talk negatively about a past boss and think, "One day you'll be talking that way about me." You might forget that the same thoughts run through their mind when you talk about other organizations, too. If you're interviewing with the No. 2 company in a specific industry, you shouldn't take cheap shots at the No. 1 company every chance you get. Employers know you're job hunting and that you've probably been just as unkind about them in other interviews.

The solution: Stay positive. Explain why you want to work for the company. Point out how your experience has prepared you for this move. You don't

need to pretend that your former employer is a personal hero, but you should demonstrate that you are bringing something from the company other than your 401(k). Rather than belittle the competition, promote this company. Say, "I know your competitor is doing this, and they've had some success, but you have the ability to do this and that to beat them." The focus remains on this company and also on your ideas.

Turnoff No. 5: Lacking direction

The reason: Whether or not they are micromanagers, employers like to have some trust in their employees. If your résumé, cover letter or interview suggests that you have no goals, you are not an attractive candidate. If you don't even know where you want your career to go, how can you know this job is for you? A cover letter looking for a job instead of this job implies that you're floating from gig to gig until you get bored.

The solution: If you're not positive what your future looks like, at least create a narrative that satisfies you. This job might not be your ideal one, but do you see yourself learning from it and putting you on a path to something better? What could you do after you spend some time working here? Figure out what that path is so you can show an employer you know where you're going. You don't need to promise that you'll stay at this position forever, but you can suggest that you are eager to learn and want to move forward.

Employers like ambition because these workers tend to care about their jobs and ultimately improve the business in some capacity.

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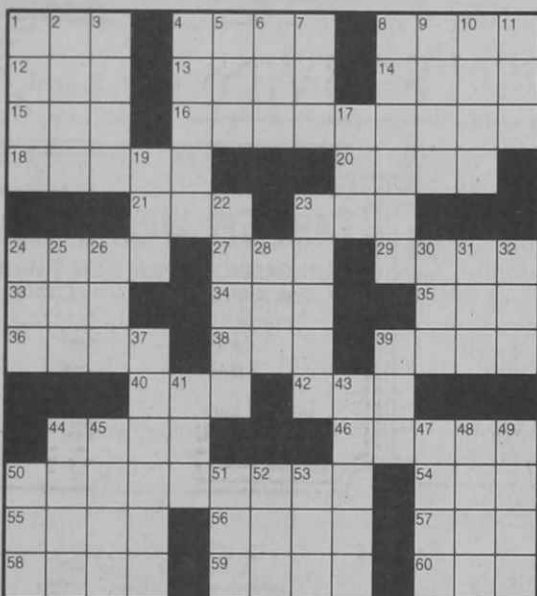
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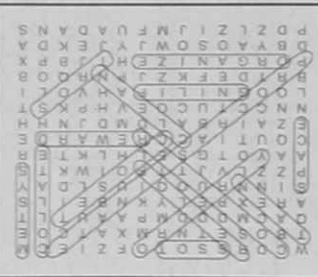
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Debuting in 2006, the DTS replaced the aging DeVille in Cadillac's lineup.

For about two decades, the DeVille has accounted for nearly half the sales in its segment among competitors such as the Audi A6 and Infiniti M35.

True to its DeVille heritage, the DTS is one of the few cars left that offers six-passenger capacity via a front bench seat.

The 2010 Cadillac DTS, essentially unchanged from the 2009 model, is equipped with dual-zone automatic climate control, leather seating, OnStar, bi-xenon headlamps, power front bucket seats, remote vehicle start, a CD/MP3 player and satellite radio.

Luxury I features a 40/20/40-split front seat that's heated and cooled. It also comes with heated rear seats, a heated steering wheel and park assist.

Luxury II features bucket front seats and triple-zone climate control. Luxury III adds chrome wheels, power-folding mirrors, a power rear sunshade, Bose audio with six-CD changer, power lumbar support for all outboard seats, massaging front seats, a power tilt/telescoping steering wheel, driver seat memory, rear vanity mirrors and auto-dimming headlights.

The Performance version is equipped similar to the Luxury III but features a more

powerful V8, 18-inch wheels, side blind-spot alert and a firmer suspension with Magnetic Ride Control.

Depending on the trim level, notable options available for the DTS include adaptive cruise control, lane-departure warning, the side blind-spot alert, a sunroof and a navigation system.

4.6-liter V8 engines are available on the DTS. All trims except the Performance have the 275-horsepower engine, while the enhanced V8 in the DTS Performance pushes out 292 horsepower. Although there are plenty of configurations of the DTS among trim levels, the folks at Cadillac sweetened the pot in 2008 by beginning to offer the elegant Platinum Edition.

The Platinum edition gives Cadillac's most discerning customers a higher level of premium luxury than other DTSEs.

Some highlights include 18-inch chromed wheels, bright chrome grille and chrome inserts on the exterior door handle lift bars, as well as an exclusive Platinum badge.

The Cadillac DTS Platinum Edition is distinctive in that its interior is hand-crafted of premium materials using techniques perfected by master craftsmen.

Using rich burl walnut and rare wood trim from a forest west of the Ubangi River,



The Cadillac DTS offers today's technology with the traditional American luxury of its predecessor, the DeVille.

craftsmen inlay trim throughout the cabin, including the steering wheel and indicator array.

The DTS Platinum, like the DTS Performance has the 292-horsepower V8 and Magnetic Ride Control.

Standard safety features for all DTS trims include stability control, anti-lock disc brakes, front-seat side airbags and full-length side curtain airbags.

The DTS also features two new safety-enhancing technologies. GM's Lane Departure Warning system, which is designed to help drivers avoid a collision caused by an inadvertent lane change, and GM's Side Blind Zone Alert system that aids driver awareness of objects that may be unnoticed.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration frontal crash tests, the DTS

scored a perfect five-star rating for the driver and four stars for the passenger. In that agency's side-impact test, the DTS scored four stars for front and rear passengers.

For people who want an updated version of their daddy's caddy – the DeVille -- and keep the traditional American luxury sedan alive, the Cadillac DTS is perfect.

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Cadillac DTS
Vehicle class: Luxury car
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