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Plymouth-Canton board hires interim chief

BY BRAD KADRICH
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The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Wednesday voted unanimously to offer a contract to Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the former deputy superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education, to be the district's interim superintendent.

The unanimous vote came at the end of a four-plus hour interview session during which the board heard from four different candidates. The offer to Hughes is contingent on the sides being able to work out a contract.

Board members, who were impressed with Hughes' resume and reputation, hope to have details worked out in time to vote at their meeting Tuesday evening.

"We're very fortunate (Hughes) applied," said board Treasurer Judy Mardigian. "He's an all-star, and he really likes our district. We have four really good candidates ... if we have a superstar, we have to find a way to move past this."

Hughes served as the Department of Education's deputy superintendent from October 2002 through August 2007, including six months as the interim superintendent of public instruction.

During his time in Lansing, Hughes helped write much of the curriculum criteria now placed on Michigan's public schools. He also spent 13 years as the superintendent in the 18,000-student Dearborn Public Schools, and 10 years before that as the superintendent of the much-smaller (2,500 students) Haslett Public Schools.

But it was his work in Lansing, and the

contacts he still has, that had Plymouth-Canton board members excited about hiring him.

"What I think we need is a connection to Lansing, and I think that was an asterisk in my thinking on (Hughes)," said Trustee Barry Simescu. "He would give us that power. I thought that was kind of a tie-breaker. When I went through the biographical information, I felt comfortable, and (Wednesday's interviews) reinforced that."

Hughes, the only candidate from outside the district interviewed by the board, beat out three internal candidates: Assistant Superintendent for Business Services James Larson-Shidler, interim Director of Student Services Kurt Tyszkiewicz, and Pioneer Middle School Principal Phil Freeman.

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education agreed to offer a contract to Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the former deputy superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education, to become interim superintendent.

CONNECTION
Suspect charged

Joseph Michael Johnston, 43, was arraigned Friday on charges stemming from an incident that occurred in the woods behind a business in the 43000 block of Ford Road April 23.

Johnston was arrested (on an unrelated warrant) shortly after police received the report of a 13-year old girl being fondled.



Johnston

Following the police department's investigation into the reported incident, a warrant was issued for Johnston which included three counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. Each count is a high misdemeanor punishable by two years imprisonment.

Johnston was arraigned by 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe. Johnston waived his preliminary exam and is currently being held on \$10,000 cash bond, along with a detainer for a parole violation.

Care packages

In honor of Memorial Day, the Canton Public Library has teamed up with the Michigan Military Moms to collect care package items for U.S. military personnel serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Donations of the following items are needed: baby wipes, bug repellent wipes, flavored drink mix packets, beef jerky (no pork), rolls of duct/electrical tape, juice boxes, snack/energy bars, Gold Bond powder, Q-Tips, AT&T International Calling Cards. The library is also accepting checks made out to Michigan Military Moms to help defray the cost of shipping. The drive runs May 11-31.

Library employees Laurie Conlen and Linda Hampton are heading up the drive. Conlen's son, Capt. Sean Conlen, is serving with the 373rd Military Intelligence Battalion unit currently deployed to Iraq. She says these care packages are "like getting a piece of home" for service personnel, and for many, they are the only thing from home they receive.

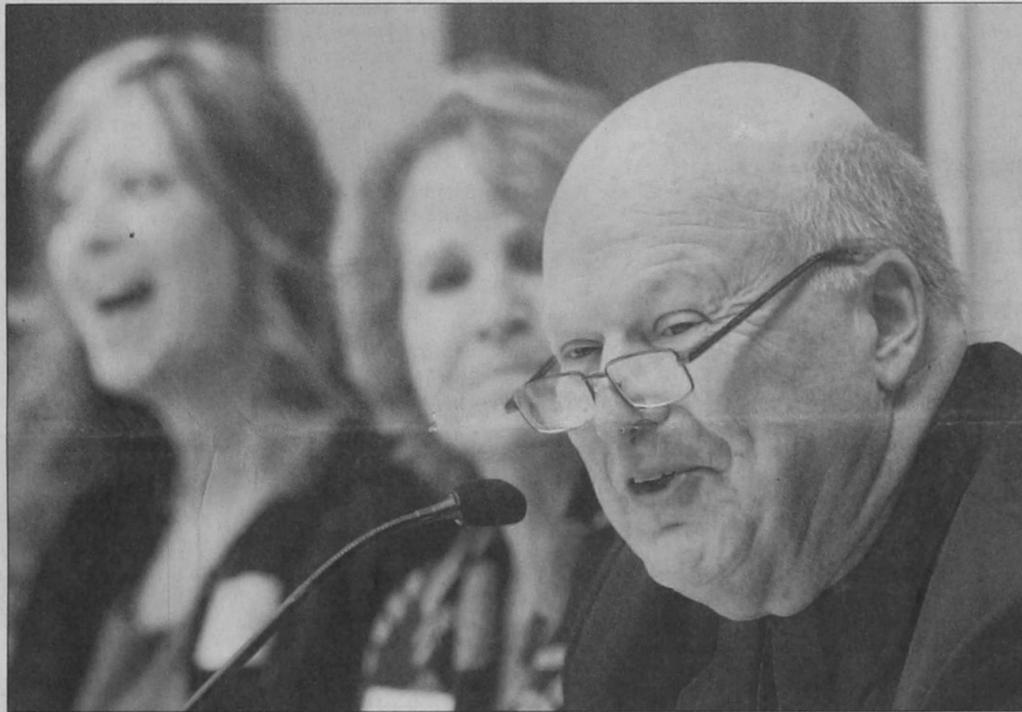
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BeckRidge Chorale is holding auditions for their second Canton Idol, which Chorale officials say "promises to be better than ever with a group number, last year's winners perform, and summer coaching for contestants will be made available."

Middle school auditions are May 15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill from 6-9 p.m. and high school auditions May 25 at the same time and place. Audition packets are due May 14.

For a packet and additional information, visit www.BeckRidgeChorale.org.



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In a lively panel discussion, Don Soenen gets a laugh from the panel and audience, including Jill Engel and Susan Froelich.

Canton wraps up cultural events

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Nan Washburn, conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic, talks about the changes in the types of music played by orchestras, traditionally one of the most conservative types of arts organizations.

Amid an upbeat, weeklong celebration of Canton-area cultural arts, an overriding theme emerged: The work of musicians, actors, dancers, writers, painters and other artists can survive a brutal economy and become the catalyst to unite a culturally, ethnically diverse community.

It's a message, a lifestyle, that arts professionals say already has begun to take root locally as Canton marked its inaugural Canton Acts of Culture Week, which ended Saturday.

"It has been tremendously received in our community," said ReGina Shamberger, who chairs the Canton

Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, which spearheaded the effort and its theme, "It Takes a Village."

Canton Acts of Culture involved numerous activities including small, intimate exhibits of paintings and photography; a tour of the Hindu Temple of Canton; a Salem High School-based historical exhibit exploring the Detroit area's racial segregation; and a sold-out, week-capping Bollywood concert featuring Michigan Philharmonic and Indian performers — which was set for Friday evening at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

In another highlight, the Canton Community Foundation hosted an esteemed panel of arts professionals and

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Decision delayed on charges against teacher

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Ray Schepansky will have to wait until the end of the month to find out whether he will have to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges stemming from his April 14 arrest on the driveway leading to Plymouth High School.

Judge Michael Gerou Friday gave attorneys an addition two weeks to prepare briefs detailing whether felony firearms charges can be attached to two of the three charges currently in place against Schepansky, the 52-year-old Plymouth High School social studies teacher arrested after allegedly making threats against school administrators.

Schepansky, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for more than a decade, is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, having a gun in a weapons-free zone and using a gun during a felony. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Donaldson also asked Gerou to reinstate a fourth charge, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, which was dismissed at arraignment.

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Ray Schepansky (right) goes over the case file with new attorney Richard Convertino during an April 29 appearance in 35th District Court.

Cops: Hotels should be wary of renting to kids

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek is urging local hotels and motels to refrain from renting rooms to people under 21 years old as the end of the school year approaches, ushering in parties for proms, graduations, senior skip day and the last day

of school.

Nemecek issued the warning in a May 5 letter to all Canton motels and hotels — a move supported by Plymouth-Canton school officials.

"I think it's a great thing and it's a great message," said Frank Ruggirello, the school district's director of community relations. "We constantly talk about these things and do what we

can to keep teens safe. They want to have a good time, but we want them to understand that there are limits."

Police Lt. Debra Newsome said hotel and motel representatives could face penalties ranging up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine if, for instance, they allow anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol on their premises.

Even worse, hotels and motels could

face even tougher charges and potential civil lawsuits if they rent rooms and a tragedy should occur.

"They're opening themselves up to so much liability," she said. "It's not worth it. It's not a good business practice, and it's not being a good community partner."

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TEACHER

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Schepansky, who has been placed on administrative leave without pay by the district, remained free on \$100,000 bond, with stipulations that he can't have unwanted contact with school officials, can't be in possession of any firearms and can't be on the premises of any school or facility within the district.

Gerou gave attorneys two weeks to submit their briefs, and scheduled a hearing for 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, at which time he expects to make a decision on whether Schepansky will have to stand trial and, if so, on which of the four charges.

During testimony at Friday's preliminary exam, prosecutors revealed it was Plymouth High School Associate Principal Erin MacGregor whom Schepansky allegedly said he "wanted to kill."

Plymouth High School teacher Lisa Benages testified she heard Schepansky make the threat during a social gathering at the Canton Max & Erma's on Friday, April 1. The alleged threat came during a general discussion about teachers' frustrations with the state of education in general

and at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park specifically.

"(Schepansky) said he wanted to kill Mr. MacGregor," Benages testified. "It was not in the context of our conversation. It was just said."

Benages testified that, while she was "bothered" by the comment, she didn't take it seriously enough to report it either to school officials or the Canton Police Department. In fact, she testified under cross examination, she didn't talk to anyone about it until after the April 13 incident that triggered the events leading to Schepansky's arrest.

On April 13, Benages testified, she entered Schepansky's classroom and Schepansky began "slamming things around" and cursing. She said Schepansky repeated the word "suicide" during what she described as his ranting. She said she backed out of the classroom and, several hours later, reported the incident to MacGregor.

On cross examination, Benages testified she did not hear Schepansky use MacGregor's name, nor the name of any other person, during the April 13 incident.

MacGregor then took the stand and detailed a meeting he conducted with Schepansky, his union representative Mary Lou Nagy

and Assistant Principal Cheri Steckle. At the conclusion of the meeting, MacGregor testified he gave Schepansky materials including contact information for "professional help," which MacGregor said he thought Schepansky needed, then told Schepansky to take the next day off.

On cross examination, Convertino asked MacGregor why no police contact had been made, other than a cursory call to the school resource officer.

"It was my judgment (Schepansky) needed professional help ... he wasn't an imminent threat, but he needed help," MacGregor testified.

Canton police arrested Schepansky the next day, after receiving information that Schepansky was planning on coming to the school that day and that he might have a gun, according to testimony from Canton Police Officer Michael Kirby, who arrested Schepansky. No testimony was offered about where that information originated.

Kirby testified when he arrived at Plymouth High School around 6:45 a.m., Schepansky's Kia Optima was stopped alongside the long driveway leading from Beck Road to the school, some 100-200 feet off of Beck Road. A Plymouth Township

police vehicle was behind Schepansky's car, Kirby testified, with its spotlight, though no flashing lights, trained on the car.

Kirby testified he approached Schepansky, who was holding what turned out to be a lesson plan in his hand. Kirby testified Schepansky told him there was a gun in the car. Kirby said he later found a 9mm Beretta in a holster, with two ammunition clips containing six bullets each, beneath the driver's seat of the car. He testified that Schepansky does not have a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

At the conclusion of testimony, Donaldson asked Gerou to reinstate the intent charge and to bind Schepansky over on all four charges. Convertino argued nothing presented Friday in court indicated there was a specific threat against an individual.

"There is no specific threat that rises to the level that would bind this over," Convertino said. "The evidence is speculative at best. No action was taken (about the April 1 threat) because no one considered it serious enough to do anything about it."

"I don't think, even in the light most favorable to the prosecution, this case should be bound over."

HOTELS

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Police and school officials also are urging parents to talk with their children to reinforce appropriate behavior as the school year's end approaches.

In his letter to motels and hotels, Nemecek wrote, "It has been the past experience of the Canton Police Department that renting of rooms to persons under the age of 21 often results in potential problems for both the motel and our department. It is also our experience that in many of these cases illegal activity occurs up to and including alcohol being consumed by persons under age. This seems

to be most prevalent around prom and graduation time."

Nemecek issued the letter as a warning that Canton police plan to adopt "strict enforcement action" against any adult who allows people under 21 years old to consume alcohol.

"It should be noted that this applies to parents, limousine drivers, hotel/motel owners and other adults," his letter said.

Nemecek singled out six specific events, in particular, that could lead to problems:

- May 13, senior prom for all three Plymouth-Canton high schools at Rock Financial in Novi.

- May 27, senior skip day, although police and school officials urge students not to miss school.

- June 8, the last day of

school for seniors.

- June 12, graduation day for all three high schools at Eastern Michigan University.

- June 12, senior party for all high schools at Salem High School.

- June 16, the last day of school for high school students who aren't seniors.

In his letter, Nemecek recommended that "as a general policy," hotels and motels should adopt a "no room rental" policy to people under the age of 21, especially during the graduation and prom season.

Further, he asked local motels and hotels to join local authorities in making the season "a safe and sober celebration for our kids."

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INTERIM

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Assuming contract terms can be worked out, Hughes will take over day-to-day operations of the district from current chief operating officer Ken Jacobs, who has held that responsibility since November. Jacobs, board President John Jackson announced Wednesday, will be out of work on a medical issue after Friday.

Hughes, who retired in 2007, said he wanted the Plymouth-Canton position because he's "been unable to stay away from education."

"I want to keep active in education," Hughes said.

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W-W's Baracy: Battle over funding cuts not over

BY SUE MASON
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Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said the battle over education funding "isn't over yet."

Wayne-Westland school officials are urging parents of students to continue to pepper state lawmakers with letters and e-mails, protesting proposed school aid budgets that could short the district more than \$14 million.

The call comes on the heels of a Senate-approved education budget that would cut per-pupil funding by \$340 and take \$395.9 million from the School Aid Fund to divert it to other budgets.

"The battle isn't over yet," Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said. "We still have to be relentless in working with our state representatives. The cuts are still too great and the state shouldn't be raiding the School Aid Fund."

The budget, approved by the Senate last week, faced opposition from both sides of the aisle, forcing Lt. Gov. Brian Calley to break a 19-19 tie by casting the deciding vote to pass the budget plan. Seven Republican senators — Tory Rocca of the 10th District, Jack Brandenburg of the 11th District, Mike Nofs of the 19th District, Rick Jones of the 24th District, David Hildebrand of the 29th District, Mike

6th District includes the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "These drastic cuts to our schools are going to make it even harder to turn our economy around and rob from our children the chance to compete in the 21st century workforce."

HARD AT WORK

Anderson — along with several state representatives, including Richard LeBlanc of Westland and Kurt Heise of Plymouth — has been working overtime to help restore Wayne-Westland's equity language which represents \$6 million in school aid that was not factored in when Proposal A took effect in 1994.

As it now stands, the district could lose up to 14 percent of its \$112 million general fund budget and plunge the district into deficit. It's a blow to the Wayne-Westland school board, which has "been prudent in planning for the tough times," Baracy said.

Last year, school officials launched a three-pronged plan to help the district weather the 2010-11 and 2011-12 budget years. The plan included cuts in spending, the closing of six elementary schools, one-year wage and salary freezes and "modest" increase in health care costs from employees. The plan would have saved

the district \$11.2 million, however, the Wayne-Westland Education Association and one of its affiliates have yet to agree to the wage and benefit requests.

"If it all had fallen into place, we would have been able to do it, but not with these cuts from the state," Baracy said. "The biggest issue is the equity of the cuts. Wayne-Westland has been singled out for the largest cut in the state. It's terrible to be cut so much when you work so hard to move a district forward to provide best in educational facilities and for the students."

RESOLVING DIFFERENCES

The budgets voted out of the Michigan Senate have been transferred to the House for an up or down vote, after which they will go to conference committees to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions. The state House was to have taken up its education budget late last week.

Gov. Rick Snyder wants the education budget completed by May 31 so school districts know what their funding is when they prepare their budgets, which must be approved by June 20.

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Drug dropoff gets strong response

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Canton police say the potential threat of prescription drug abuse has eased in some local homes after residents discarded medications at the police station.

Canton had a strong response to a four-hour drug take-back program April 30 that allowed residents to anonymously place expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs in receptacles inside the police station lobby.

Canton joined police departments across the nation in a joint effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Local authorities didn't have a count on the number of prescription drugs discarded, but they said the effort took large amounts of medications out of local homes where the potential for abuse, even by young people, had loomed.

"The program was a great success," said police Sgt. Mark Gajeski, community relations coordinator. "The response was even greater than last year with a steady flow of people for the entire four hours."

"It's always a success when we can get those unwanted

prescription pills out of the medicine cabinets," he said. "It's the best thing that can happen to them."

The program comes as law enforcement authorities cite an increase in prescription drug abuse.

For those who still have unwanted prescription drugs in their home, authorities recommend following disposal information on labels. If there is none, the federal government suggests the following:

- Take the drugs out of their original containers and mix with them an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter, before putting them in the trash. This makes the drugs less appealing to children and pets or people who may intentionally go through someone else's garbage.
- It's advisable to put the drugs in a sealed bag, empty can or other container to prevent them from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.
- Before throwing out a medicine container, scratch out all identifying information on the prescription label to make it unreadable, a move intended to protect patients' identity and personal health information.



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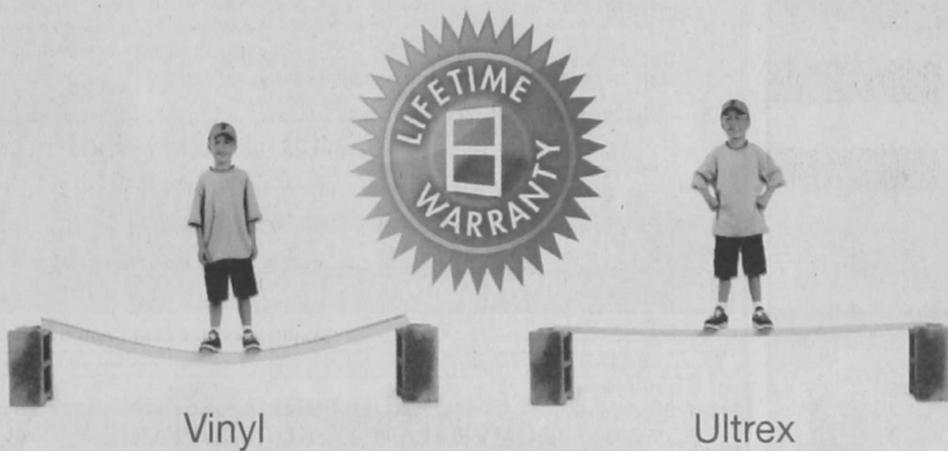
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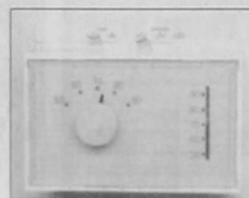
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Author's 'non-bully' book a hit for bully lessons

BY BRAD KADRICH
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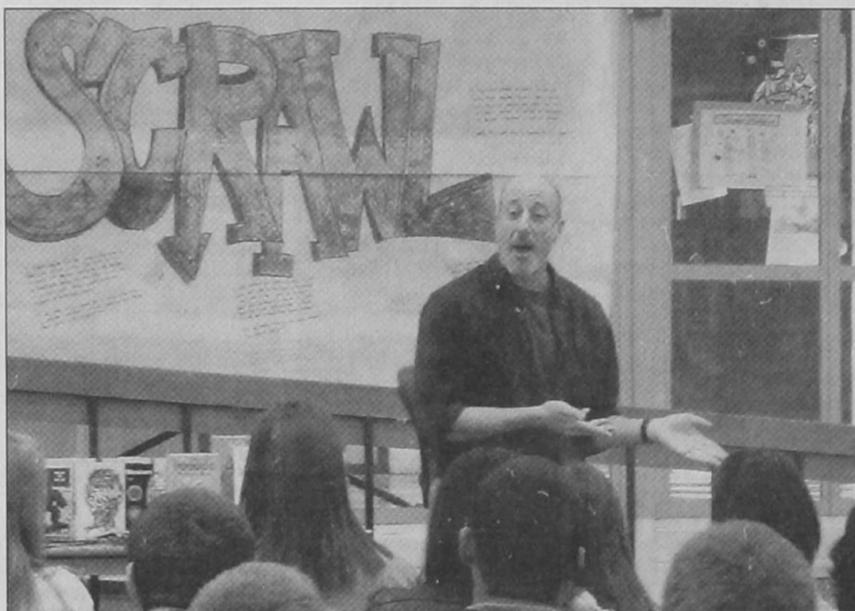
Gwenn Marchesano read a lot of books about bullying when she was looking for the right fit for the Pioneer Middle School Book Club.

One book, "Scrawl" by New York author Mark Shulman, touched her the most.

"It's written from the perspective of the bully," said Marchesano, the media specialist at Pioneer. "A lot of what we read is from the perspective of the victim. This gets you into the head of the bully. You learn there's more to this guy."

The funny thing about the book: Shulman, the author of some 100 books, never intended "Scrawl" to be a book about bullying. It's a book about Tod, who has had a hard life, he's been bullied himself and he has used bullying tactics almost as a defense mechanism.

It is about, Shulman said, how Tod's life evolves and the lessons he learns when he



New York author Mark Shulman said his book, 'Scrawl,' didn't start out to be a book about bullying, although the main character does some of that.

himself gets treated the way he treats others.

"I didn't write a 'bully

book,' I wrote a book about a kid," Shulman said. "Tod's not a mean person, per se. I

wasn't looking to tell a bully's story. I was looking to tell Tod's story. It's the strangest thing."

Shulman agreed to travel to Plymouth to talk to Pioneer's 294 eighth-graders after meeting them during their class trip to New York last month. Marchesano had already called him to arrange the trip, but Shulman dropped in on them unexpectedly during their New York visit and sealed the deal.

After reading "Scrawl," Marchesano decided to make



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Pioneer Middle School eighth-graders created scenes based on the book.

it a unit of instruction for the Book Club. In addition to reading the book, students created multi-media projects out of it. They built scenes from the book out of materials such as popsicle sticks and Styrofoam, they made signs and wrote letters, and they made public-service announcement posters.

The six-week unit started in March. Aside from learning about bullying, the lesson brought students into direct contact with an author, something Marchesano said doesn't happen often enough.

"Any time our kids have a chance to interact with an author, that's an enriching experience for them," she said. "They don't get that experience very often."

That was a big part of the attraction of the assignment for 13-year-old eighth-grader Brianna Coleman of Canton, who said she's a big reader and knows the power of the written word.

"I want to try to meet as many authors as I can, because I read a lot," Brianna said. "I thought the book had a good story. I liked how Tod ended up changing."

Shulman said he was surprised to see the extent to which the students had reacted to his book.

"I'm proud I've been able to touch someone," Shulman said. "It's given them entrée to a conversation they wouldn't have otherwise."

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Moms to be celebrated with Green Street Fair parade

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's still time to get in on downtown Plymouth's fourth annual Green Street Fair, which continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today (Sunday) in Kellogg Park and surrounding streets.

The fair features hundreds of vendors, artisans and organizations offering products, artwork, information and services with the common theme of improving the environment. There are also refreshments, hands-on activities for children and free entertainment.

Sunday's Green Street highlights include a Mother's Day parade at noon. Parade participants are invited to bring noisemakers such as pots, pans, bells and drums; decorated tricycles and bikes are welcome.

Children can also attend a workshop between 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Sunday at which they can use recyclable materials to make a kazoo, a "canjo" or maracas, then join the parade with their new musical instruments. The workshop will be led by members of the Deep Fried Pickle Project, a "junk band" that plays in a variety of styles. The Deep Fried Pickle Project will also perform at about 12:30 p.m., following the parade.

Other Sunday fair events include:

- The chance to safely dispose of electronic waste — everything from old computers to car batteries and vacuum cleaners — during fair hours at Penniman and Harvey.

- Statewide Recycling is handling the material, and proceeds from its resale will benefit the scholarship fund for pediatric speech and language disorders at Beaumont Children's Hospital.



Thirteen-month-old Sawyer Swierb, of Canton, meets a goat for the very first time. He's held by his grandmother, Terry Swierb, of Plymouth.

Attendees can also bring their old cellular phones and out-of-date or unneeded medications (no controlled substances) to the fair and safely dispose of them at separate booths.

- A set by the duo Gemini, which offers acoustic music for children and families, 2-3 p.m. Sunday.

- An appearance by jazz performer Tracy Kash Thomas, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Sunday.

All concerts will take place at the Eco-Beats Stage at Union and Penniman.

The Green Street Fair's Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit the fair's website, www.greenstreetfair.com.

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Denise Ryba and daughter Grace, 4 years old, are part of the early Friday afternoon crowd at the Green Street Fair in Plymouth. The Kellogg Park fountain is dyed bright green for the event.

Firm flips over pancake fundraiser

Renowned pancake-flipping company Chris Cakes returns to Cherry Hill Village for a village association fund-raiser.

Chris Cakes, which holds the Guinness World Record for flipping 555 pancakes in an hour, will serve customers 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 5, during the second all-you-can-eat pancake event in as many years. Last year more than 200 people attended the event, sched-

uled again at Preservation Park, on Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill, alongside the Canton Farmers Market.

Chris Cakes is known for tossing high-flying pancakes, and the event also includes sausage, orange drink and coffee.

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CULTURAL

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an audience of 60 people who gathered Thursday afternoon inside the Canton Human Services Center for a lively forum titled "Cultural Arts: The Bridge to Building Better Communities."

The two-hour forum featured a diverse group of arts professionals united by a desire to use the arts as a springboard for improving communities.

Oliver Ragsdale, president of the Detroit-based Arts League of Michigan, recalled how the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage was a fledgling group in 2004 when the Village Theater at Cherry Hill — the community's 400-seat artistic hub — was being built.

"I see the child has grown up," Ragsdale said, lauding Shamberger and the commission for Canton Acts of Culture.

Ragsdale said Canton can



Panel member included Jennifer Tobin, Jill Engel, Susan Froelich, Don Soenen, Oliver Ragsdale, Narendra J. Sheth, and James Kuhl.

only benefit as its culture and arts become woven together to create a local lifestyle that celebrates artistry and diversity.

Panel members said the arts not only contribute to a community's image, but also to its economy.

Jennifer Tobin, Canton arts coordinator, said the Village Theater marked last year with 222 performances; 787 other

events, classes and rehearsals; 6,867 performers on-stage; 40,000 audience members; 11 arts exhibitions; and 175 usher volunteers who gave 5,500 hours of their time.

"The arts are not only important to our soul, but also to our economy," she said, adding later, "I believe no matter what, the arts and culture will survive and even thrive in the

worst of times."

Even an economic downturn cannot keep artists from expressing themselves, Tobin said.

Tobin said the Village Theater hosted celebrations honoring civil rights icons Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, yet it also rolled out numerous stage performances and hosted events



Artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck listens to the discussion.

such as State of the Township and Canton Public Safety Department awards.

Jill Engel, executive director of the local Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, recalled how the partnership raised over \$5 million for the Village Theater. She said those who give to the arts leave a legacy.

"It makes a difference for a lifetime," Engel said.

Don Soenen, Michigan Philharmonic president, said a tough economy forced the organization to accept pay cuts, reduce the number of performances and trim a few musicians.

"But, we weathered it ... without gutting the things we do," he said.

Narendra Sheth, who hosts an Indian program on WPN (1640-AM) and who serves on the Michigan Philharmonic's board of directors, said Canton and other communities should continue to honor differences in culture and tradition, yet use those differences to create a better whole, a better community.

James Kuhl, artistic director for Tipping Point Theater in Northville, agreed and said the arts play a crucial role by allowing people to "communicate through all languages."

Susan Froelich, director of the Arts Alliance of Ann Arbor, commended the first Canton Acts of Culture Week.

"I think I'm going to steal your idea of Culture Week and take it back to Ann Arbor," she said.

Dorrie Milan, owner of Canton-based Curtain Call Dance Studio and a creative industries associate with Art Serve Michigan, an arts advocacy organization, said events such as Canton Acts of Culture can only elevate the community and its image.

"The arts bring communities together," she said.

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Comedy night set to benefit MS battle

Canton resident John Friday has announced a fund-raiser that promises laughs while fighting a serious disease, multiple sclerosis.

A night of comedy with Rob Little and special guest Tom McCarthy is set for 8 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia, upstairs from Kicker's at 36071 Plymouth Road, just east of Levan, in Livonia.

Little has appeared on Comics Unleashed, NBC's Last Comic Standing and is a popular comedian on the stand-up circuit.

Tickets are \$15. For ticket information, call John Friday at (734) 546-4022, Courtney MacDonell at (734) 776-7679, Jeannette Soto at (218) 280-3468 or Donna Bachus at (734) 259-9779.

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Postal carriers drive to stamp out hunger set for May 14

The National Association of Letter Carriers will again participate in the 19th annual campaign to "Stamp Out Hunger" on Saturday, May 14, to collect nonperishable and non-expired food and toiletry items.

This year, the postal carriers from Belleville, Canton, Plymouth and Northville will collaborate with The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, BEACON (Belleville Ecumenical Area Outreach Network) and Northville Civic Concern to be ensure that

families and individuals have food on the table over the coming months.

"The importance of food assistance is that many seniors are on very low, fixed incomes, they make cuts to their weekly or monthly food allowance in order to be able to manage other living expenses such as rent, utilities, medical, etc.," said Bobbie Pummill, director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. "The food banks and food pantries are a means of supplementing their diets; it's a way of allowing

them to have a well balanced meal which helps them maintain good health."

Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for the Plymouth Salvation Army, said letter carriers "know their routes, they know the people and they see the need - and they respond by hosting this drive." "Our neighbors will need this food to help them through the lean times," Aren said. "By accessing our food pantry, families can divert funds to rent, utilities and transporta-

tion costs."

Capt. Dan Hull, Corps Officer and pastor of the Plymouth Corps, said while the postal workers are "stepping up" to collect the food, the real success of the drive depends on community participation to fill the bags with non-expired food.

"Please join with the letter carriers, your neighbors and The Salvation Army in helping to "stamp out hunger in our community," Hull said.

Residents throughout the communities of Belleville,

Plymouth and Canton are encouraged to place non-expired, non-perishable food and toiletry items in a bag by their mailboxes, allowing neighborhood letter carriers to collect the donations. The donated items will be brought to The Salvation Army, where volunteers will process the food for distribution to

families in northern Wayne County.

Donations may also be dropped off at the post office or at The Salvation Army church at 9451 S. Main on May 14 from noon to 4 p.m. Food collected in Northville will be accepted by Northville Civic Concern for sorting and distributions in Northville.

Township hazardous waste disposal is Saturday

Cleaning out the garage, workshop or spare closet in the computer room? Plymouth Township is offering a way to safely dispose of old paint, unneeded household chemicals and computer equipment that may contain hazardous materials.

The township's annual household hazardous waste collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in

the parking lot at Compuware Arena, which is at 14900 Beck Road, just north of M-14.

Township residents, who will have to show a driver's license at the dropoff site, can bring paints and stains, medicines (no controlled substances), old motor oil and transmission fluid, batteries, computer equipment, propane cylinders, unneeded fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides and more.

Not accepted are television sets, videocassette recorders, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, tires, radioactive materials, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), ammunition, fireworks or medical waste.

A full list of acceptable materials can be viewed at the township's website, www.plymouthtp.org. For more information, call the township at (734) 354-3270, ext. 4.

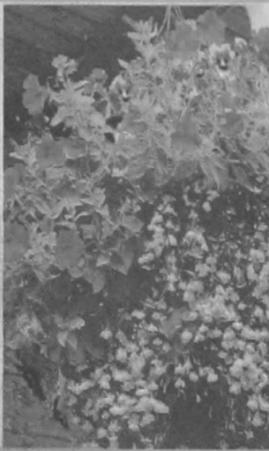
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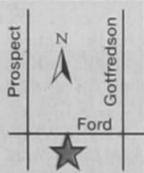
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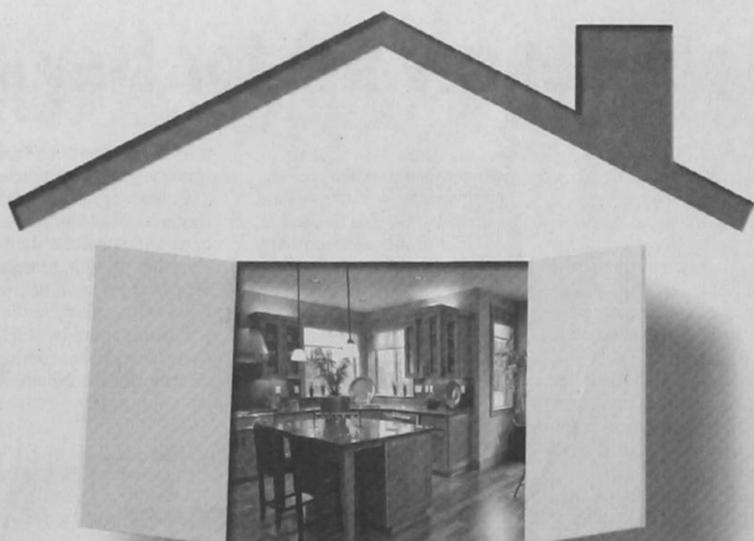


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Choir program earns honors at State Choral Festival

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir program earned top ratings at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District 12 State Choral Festival in Holt on Friday, April 29.

The P-CEP Choir program took all six curricular vocal ensembles and one extra-curricular ensemble to State Choral Festival. These seven ensembles are comprised of almost 300 students from Plymouth, Salem, and Canton High Schools. P-CEP is one of only a few schools in the state to bring this many ensembles to a State Choral Festival, said choir director Jennifer Kopp.

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While all seven ensembles earned a top "1" rating, Festival Singers and Madrigal Singers were rated "Superior" while the remaining five ensembles all received a rating of "Excellent." The choirs were judged by professionals in the vocal music field, including many university professors from across the United States including Pennsylvania, Ohio,

Florida, Kansas, Wisconsin, and New Jersey. Judges use a rubric developed by MSVMA that assesses the choirs' Tone Quality, Pitch Elements, Rhythm Elements, Diction, Interpretation, and overall Presentation.

The P-CEP Choirs are under the direction of Kopp, assistant director Valerie I. Said, and are accompanied by Carole Dehart.

The local community will have the opportunity to hear all of these honored ensembles as the P-CEP Choirs present their annual spring pops concert, Singstation, on Tuesday, May, 10, at 7 p.m. in the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and are available for purchase at the door.

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Schoolcraft College celebrates 46th commencement



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Elizabeth Cizek of Plymouth is all smiles as she goes to receive her arts degree.

Schoolcraft College celebrated its 46th annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, April 30, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Of the 1,711 students eligible to participate (those earning an associate degree or certificate), 470 graduates donned their caps and gowns and invited friends and family to celebrate their accomplishments.

Todd Goodman, a resident of Northville and president of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for community colleges, presented the Student Reflection for the Class of 2011.

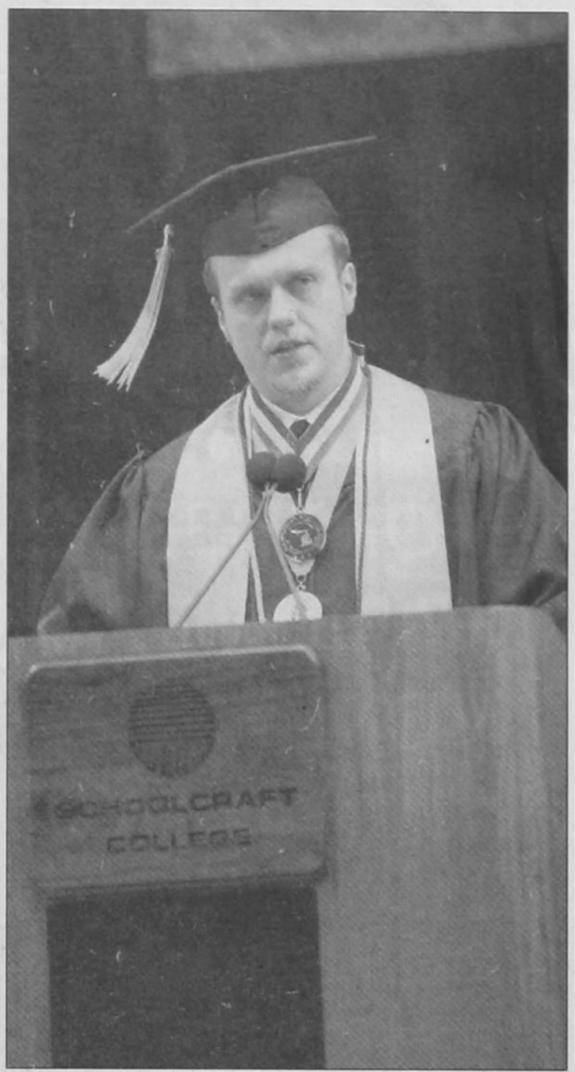
Dr. Conway Jeffress made a special announcement that Matthew Cornett, a resident of Wayne, was the recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Only 60 students of the 785 from throughout the United States who applied were awarded this \$30,000-per-year scholarship. The scholarship is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses - including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees - for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Cornett is only one of four students from Michigan to be named a Jack Kent Cooke Scholar.

Stephnie Bergeron, president of Walsh College, was the keynote speaker and also received an Honorary Associate in Arts and Sciences degree. An associate degree is the highest degree a student can earn at Schoolcraft College.

Dr. Rebecca Himm was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2011. Dr. Himm, whose dental practice is in Livonia, graduated in 1999 with an associate degree in science from Schoolcraft College and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She went on to Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and graduated magna cum laude. She graduated in the top of her class from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, where she was accepted into the Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Kappa Upsilon, the dental national honor society. She credits her strong academic performance to the solid foundation for learning and studying she received at Schoolcraft College.

The general Commencement Ceremony held April 30 is one of several ceremonies celebrating the achievements of Schoolcraft College's graduates. Last week the Culinary Arts program held its ceremony, along with the Nursing program's annual Pinning Ceremony, which featured the graduation of more than 70 nursing students. On Wednesday, members of the Police Reserve Officer Training program graduated at the Radcliff Center in Garden City, followed by the Fire Academy graduation on Thursday, and the Police Academy graduation on Friday.

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Phi Theta Kappa President Todd Goodman of Northville reflects on college life with the graduates.

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Stay away from stocks for short-term investing

Q: Dear Rick: I am recently divorced and was forced to sell my home. After paying off my ex-spouse, I was left with about \$75,000. I'm not sure how to invest this money. I'm currently living in an apartment and eventually would like to buy a home. The problem is, I'm not sure I'm going to stay in the area or move out of state. The \$75,000 will eventually be used for a down payment on a new home. I figure if I don't move out of state, I'll buy a new home probably before the end of this year or early next year. I consider myself a somewhat aggressive investor. I'm not afraid to take risks. My initial inclination is to invest the money. I've done very well in an emerging market fund and I'm thinking about adding the money to that fund. What do you think?

A: I like emerging market funds and believe they belong in just about everyone's portfolio as part of the growth side. However, acknowledging the fact that you are an aggressive investor, in your situation an emerging market fund would be the wrong investment. Not because emerging market funds are not good, but rather, they are not good for your situation.

I have always been a believer that successful investors



Money Matters
 Rick Bloom

invest based upon individual goals and objectives. Your goal is to use this money to buy a new home within a relatively short time frame. Because of that, an emerging market fund is not something to consider.

I believe your goals dictate how you invest money. It's like planning a vacation. You decide to bring shorts on a vacation, not necessarily because you like shorts, but because you'll have the opportunity to wear them. The investment must fit the objective.

In your situation, you have a short-term time frame as to when the money will be used. Because of that time frame, market-based investments that can be very volatile over a short period of time are inappropriate. My advice, and I know you're going to hate to hear this, is to invest in a certificate of deposit.

I recognize that CDs are paying very little, however, for the time frame involved, they are the best investment.

They will protect the principal, which must be a primary consideration in your particular situation.

Not all CDs are the same. You can get better rates of return by shopping around. In addition to our local banks, a good website to use is www.bankrate.com. I also encourage you to check with a credit union.

As an investment adviser, the most important thing to know before you invest someone's money is their main goal and the time frame they have to achieve it. When an investor has a time frame in terms of months, you automatically know that you have to avoid the stock market. For long-term investors, the stock market is a great investment. For short-term investors, it's a gamble and something that I do not recommend.

Good luck!

I would like to wish all moms a very happy Mothers Day! Especially mine — Hilda Bloom! I love you mom.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneyatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Ladywood principal honored

Sr. Mary Ann Smith, principal of Ladywood High School, will be honored with the Helen Kern Morris Award at the 28th Anniversary Father Kern Dinner on Wednesday, May 11 at Mario's in Detroit.

The Dinner pays tribute to the memory and legacy of the late Father Clement Kern. The archdiocese assigned Kern to The Most Holy Trinity Church during the 1960s. The Helen Kern Morris award recognizes an individual

who has demonstrated a deep commitment in the Catholic faith.

Sr. Mary Ann Smith is described by those who know her as a generous, kindhearted and compassionate woman who spends countless hours volunteering in addition to serving as the principal at Ladywood High School. At the age of 14, Sr. Mary Ann responded to the call to be a religious sister and entered the Aspirancy of the Felician

Sisters. After graduating from Ladywood High School, she entered the congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice, Felician Sisters and has served her community for over four decades.

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Angela Hospice invites supporters and community members to enjoy sun and sport for a good cause at the 23rd Annual Angela Hospice Golf Outing. The event will be held Monday, May 16, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Golfers will enjoy a full day beginning at 9:30 a.m. with continental breakfast and open driving range use before setting out for 18 holes on the Fox Classic course at 11 a.m. They'll have lunch at the turn and the opportunity to play on-the-course games as well. Finishing up the day will be a dinner reception with a silent auction and announcement of the winners.

"We'll be happy to see our loyal golfers return for another fun day, and we also expect to see new faces this year," said Barb Iovan, Angela Hospice's events coordinator.

Golfer packages are \$180 per person for the day, and dinner-only tickets are available as well. The event offers corporate packages and sponsorship opportunities for businesses or individuals too.

"Phillips Service Industries is our host for the event," said Iovan. "Their generous sponsorship will enable a greater impact on our programs for terminally ill patients and their families."

Proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's programs for patients and their loved ones, and community outreach programs, such as grief support



The first place women's team at the 2010 Angela Hospice Golf Outing was composed of Livonia residents Jimmie Oliverio and Gwen Fedrigo, Eleanor Jonson of West Bloomfield, and Fran Fields of Livonia.

groups and counseling services for children and adults.

The "Winner Takes All Raffle" will also be featured at the event, but the winner need not be present so anyone can enter to win Tigers tickets, a getaway to A-Ga-

Ming golf resort, dining packages and more.

For more information, to register or purchase a raffle ticket, call Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045 or visit www.AskForAngela.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE

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 11, February 8, March 8 & 22, April 12, May 10 & 24, June 14

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

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

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The request of Toolco, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

During the public hearing, any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

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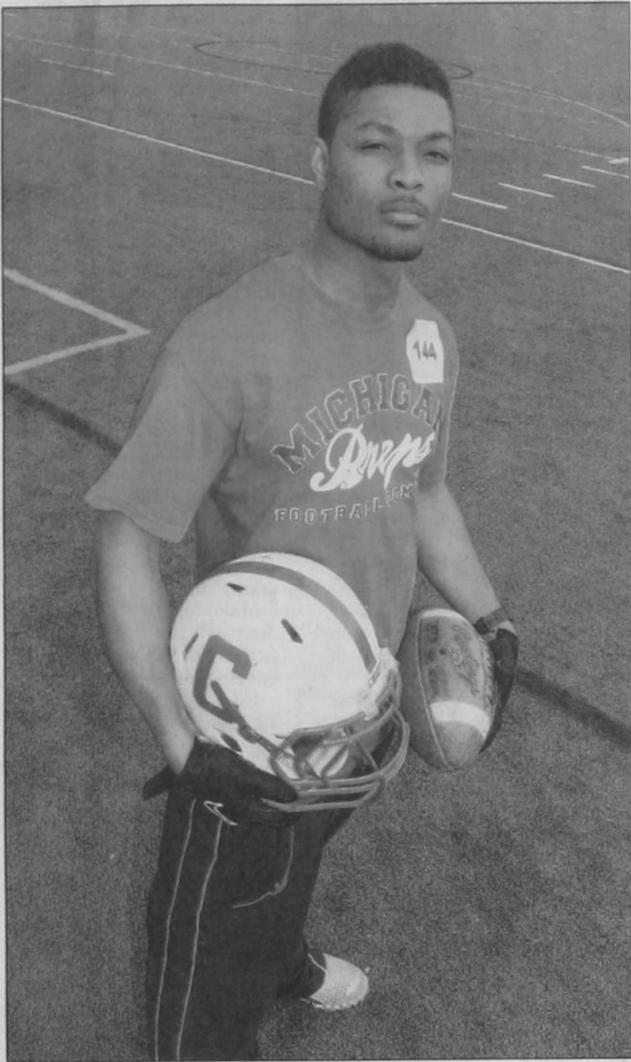
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The picture of intensity is Canton junior Ryan Jones, recently ranked No. 1 out of 610 athletes at the recent Michigan Preps Football Combine.

GRID-IATOR!

Jones best at football combine, wants more

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Canton's Ryan Jones, it's one football showcase down and two to go and he's relishing every moment.

The 17-year-old junior excelled with his explosive speed, agility and strength at the recent Michigan Preps Football Combine — where chiseled, supremely motivated athletes put on a show for college recruiters and coaches.

Jones — a hard-to-bring-down running back and free safety for the 2010 Chiefs' varsity football team — led the charge at Total Sports in Wixom with the No. 1 rating out of 610 participants.

And he's not done, with his outstanding performance March 20 earning him a ticket to the May 15 Midwest Elite Football Exposure Camp (also at Total Sports).

Then on May 21, the 5-foot-10, 190-pound Jones will attend a first-come, first-served combine at the Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac.

Former Detroit Lions receiver Herman Moore is extending the free opportunity to the first 350 athletes who show up for the Battle of the Gridiron combine.

"The early bid gets the worm," said Jones, grinning. "I'll be there early to get ready."

GETTING NOTICED

Why so much extracurriculars for someone who also is currently racking up points in various sprint events for Canton's varsity boys track and field team?

"A lot of people were telling me that I had a lot of talent," Jones said. "And nowadays, because there's so much competition out here, that I should start getting my name out there by going to camps and combines."

"And going to actual universities so more coaches can see me and more people talk about you."

His participation at the Michigan Preps combine March 20 came with the blessing of Canton head football coach Tim Baechler.

"Coach Baechler told me it would be a good idea by getting my name out there by going to combines," Jones said.

At the March 20 combine, Jones did it all, earning selection to the All-Combine Team.

He ran a 40-yard dash in 4.48 seconds, did 12 repetitions of 225 pounds on the bench press and tallied a vertical jump of 33-feet, five-inches.

"We had to run 40s, 40-yard sprints," he said. "We had to test our vertical jump which is standing flat on your feet and jumping to the highest point. And we had to do a lateral drill (shuttles), side-to-side."

RAISING THE BAR

According to his dad, Roy Jones of Canton, Ryan's top ranking led to a quick football scholarship offer from Central Michigan University (which was politely turned down).

It also underscored just how driven to excel Ryan Jones is, whether as a football

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SIDELINES

Salem hockey meeting

The 2010-11 Salem varsity boys hockey team also enjoyed much success, finishing 18-6-2 and ranked sixth in Division 1.

But now, head coach Ryan Ossenmacher turns his attention to next season. There will be a brief informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, in the Salem High School library.

The focus of this meeting will be regarding Salem's varsity and junior varsity hockey programs, including summer hockey information, off-ice training and introduction of the coaching staff. Both the varsity and JV coaches will be in attendance to answer any questions.

For more information go to <http://www.hockey.salem-rocks.com>.

Plymouth grid meeting

The Plymouth varsity football program will hold a mandatory meeting for prospective 2011 players and their parents, Tuesday, May 17, in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Those entering ninth grade will meet 6-7:30 p.m. Other students (grades 10-12) will meet 7:30-9 p.m.

Explained at the meetings will be team expectations, while mandatory paperwork will be issued.

Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuck is available to answer questions, (734) 765-1766. Information also is available at www.plymouth-wildcats.com.

College-bound

Canton senior girls lacrosse co-captain Lauren Allard signed a scholarship Friday to play at Indiana Tech.

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Eagles' power display ruffles Roughriders, 17-12

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



6 lead and had the bases loaded in the bottom of the fifth.

A walk to senior Matt Dodson would have forced in the run that would have

invoked the 10-run mercy rule. But Dodson flew out on a 3-1 pitch and the visiting Roughriders scored six runs in the sixth to slice their deficit to 15-12.

PCA, however, hung on for the 17-12 Michigan Independent Athletics Conference victory and Bottorff finally exhaled.

"It got a little hairy at the end," he said.

The Eagles, who lost for the first time Tuesday against Washtenaw Christian Academy, fell behind 2-0 in the first against Roper and 3-0 one inning later when catcher Sam Hess tripled off the fence in center.

But PCA (10-1, 2-1 in the

MIAC) sent 11 batters to the plate in the third against Roper starting pitcher Kyle Vens, scoring eight runs after two were out.

A two-run double by freshman catcher Daniel Jipping and a three-run double by freshman left fielder Jared

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Churchill defense stops Rocks' last-inning rally

BY TIM SMITH
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After trailing since the first inning of Friday's KLAA crossover softball game at Salem, Livonia Churchill finally took the lead with a four-run rally in the sixth.

But that 7-5 edge proved precarious and the visiting Chargers had to hang on for a 7-6 victory. It took a perfect relay throw from second baseman Julia Cavagnini to sophomore catcher Casie Bias to nail Salem's Alexis Powell with what would have been the equalizer.

"The last play of the game was huge," Churchill head coach Steve Gentilia said. "Julia Cavagnini was in the right place at the right time, (she) makes the cutoff and makes the throw."

Bias quickly applied the tag on Powell to keep Salem from at least forcing extra innings.

"The game shouldn't have come down to that anyway," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "We had other opportunities in the game."

We had four innings where we went down 1-2-3, which kind of hurt us."

Salem's last-ditch rally against Chargers starting pitcher Missy Sidor started after the first two batters were retired.

Senior catcher Kelli Janiczek singled and Powell — who smoked a two-run homer over the center-field fence in the sixth to bring the Rocks to within 7-5 — was walked on four intentionally wide pitches from Sidor.

"I told Missy not to give her (Powell) anything to hit," Gentilia said. "We made sure she wasn't going to beat us in the last inning."

OH, SO CLOSE

That brought up freshman left fielder Emily Marcero, whose hit to right-center scored Janiczek. But thanks to the Cavagnini throw, Powell wasn't as lucky with her bid to tie the contest.

"I was keeping (pitches) outside because they're all good hitters," Sidor said. "I stayed away from the

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Getting ready to throw a runner out at first base Friday is Salem third baseman Elliott Mitchem (No. 6).



JOHN SLATER



Who: John Slater, senior co-captain of Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity baseball team.

Miscellany: The 18-year-old carries a 3.93 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society (with high honors). His parents are Dale and Dianne Slater. Baseball awards include being named team MVP in 2010 and being selected to the all-MIAC and all-district teams in 2009 and 2010.

Captain's job: "The job of the captain is to be a leader and an example. A captain should have good work habits and be at every practice. The captain is very much the public face of the team in terms of being a focal repre-

sentative of the team and of the school sports program."

Leadership style: "I prefer to lead by example, but there is a time when you need to encourage or perhaps settle down a teammate with a word or two at the right time."

Why him? "I think it may have something to do with experience. This is my fourth year as a varsity baseball starter. I have a pretty good idea of what to expect on a game by game basis."

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Chiefs come from behind to edge 'Cats

Cobb keyed the surge.

UP TO THE CHALLENGE

"We had a disappointing game on Tuesday and we started a little flat today," Bottorff said. "I was kind of worried that we wouldn't snap out of it."

"But I challenged the guys to do what they know how to do. And they obviously came through."

Roeper scored three runs in the fourth to trail 8-6, but the Eagles added three of their own in the bottom half on a wild pitch and two-run single by senior first baseman Matt Hagelin (3-for-5, three runs, four RBI).

PCA's extra-base barrage continued in the fifth with Jipping hitting his second of three doubles to bring home another tally. He went 3-for-4 with four runs and four RBI.

Chipping in with a two-run single was sophomore third baseman Matt Read (3-for-5), giving the Eagles a 15-6 advantage.

Other PCA batters with multiple hits were senior starting pitcher Matt Dodson (2-for-5), senior first baseman John Slater (2-for-4) and freshman designated hitter Ben Cochrum (2-for-4).

Plymouth Christian will have a very busy week, starting with Monday's non-conference tilt at Livonia Clarenceville and a Tuesday doubleheader against West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy.

On Thursday, the Eagles will visit Lutheran High South for a MIAC twinbill.

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Opportunistic Canton came from behind for a 4-2 win over campus rival Plymouth in the sloppy opener of Wednesday's KLAA South Division baseball doubleheader.

The visiting Chiefs then won 6-0 in the nightcap with winning starting pitcher Ryan Bazner giving up just three hits in the first four innings.

In Game 1, Canton parlayed two Plymouth throwing errors into three late runs to bounce back from a 2-1 deficit in the matchup of division leaders.

As a result, it was a hard-luck loss for Wildcats senior pitcher Harrison Michels, who went the distance, scattering one earned run and seven hits.

"We have to make plays and they know that," said Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd, whose team fell to 9-4 overall and 4-3 in the division with the doubleheader loss. "They want to beat these guys as much as I do, probably more. We got to make a couple more plays and we win that game."

Canton head coach Mark Blomshield, whose team dropped a 2-0 game Monday to Northville, called the lidlifter "a nerve-wracking game."

EKING ONE OUT

But Blomshield wiped off his brow, happy that his team managed to get the win (Canton improved to 11-2, 6-1



JOHN KEMSKI

Plymouth's Ben Wohl takes his lead off of first base during Wednesday's opener against Canton. At left is Chiefs first baseman Mike Stafford (No. 15).

with the sweep).

"We got shut out Monday and it's been at least 40 games since we didn't score a run," Blomshield said. "We barely squeaked out runs today. The good news is we still scratched out a win and the better news is gonna be when we get hot."

Canton pushed across the first run of the game in the second, when senior catcher Robby Golematis ripped a double to right that scored Garrett Bryden.

That slim lead held for a while as Chiefs sophomore left-hander Mike Stafford impressed with three score-

less innings, striking out four and only giving up singles to shortstop Ben Wohl and catcher Rich Guglielmi (both in the third).

In the third, a heads-up play by Canton center fielder Braden Price helped keep the Wildcats from scoring. Price cut off Wohl's shot to right-center, keeping the Plymouth senior from stretching the hit into a double.

That play kept Wohl from scoring on Guglielmi's subsequent single.

But Stafford ran into trouble — and some bad luck — and wasn't able to escape the fourth.

With one out, he walked Jamarl Eiland and the Plymouth runner then got picked off between first and second. But instead of being tagged out, Eiland was awarded second because of obstruction on the basepaths.

Michels walked and John Etienne singled to load the bases, prompting Blomshield to bring senior Bazner in to take over on the mound.

Brendan Swanson then drove in a Plymouth run with a fielder's choice and Bazner's wild pitch scored Michels for the second run of the inning — putting the Wildcats up 2-1.

But the Chiefs came right

back with two runs to regain the lead.

The "rally" had a little bit of everything, starting with a single to left by Golematis (2-for-2, one run, one RBI), a sacrifice by Evan Rinke and Price's bunt single.

The latter was a perfectly placed push bunt to the left of the mound to give Canton runners on first and third.

Price then stole second and shortstop Chris Perkovich (2-for-3, one RBI) scored Golematis with a single deep into the hole at shortstop. The tie-breaking run (Price) came in when Plymouth shortstop Wohl's throw eluded first baseman Tyler Goble.

"We kept at it," Price said. "We weren't playing that good in the first couple innings, but we just got runners on base however we could."

The Chiefs added a run without the benefit of a hit in the seventh, on another throwing error (on a potential inning-ending double-play).

Bazner earned the win in relief, giving up just a base hit to Eiland in the sixth.

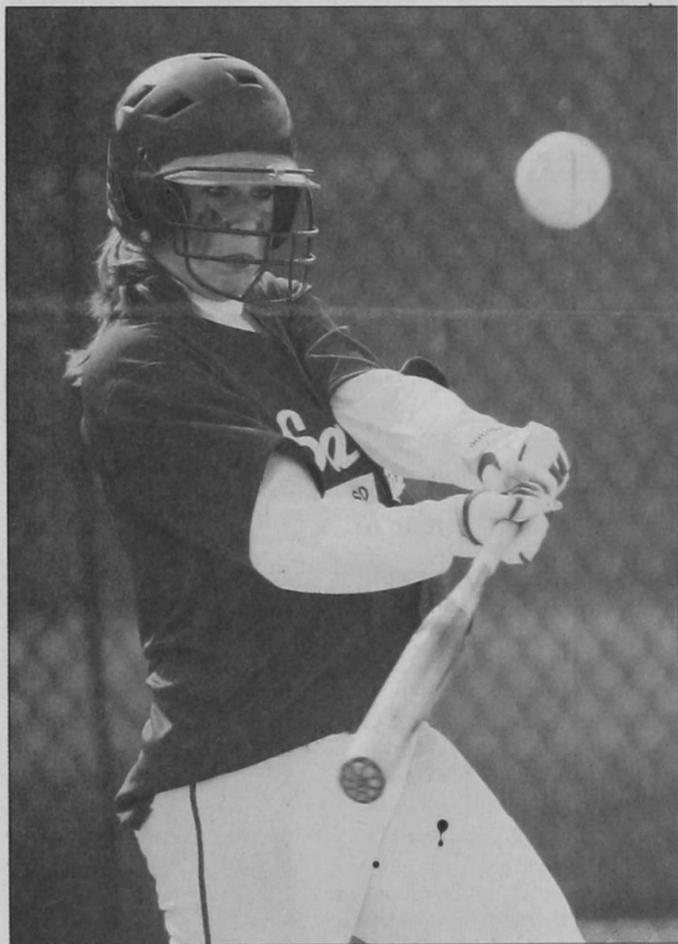
Meanwhile, Boyd said Michels deserved better. "Harrison pitched out of his mind. ... He did everything we could have asked."

In the nightcap, Bazner, Tschetter and Golematis each had two hits to pace the shutout victory.

Canton broke a scoreless tie with a run in the fourth and scored in every subsequent frame to break the game open.

Nick Sandberg collected two of Plymouth's four hits.

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Salem's Madison Koval takes a hearty cut during Friday's game against Livonia Churchill.

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inside on all of them. But that (last inning) was scary."

So was the first inning, when Salem (2-7 overall) scored three times on an assortment of mostly infield hits and some indecisive fielding by Churchill (11-5 overall).

After senior second baseman Lizzy Mazorowicz led off with a walk (and Churchill leading 1-0 on an RBI single by Bias), senior shortstop Heidi Schmidt and Janiczek were safe on infield singles to load the bases.

Powell's sacrifice fly to right tied the game at 1-1 and Marcelo's bunt single brought in Schmidt. Following an error, freshman center fielder Kristine Zink singled to center for the third run of the inning.

Churchill trimmed the score to 3-2 on a home run to center field by Abby Jewell and the Chargers pulled even in the fifth when Bias (3-for-4, two runs, one RBI) tripled and scored on a suicide squeeze bunt from Mackenzie Everson.

BREAKING THE TIE

The 3-3 tie lasted until Churchill's four-run rally in the sixth, which knocked out Salem junior pitcher

Alyssa Meagher.

Getting it started with a walk was junior Rachel Jason (2-for-3). Jewell singled up the middle, with both runners moving up on an error.

Following with a smash right down the third-base line was senior Natalie Hiser (2-for-5) to drive in two runs.

Another single by Bias kept the surge going and with Zink on the mound in relief, Everson drove in two more with a single.

Salem didn't give up, however. Janiczek (2-for-3, three runs) singled to open the home half of the sixth and Powell then launched her home run.

In Powell's previous at bat, she hit a foul ball over the fence and then lined out to the center fielder.

"That's what I've been trying to do, hit the ball as hard and as well as I can," Powell said.

But Sidor — who retired 14 batters in a row from the first until the sixth — had enough left in the tank to finish off the Rocks in the seventh for the victory.

Despite the tough loss, Southerland was optimistic about how her young team played.

"My pitchers (Meagher and Zink) did great today, I can't complain," Southerland said. "We're improving in every part of our game and that's what's important."

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Chiefs lose on walk-off grand slam

Talk about a flair for the dramatic. Josh DeYonker's walk-off grand slam proved to be the difference Friday as host Livonia Stevenson stunned Canton, 6-2, in a battle of Kensington Conference baseball divisional leaders.

Stevenson, atop the KLAA Central, improved to 14-5 overall and 9-1.

Canton, which was leading the KLAA South, falls to 11-3 and 6-2.

DeYonker's homer came off Canton reliever Chris Perkovich, who came on in the seventh inning. Vaughn Birchler started for the Chiefs, allowing one run on two hits

and three walks in four innings.

Stevenson starter Chris McDonald went the first 6.1 innings, but got no decision. He allowed two earned runs (one earned) on five hits and five walks while striking out nine. Jake Semak came on to get the final two outs and record the victory.

Tyler Lynch went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks and scored one run, while Evan Piechota also had an RBI for the Spartans, who are ranked No. 8 in the last Division 1 statewide coaches poll.

Seth Tschetter went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Canton.

Salem routed

On Friday at Salem, home runs by Ben Matigian and Mike Rybinski and the pitching of Brent Ochodnicki enabled Livonia Churchill to post an 11-1 KLAA crossover baseball game.

Also having a big day for the Chargers (12-3, 8-2) was Troy Bogenschutz (2-for-3, four RBI).

Ochodnicki went six innings, giving up five hits and two walks.

Tallying two hits for the Rocks (6-4, 4-3) was Brett Ramirez while other hits were collected by Devin Price and Demetrius Dunlap.

Campus softball rivals split pair

BY TIM SMITH
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Canton softball coach Jim Arnold spent Thursday evening finalizing preparations for Saturday's annual Canton Classic, which will feature eight very competitive squads.

Two of those eight got together Wednesday, and it was a worthy precursor to the tournament. The host Plymouth Wildcats won the first of two games by a 2-1 score before Canton junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher threw a 1-0 shutout in Game 2.

"Both teams' defenses really played outstanding," Arnold said. "There were some remarkable catches in the outfield by both teams."

Infielders also were routinely popping first basemen's gloves with their hard throws.

Plymouth head coach Val Canfield

said her team played with intensity in the doubleheader. "They came ready to pound the ball and make the plays."

In the opener, Plymouth scored in the first against Canton freshman starter Hannah Warren when Bri Giordano singled to score Jessica Bondy (who singled).

The Wildcats tacked on an unearned run on a wild pitch to go up 2-0 and that lead held.

The Chiefs — who loaded the bases twice without scoring against Plymouth sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou — did score in the seventh to make it close but ultimately lost for the first time this season.

Senior Sam Partain walked and scored on junior Jesse Lerner's solid single to left.

For Plymouth, Bondy went 2-for-3 with a run while Lindsay Lutton

doubled and singled in three at-bats and scored a run.

In the second game, Boucher scattered eight hits in a complete game effort. She outdueled Gerou, who allowed nine safeties.

The only run came in the fourth when senior Lauren Leskovitz doubled home Boucher, who reached on a single.

Bondy and Giordano each collected two hits in Game 2 for Plymouth.

"We ... stranded eight runners on the bases," Canfield said. "With that being said, this game could have had a different outcome if we would have scored those runs."

With the split, Canton's record moved to 10-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South Division. Plymouth is 9-3, 5-1 entering the weekend.

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PCA solid at Whitmore Lake Invitational

TRACK & FIELD

Plymouth Christian Academy's men's and women's track team competed and scored several personal bests at the Whitmore Lake Invitational on April 30.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Marisa Pfister, Karen Windle, Rachel Smith and Katelynn Barkell set the new mark by over 17 seconds, with a time of 11-minutes, 27.67-seconds. That was good for fifth place in a very competitive invitational.

Others in the top-10 included

Windle (eighth, 800 run, 2:40.77), Josh Allen (eighth, discus, 108-feet, 7-inches) and the 1,600-meter relay team of Smith, Sydney Carpenter, Leaha Dotson and Windle (sixth place).

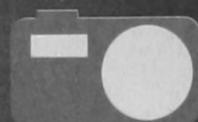
Eagles coach Jennifer Lemieux said personal bests were tallied by Trevor Baloga in the mile run (5:07.84) and two-mile run (11:18.33)

and Jimmy Parks in the two-miler (11:29.69).

Mousa Farroj and Justin Allen also scored personal bests in the discus and shot put, respectively.

Meanwhile, Windle broke her own record in the 300 hurdles on Tuesday at the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference meet at Lutheran Northwest.

The sophomore dropped down to 55.0 seconds from her previous benchmark of 57.3.



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GRID-IATOR

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player or on the track and field team. The two-sport varsity athlete has distinguished himself in his first year at Canton High School after transferring from Inkster.

"To be rated No. 1 at the combine I think that's a great achievement," Roy Jones said. "It shows his overall ability, that he likes to compete in everything he does."

To gear up for the combine, Ryan said he hit the weights during and after school days while getting in some extra reps on weekends.

His outrageous work ethic is nothing new to Baechler, who advises players and their parents to be a bit cautious about going the combine route. (YouTube is another worthwhile way for college coaches to see prospective recruits, he said.)

"My personal feeling is that we all love our kids," Baechler said. "And we will try to do anything that will help them be successful including spending money on all these combines."

"I don't think they are a negative thing. It really shows the athlete where he ranks with other players athletically, which for some of them, is an eye-opening experience."

STAYING SHARP

Of course, the only wide eyes at Total Sports were fixed on Jones — steam-rolling the competition the same way he does an enemy linebacker.

"When I get in the open field I don't feel I can be caught," Jones said.

Now, he is following track practice with impromptu football pitch-and-catch sessions to get ready for the upcoming events.

Helping him out with his routes is Canton junior



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After finishing practice with Canton's varsity track and field team, Ryan Jones works on catching footballs in preparation for two upcoming combine events. Throwing passes to him is Canton teammate Demetre Lopez.

Demetre Lopez, a transfer from Detroit Cass Tech who also will participate at Moore's Battle of the Gridiron. Lopez looks to be Jones' teammate with the Chiefs next fall.

"We're pushing each other to become better as individuals so we can become better as a team, also," Lopez said.

And that is yet another motivating factor for Jones.

"We have some unfinished business with the competition across the Park," said Jones, referring to Plymouth, the team that knocked the Chiefs out of the 2010 state playoffs.

Meanwhile, the young man has a pretty sharp mind, too.

"We beat them (the Wildcats) the first time," Jones added. "But we didn't have our head in the game where it should have been, we were looking past them."

"... Now, the big lesson is no matter what team you're going against, the worst team or the best team, don't look ahead."

He doesn't have that problem on the combine circuit. Simply because he's the one others are trying to catch.

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Canton junior Demetre Lopez, who transferred this year from Detroit Cass Tech, also will be attending an upcoming combine. "We're pushing each other to become better," he said.

Salem girls 2nd at Stafford Relays, then win big over South Lyon East

After finishing second on April 30 at the Stafford Relays, Salem's varsity girls track and field team scored a 105-32 victory over South Lyon East on Tuesday.

At the Stafford Relays, the Rocks finished second only to Walled Lake Central with firsts in the pole vault, 1600-meter relay and 3200-meter relay.

"The field events were set up relay style," Salem head coach Dale Maskill said.

"Heights and distances were added to be scored as a team event. This played to our strengths in the field events."

Salem earned second places in the discus, shot put, high jump and long jump.

Against South Lyon East,



MARION KRUTTY

The Salem varsity girls track and field team celebrates finishing second at the Stafford Relays.

freshman Kayla Kavulich missed setting a Salem

school record in the two-mile run with a mark of 11-minutes, 23.1-seconds. Kavulich set the record in the one-mile run the previous week.

Megan Paruta cleared 10-feet in the pole vault, Khyli Ray broke 13.0 in the 100 dash (12.7) and Alejandra Beltra won the 800 run (2:42.4).

Ashley Kretschmer (high jump, 4-4) and Morgan Soper (long jump, 12-10.25) won those events.

Meanwhile, one of the best races was the 400 run. Kathryn Binsfeld won the event for the Rocks with a 1:04.8 — nipping Salem teammate Nancy Krutty's 1:04.9 finish.

Canton kickers stopped by Chargers

BY BRAD EMONS
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The Livonia Churchill girls soccer team appears to be coming of age, but at the expense of KLAA South Division leader Canton.

The Chargers scored their most impressive result of the season Thursday by knocking off the Chiefs, 1-0.

Kayla Szado tallied the game-winning goal at the 60-minute mark when she toe-poked a shot past the Canton goalkeeper.

The play was set up when teammate Kelsey Rothermel won a 50-50 ball and lofted a ball over the Canton defense and into Szado.

Churchill goalkeeper Kaylie Secord made four key saves as the Chargers improved to 5-3-2 overall and 4-1-1 in the KLAA South.

"For 60-to-65 minutes, Canton chased us around," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, whose team avenged a 3-0 setback to the Chiefs on April 12. "I was so happy with our play in the first half."

Conversely, first-year Chiefs coach Jeannine Reddy wasn't so pleased.

"We had a few chances in the first half, but Churchill possessed the ball and kept our mids from penetrating through their back line," Reddy explained. "We had a few chances in the second half. Mel

Pickert was dangerous in the air off two corners, but we were unlucky."

The Chargers also held Canton's dangerous scoring threat Ally Krause in check.

"We had a game plan for her," Hebestreit said. "Their game plan was trying to play into her and get the ball over our heads. Things got a little hairy at the end. They (Canton) put the ball into the box and hit a post."

The loss drops state-ranked Canton to 5-3-1 overall and 5-1 in the KLAA South and the Chiefs will now face Plymouth on Tuesday.

PLYMOUTH 5, FRANKLIN 0: On Thursday, Jennifer Babcock's two goals paced the Wildcats to this KLAA South Division win.

Also scoring for Plymouth were Alyssa Dillon, Stephanie Sheridan and Morgan Klabunde.

Meanwhile, McKenzie Hengesh's two goals lifted Plymouth to a 6-0 win on Tuesday against Westland John Glenn.

Adding single tallies were Dillon, Sheridan, Maria Farmer and Abby Livingston.

With the victories, the Wildcats improved to 4-2-3 overall and 3-1-2 in the division.

SALEM 2, STEVENSON 0: On Wednesday, Emily Barfus and Emma Tardiff scored five minutes apart to give the host Rocks (5-4-2, 3-2-1) a KLAA Central Division triumph over (3-4-2, 1-3-2).

Barfus scored after receiving a cross from Kristina Klusek while Nancy Krutty sent the ball to Tardiff for a header to tally the

second goal.

Making five saves for the shutout was Jamie Hunley.

"Salem was all over us for most of the game," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "Our legs looked tired, and our focus was lacking."

NORTHVILLE 2, SALEM 1: In a KLAA Central match Monday, the Rocks fell behind 2-0 to the Mustangs and could not come all the way back.

Klusek scored in the second half (from Megan McCormack) and goalie Ali Eggenberger played well in defeat with nine stops.

"Overall, I thought we gave a strong effort," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "Northville jumped on a few loose balls and made us pay. It was a good learning experience for us."

PLY. CHRISTIAN 7, LUTHERAN N'WEST 0: In a Tuesday matchup of MIAC teams, Martha Mullet's two goals sparked the Eagles (5-0-1, 2-0-1).

Also scoring were Rachel Zandee, freshman Katelynn Barkell, Annette Somercik, Emily Gerulis and Jessica Rich.

Gerulis and Lauren Paulson each added two assists while Jenna Abraham had the helper on another.

Goalkeeper Brianna Harris made seven saves for the shutout.

The Eagles rolled to a 10-0 victory on April 29 over Summit Home Academy, behind a three-goal effort from Barkell and two tallies by Zandee.

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'D' comes up big again for Rocks

Salem's varsity girls soccer team continues to play strong defense, blanking KLAA Central Division rival South Lyon East 3-0 on Friday night.

The Rocks led 1-0 at half-time and that was plenty for the goalkeeping tandem of Jamie Hunley and Ali Eggenberger, who shared the shutout.

Getting Salem on the board was Mackenzie Rogers, who took a feed from Kristina Klusek and made a strong run that ended up in the goal.

In the second half, Nancy Krutty sent a nifty cross to Claire Huddas and she made no mistake, upping Salem's lead to 2-0.

To ice the victory, Jenna Coon stormed the South Lyon East goal and headed the ball

GIRLS SOCCER

into the cage. Gusty Kummer sent in a nice cross and Coon used her "ups" to knock it in, said Salem head coach Joe Nora.

"I thought we played with good composure trying to break down their defense," Nora said. "They play in a very defensive posture and it's tough to get through."

"When we did, their keeper made some outstanding saves. But it was a good result tonight, I'm very proud of our team."

The win improved Salem's record to 5-4-2 overall and 3-2-1 in the division while the Cougars dropped to 6-5-0 and 1-5-0.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Section 1. The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

Section 2. Sec. 78-101. - Printed uses permitted.

In a B-2, central business district, no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one or more of the following specified uses, unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(3) Restaurants including carry-out restaurants and without bars/lounges where the patrons are served while seated within a building occupied by such establishments, and wherein such establishment does not extend as an integral part of, or accessory thereto, any service of a drive-in, drive-through, or open-front store.

(4) **Bars and lounges or restaurant serving alcohol subject to the following:**

e. No more than 10 seats shall be allowed at the bar.

f. Alcohol shall be served only to seated patrons or persons standing in the designated standing area as outlined in 4c.

g. The standing area adjacent to the bar shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) square feet.

h. No dance floor or dancing area allowed.

(4) (5) Hotels and motels.

(5) (6) Theaters or assembly halls when completely enclosed.

(6) (7) Offices and office buildings of an executive, administrative or professional nature.

(7) (8) Banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions including drive-through facilities, drive-through branches, and/or 24-hour automatic tellers.

(8) (9) Child care centers and nursery schools.

(9) (10) Municipal buildings and governmental offices.

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(11) (12) Business schools or private schools operated for profit. Examples of private schools permitted herein include, but are not limited to, dance schools, music and voice schools, and art studios.

(12) (13) Newspaper offices and printing shops.

(13) (14) Funeral homes.

(14) (15) Storage facilities, when incidental to and physically connected with any principal use permitted, provided that such facility is within the confines of the building or part thereof occupied by such establishment.

(15) (16) Parking facilities except private surface parking lots.

(16) (17) Other uses which are similar to the above and subject to the following restrictions:

a. All business establishments shall be retail or service establishments dealing directly with consumers. All goods produced on the premises shall be sold at retail from the premises where produced.

b. All business, servicing, or processing except for off-street parking or loading, shall be conducted within completely enclosed buildings.

c. Outdoor storage of commodities shall be expressly prohibited.

(17) (18) Residential uses shall be permitted provided such living units are located on the second floor or above.

(18) (19) Accessory structures customarily incident to the above permitted uses.

Section 3 Rights and Duties.

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 4 Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 5 Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

DANIEL DWYER
MAYOR

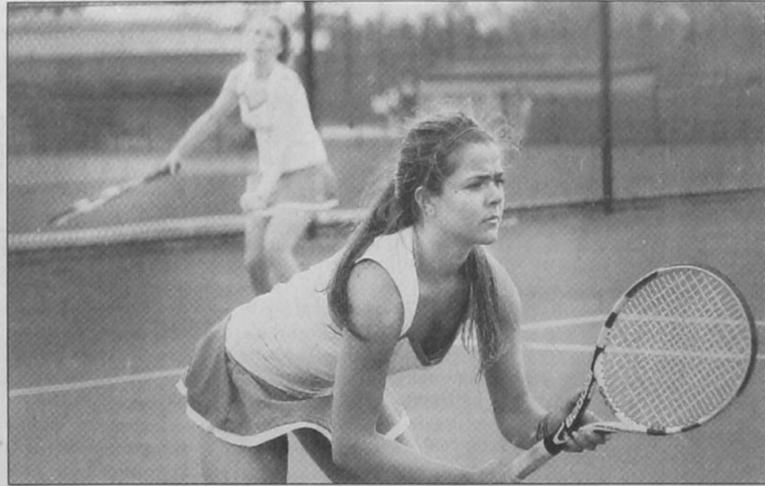
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Section 6 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

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Salem's No. 1 doubles team of Mallory Rojo and Sarah Bellaire, shown from earlier this season, pushed their Milford opponents to the limit in a two-set match.



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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS PLYMOUTH 7 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 2 May 5 at W.L. Western. No. 1 singles: Jillian Bean (WLW) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-2. No. 2: Sophia Shui (WLW) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-3, 6-4. No. 3: Miranda Cerny (P) def. Aileen Zhao, 6-1, 6-0. No. 4: Kirithi Duraiswamy (P) def. Nicole Whaley, 6-2, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey (P) def. Melissa Witkowski-Shayna Lickfold, 7-6(2), 6-1. No. 2: Brittany Rose-Lulia Fratila (P) def. Emily Wang-Ashley Lustre, 7-5, 6-4. No. 3: Mariah Tesarz-Andrea Haider (P) def. Lilly Irijima-Augusta Kiepper, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. No. 4: Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Allie Lewin-Ashley Lucas, 7-6(4), 6-1. No. 5: Molly Hudgins-Laura Schmid (P) def. Mackenzie Parsons-Jessica Goshom, 6-4, 6-7(6), 6-4. Dual match records: Plymouth, 7-3 overall; W.L. Western, 5-2 overall. SALEM 7 MILFORD 2 May 5 at Salem. No. 1 singles: Anna Norman (S) defeated Nina Haase, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Ashley Walker (S) def. Brenna Dougherty, 6-0, 6-2. No. 3: Morgan Spencer (S) def. Sara Gostek, 6-1, 6-1. No. 4: Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Brittini Vallette, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Erin Dougherty-Meghan Ewald (M) def. Mallory Rojo-Sarah Bellaire, 7-5, 7-6(2). No. 2: Emily Simmons-Emily Bolkowicz (S) def. Abbey Senczynski-Kathie Zarish, 6-2, 6-4. No. 3: Autumn Giles-Kelsey Prince (M) def. Lynne Krutty-Narges Pourmandi, 6-4, 6-2. No. 4: Sushmi Diraviam-Megan Bellaire (S) def. Ashleigh Key-Taylor Stringfellow, 6-4, 6-0. No. 5: Monica Topolovec-Courtney Godfrey (S) def. Megan Marlow-Paige Gmyrek, 6-0, 6-4. Dual match records: Salem, 9-3 overall; Milford, 5-4 overall. MILFORD 9 CANTON 0 May 3 at Canton. No. 1 singles: Nina Haase (M) def. Taylor Eppler, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Brenna Dougherty (M) def. Janani Shanmuga, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Sara Gostek (M) def. Kaitlyn Bunyak, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; No. 4: Brittini Vallette (M) def. Hayley Cook, 6-4, 7-5. No. 1 doubles: Erin Dougherty-Meghan Ewald (M) def. Sydney Liedel-Hannah Ferree, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; No. 2: Abbey Senczynski-Kathie Zarish (M) def. Samantha Klott-Erin Fowler, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Kelsey Prince-Autumn Giles (M) def. Farah Louzon-Clarie Babala, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; No. 4: Ashleigh Key-Taylor Stringfellow (M) def. Kristen Hollingsworth-Sabrina Baghaie, 6-1, 6-3; No. 5: Lauren Tierney-Paige Gmyrek (M) def. Maddison Johnson-Kinari Shah, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Dual match records: Milford, 5-3 overall; Canton, 4-3 overall.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 154 CANTON 172 May 4 at Hilltop. Churchill scorers: Ben Proben, 35 (medalist); Andrew Ioanou, 38; Dominic Dilisi, 39; Nick Proben, 42; Cory Dare, 46; Evan Fargo, disqualified. Canton scorers: Frank Parzynski, 41; Marty Peck and Justin Legel, 43 each; Alex Champagne, Brandon Laabs and Josh Maxam, 45 each. Dual match records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Canton, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAS South. SALEM 161 LIVONIA STEVENSON 164 May 3 at Fox Creek. Salem scorers: Eric Duprey, 39; Josh Perrin and Mike Danis, 40 each; Austin Strabay, 42; Brandon Duprey and Brian Patterson, 44 each. Stevenson scorers: Adam Giordano, 39; Nick Marsh, 41; Cam Tetrault, Dante Cicchelli and Nick Barr, 42 each; Marco Yaquinto, 49. Dual match records: Salem, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS Central Division; Stevenson, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAS Central. LIVONIA FRANKLIN 175 CANTON 182 April 26 at Hilltop G.C. Franklin scorers: Brian Bekkula, 39 (medalist); Jon Holmes, 44; Drake Hermann and Frank Wilson, 46 each; Brandon Kozyn, 49; Doug Nagy, 55.

Canton scorers: Justin Legel and Frank Parzynski, 44 each; Brandon Laabs and Alex Champagne, 47 each; Jox Maxam, 50; Brent Perry, 53. Dual match records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS South. NORTHVILLE 159 SALEM 161 April 26 at Fox Hills G.C. Northville scorers: Mike Zanotti, 36 (medalist); Matt Evasil, 40; Blake Bonatz, 41; Todd Goebel, 42; Kevin Collarens, 43; Alec Latton, 43. Salem scorers: Brandon Duprey, 39; Eric Duprey, 40; Brian Patterson, 40; Jake Leib, 42; Josh Perrin, 43; Nick Danis, 44.

SIDELINES

FROM PAGE B1 Her future coach, Ed Karasek, was on hand. Lauren will study energy engineering and, of course, play lacrosse. But now, head coach Ryan Ossennmacher turns his attention to next season. There will be a brief informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, in the Salem High School library.

Summer YMCA baseball

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its summer baseball leagues. Separate divisions are available for the following: children, ages 4-9, T-ballers (ages 4-5), coach pitch

(ages 6-7) and machine pitch (ages 8-9). Practices begin the week of June 20 and games begin June 25. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$71 for YMCA members or \$103 for others. The deadline to sign up is June 6. Call (734) 453-2904 for more information. Canton hoops golf outing The fourth annual Canton Basketball Golf Outing is set for June 4 at Salem Hills Golf Course. Registration will be 10:30 a.m. on the day of the outing, with a noon tee time. The fee of \$100 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf, dinner and prizes, raffle and silent auction.

Canton hoops golf outing

The 4th Annual Canton Basketball Golf Outing is set for Salem Hills Golf Course, on June 4. Pre-registration will be 10:30 a.m. on the day of the outing, with a 12 noon tee-off time. The fee of \$100 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf, dinner and prizes, raffle and silent auction. A \$30 dinner for non-golfers also is available. For more information about signing up or to sponsor, call Jimmy Reddy (734-751-9496), Carole Reddy (734-718-4402) or Brian Samulski (734-673-2555). The deadline for golfers to register is May 21. All proceeds will go to the Canton basketball programs.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wildcats grid camp

The 10th annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Skills Camp will be held from June 27 through June 29. Youngsters entering grades 5-9 will go from 5-to-7 p.m. each day; those going into grades 10-12 will participate from 7-to-9 p.m. Please go to www.plymouthwildcats.com to download a camp brochure and to get additional information. Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk also will answer questions at (734) 765-1766.

CYO volleyball signups

St. John Neumann parish in Canton is currently holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season. Any girls grades 5-8 in 2011-12 are eligible to register from St. Thomas A. Becket, Resurrection and St. John Neumann. Practices begin the second week of August with league games starting the first week of September. To register, contact St. John Neumann athletic director Walt Marek at (734) 455-5910, extension 31.

YMCA spring leagues

The YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are now forming. The soccer leagues are for children ages 4-10 and will run through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Saturdays.

Volleyball is for girls ages 9-10 and 11-12, also to run through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Friday evenings.

Both the soccer and volleyball leagues are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is April 1. For more information about these leagues, or other YMCA programs, go to www.ymcadetroit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

Captain's Corner

If you know of a senior varsity captain at Canton, Plymouth, Salem or Plymouth Christian who is worthy of recognition, please submit candidates for "Captain's Corner" to Observer sports editor Tim Smith, tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Father's Day Run

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run has again been recognized as a quality physical activity by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. This year's run, by the way, is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 19 in downtown Plymouth. The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The Fathers Day Run exemplifies this core value and is endorsed by the Governor's Council.

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Hospitals aim to reduce obesity with better food

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) aims to improve the nutrition of food served at hospitals throughout the state.

The organization launched a program last week that gives hospitals the tools to improve food served to staff, visitors and patients. It consists of four "stars" that address healthy eating and weight management. To earn stars, hospitals must improve the nutritional value of menus for food and beverages, add nutritional content labels to cafeteria and menu items, and commit to buying more Michigan grown and produced food products. The goal is to reduce obesity.

"The goals of Healthy Food Hospitals are to improve the nutritional value of food served to everyone who walks through the doors of Michigan hospitals, and help people continue to make healthier food choices after they leave the hospital," said Spencer Johnson, MHA president. "The national obesity crisis is reflected here in Michigan and there is a tremendous cost that being dangerously overweight adds to the health care system. With Healthy Food Hospitals, Michigan hospitals are demonstrating community leadership in helping people live healthier lifestyles, one of the key actions necessary to improve quality of life and reduce health care costs over generations."

More than 50 Michigan hospitals across the state signed up for the program.

Healthy Food Hospitals was created after the success of two previous MHA-launched health and wellness initiatives that resulted in 93 percent

of Michigan's community hospitals voluntarily adopting smoke-free campus policies, and 89 percent of Michigan hospitals voluntarily eliminating foods containing trans fats from their cafeteria, vending machines and patient nutrition.

"Our goal is for all community hospitals in Michigan to become Healthy Food Hospitals," Johnson said. "This is another way that Michigan hospitals — as major employers and prevention and wellness advocates — can lead by example."

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Childhood obesity is among the nation's most costly and complex public health threats. Michigan is the 10th most overweight state in the country, with 29.4 percent of adults and 12.4 percent of children ages 10 to 17 obese. According to the Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan initiative, Michigan's annual medical costs associated with obesity total more than \$3 billion.

The Healthy Food Hospitals program focuses on improving hospital menus for children and adults. Hospitals accomplish the first two stars when they adopt pediatric patient default menus for children ages 2 to 18 meet American Heart Association guidelines, and for serving milk without the recombinant bovine growth hormone. The third star goes to hospitals that label food nutritional content in their cafeterias. Hospitals complete the fourth star by



committing to buy at least 20 percent Michigan-grown, produced and processed foods.

The Ecology Center, based in Ann Arbor, and the MHA worked together to create the four-star approach. The Healthy Food Work Group

— consisting of dietitians from MHA-member hospitals — polished the campaign.

Local participating hospitals include Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak, Botsford Hospital in Farmington, Henry Ford Hospitals, Oakwood Hospitals,

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, and the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers.

For more information about the Healthy Food Hospitals initiative visit www.healthy-foodhospitals.org.

Check out the numbers in our **Sports** section

Diabetes and Erectile Dysfunction: Take Control

Erectile Dysfunction (ED) may be the most important diagnostic tool when it comes to general health in the baby-boomer population! Often times, it's the first symptom that men notice and the one that leads them to the doctor. If a man is experiencing E.D., it is suggested that he be screened for more serious health conditions such as heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes.

Erectile dysfunction is a common complication of diabetes. Up to 85 percent of men who have diabetes may experience E.D. The longer you've had diabetes and the more severe it is, the more likely you are to have trouble with erections. High blood sugar can permanently damage the nerves and blood vessels responsible for erections.

Recent advances and treatment methods have changed the way both diabetes and E.D. are now treated. With regard to E.D., some treatments offer a temporary solution; others provide a more permanent way to resolve the problem. As a urologist specializing in the treatment of E.D., my goal is to provide men with the information they need to find the solution that's most satisfying for them—and their partner!

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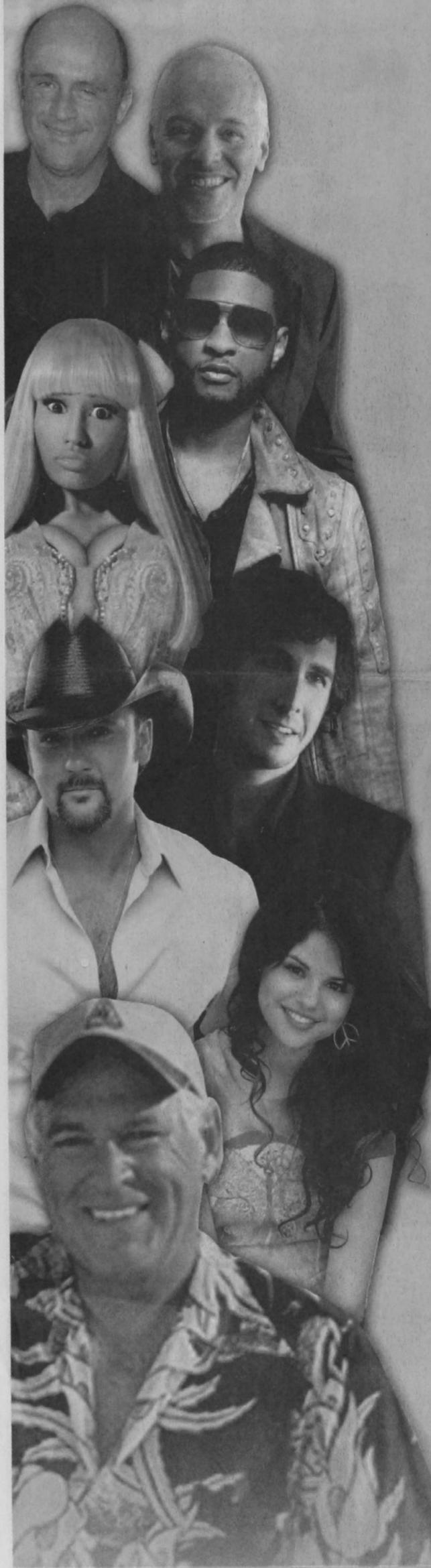
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- 28 KATY PERRY wsg MARINA & THE DIAMONDS**
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
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- 11 CHRIS ISAAK** 🍷
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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 14 MICHAEL W. SMITH/** \$ *ON SALE SOON*
THIRD DAY
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 17 DEF LEPPARD** 🍷
wsg **HEART** and **EVAN WATSON**
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- 19 THE J. GEILS BAND** *ON SALE FRIDAY*
wsg **THE CHRIS ROBINSON BROTHERHOOD**
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- 21 TRAIN/MAROON 5** 🍷
wsg **GAVIN DeGRAW**
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- 21 GEORGE THOROGOOD** \$ *ON SALE SOON*
& **THE DESTROYERS**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 23 KINGS OF LEON** *ON SALE SATURDAY*
wsg **BAND OF HORSES**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

- 25 ARETHA FRANKLIN** 🍷
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- 25 CHILDREN'S CLASSIC** \$
RAPUNZEL "UNTANGLED" (2 SHOWS!)
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- 27 GETBACK! CAST OF BEATLEMANIA** \$ 🍷
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 28 WHITESNAKE/TESLA** 🍷
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 28 WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL** (1 PM - 5:30 PM) 🍷
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 28 BARRAGE** \$ 🍷
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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER

- 03 TED NUGENT** \$
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- 10 MMA CAGE FIGHT FESTIVAL** \$ 🍷
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 18 TOBYMAC** \$ *ON SALE SOON*
wsg **PETER FURLER/MANDISA**
and **JAMIE GRACE**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
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The big 5-0

RNs talk old times, plan for nursing school reunion

BY SHARON DARGAY
Q&E STAFF WRITER

Back in the day, Marilyn Kramer deciphered doctors' handwritten orders, administered breathing treatments and sharpened injection needles.

Marge Becker made infant formula from scratch, scrubbed tracheal tubes by hand, and got to know her patients well because they often stayed at least a week.

"It took longer to do everything back then," said Becker, an RN who works in pre-anesthesia testing at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia. "You had to sterilize everything."

Today, 50 years after the pair graduated from nursing school, physician orders are printed by computer; disposable "sharps" and tubing have become the norm and many patients leave the hospital a day or two after a surgical procedure.

"There's more responsibility, more technical care," said Kramer, an RN in the Medical Cardiology Unit at St. Mary Mercy. "We're using technical equipment and we have to know how it all works and we document everything. There is a whole lot more to everything. The whole scope of caring is more specific and there are protocols to follow."

"When I started in nursing school the basic comfort and care of the patient was not as technical as it is now."

She and Becker, along with their classmates from the Providence Hospital School of Nursing, will have plenty of time to reminisce about the old days



Marilyn Kramer nursed at Oakwood Hospital before starting her career at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



Marge Becker at the start of her 50-year nursing career.

during their 50-year reunion, May 13-15 in Southfield. The event, which coincides with National Hospital Week, includes a stop on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit, where the school operated until 1975, along with a visit to Providence Hospital in Southfield.

A STRONG BOND

Both Becker and Kramer have kept in touch with many of the



Marge Becker (left) and Marilyn Kramer will attend their 50-year nursing school reunion next weekend. They both work at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

class of 1961's 55 graduates. Less than a dozen of them are still nursing, but they all share in a kind of sisterhood that started at Providence, where students lived in hospital dorms during their three-year training.

"What was wonderful was if you had a bad day in the hospital, you could share your woes with friends because they were probably experiencing the same thing," Kramer said. "Today, students sit in classes and go on site to the hospital and then go home to their families and no one understands what they went through."

"We lived together for three years and were like sisters. We were there all the time and we became good friends. Everyone went their own way after graduation, but when we get together, it's

like old times."

Kramer worked on a "difficult" surgical floor at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn after she obtained her nursing certificate and before she moved to Charlotte near Lansing, where she assisted at a private medical practice where she did everything from getting patients ready for exams to sterilizing equipment.

By the time she took on a mid-night job at St. Mary Mercy, she had married and her husband was teaching at Schoolcraft College. She quit two years later to teach the nurses aid program in Livonia schools and rejoined St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 1989. In the meantime, she also raised a son and daughter.

"I was anxious to get back to regular nursing," she said, explain-

ing why she quit teaching. "It's just something you want to do when you're a nurse. Everyday is different in nursing ... it's a challenge and it's exciting."

She's considering retirement within the next year or two and looking forward to travelling with her husband.

MOM AND SON

Becker trained in the operating room at Jennings Memorial Hospital in Detroit after her graduation. She stayed there for six years and then moved to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 1968.

"We were one building back then. I worked the emergency room for 18 years," Becker said. Now she talks with patients primarily by phone, obtaining medical history and medication dosage

as they prepare for surgery. In her spare time she takes Irish dance classes.

One of her two sons is a nurse who works at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Her daughter works as a dietary aide at St. Mary Mercy.

She was surprised when her son decided to become a nurse, but also recognized that the career offers many perks.

"It's a wonderful profession. There are so many variables. You can work in different shifts and areas. You can always find a job," she said.

Kramer has worked with several women who raised families and then went to nursing school. She said mothers often do well nursing because of their caregiver roles.

"It just fits. They're (moms) always taking care of someone."

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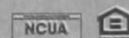


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Dishwasher problem almost stumps the 'doctor'

BY JOE GAGNON
GUEST COLUMNIST

When you are married to a retired school principal there is no slacking off on the job.



Appliance Doctor

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detergent purchased last year, she filed the complaints on an almost

daily basis. "My glasses are coming out all foggy and they look terrible." When she started so did the readers of this column, along with the same comments coming from consumers calling my radio show. "My dishwasher does a terrible job" became a constant echo in my ears and it was time to make some inquiries.

Some people went out and purchased a brand new dishwasher only to find out that was not a solution. Many individuals spent money for a service call which resulted in wasted dollars. Many homeowners changed the brand of dishwasher detergent they had been using for years to no avail. My standard answer has been, don't blame the dishwasher, and blame the detergent. The soap companies have removed the phosphates!

In our house I was under strict supervision to solve this dilemma. I

was told that my tenure was under a dark cloud and my doctoring days could suffer an image black-out so I got on the case full time.

I went to my all knowing computer and folks, I want to tell you that you should not believe everything you read on the Internet.

REMEDIES

I tell my darling Valorie to try mixing a spoonful of Tang with the powdered detergent in the soap container. That doesn't work! I suggest she mix a spoonful of Kool-Aid and that doesn't work! Even with more emphasis I inform her that a spoonful of lime or lemon juice will take care of it and that doesn't work! I stop by an old friend's appliance store in Chelsea and I tell Mark Heydlauff that my marriage is about to go on the rocks and he hands me this

container of a product called Lemi-Shine and guarantees it will take care of all the problems.

He was absolutely correct and now the principal's dishwasher is working just beautifully and she begun to call me by my first name again.

HELPFUL PRODUCT

There are 16 states in this country that have a ban on using phosphate in dishwasher detergent and Michigan is now one of them. That means 36 states don't seem to be overly concerned about it. This new product called Lemi-Shine has not hit the grocery store market full bore yet but your request for it might make them act in a full speed manner. I can now guarantee it will take care of the problems with wash ability in your dishwasher.

Another suggestion might be appli-

cable if you are traveling to another state this year. I am going to North Dakota in a few days and I am stopping by a grocery store and will purchase a few boxes of powdered dishwasher detergent. These are the states that currently have banned the use of phosphates: Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. If you are going to one of the other 36 states please be careful crossing the borders. There may be border inspections to check your vehicle for illegal dishwasher detergent. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

Sunset at the Zoo tickets on sale

Sunset at the Zoo will feature a strolling supper offering tastes of signature dishes from 40 restaurants and zoo-themed martinis, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 17.

Tickets, ranging from \$150-\$600 are available by calling (248) 541-5717 and pressing 3 or by visiting www.detroit-zoo.org/sunset.

The 21-and-over gala will be held

rain or shine and will include live entertainment by Larry Lee and Back in the Day, dancing, live and silent auctions including "zoo-nique" experiences, and access to the Zoo's award-winning animal habitats as the sun goes down. Attire for the evening is "safari chic."

The zoo will close that day at 2 p.m. in preparation for the festivities.

A benefactor party will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 at the Grosse Pointe home of Lois and Gail Warden for those buying \$600 benefactor tickets. A VIP reception will be held at the Zoo from 5:30-7 p.m. on Friday, June 17 for those with \$600 benefactor tickets and \$300 patron tickets.

Golf event benefits senior services in area

The Senior Alliance is registering teams for its 11th Annual Golf Classic, Friday, July 29, at Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

The Senior Alliance is a non-profit, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, that is designated to help thousands of seniors and caregivers throughout southern and western Wayne County through the Meals-on-Wheels program, the Holiday Meals-on-Wheels program, information and assistance and many other services for senior citizens. Ninety-three cents of every dollar raised from this event will go directly to senior services.

The 9 a.m. shotgun start will kick-off a day filled with opportunities to win raffle prizes, and possibly the cherished "Ficano Cup" trophy. Last year's event sold out quickly. To reserve a four-some or sponsor the event, call Linda DeVore, information services manager, at (734) 727-2017.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

PLANT SHARING

The Livonia Garden Club holds its annual Plant Sharing, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 14 at Greenmead, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. The event will be held rain or shine. Questions? Call (734) 425-6880.

GARDEN WALK

The 21st annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

Six gardens and a marketplace of garden art are included. Garden Walk tickets can be purchased online at www.annarborfarmandgarden.org, or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are \$12. Tickets are available the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at \$15 adult, \$3 students K-12. Groups can purchase advance tickets for \$10 per person; contact Irene Ball at (734) 222-0747. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gar-

dens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens are on the Web site.

BIBLE GARDEN

Congregation Beth Ahm will dedicate its Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden at 11 a.m. June 5, at 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The dedication and public opening will include tours of the garden. Visitors will experience a series of themes including the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Sarah's Tent, Parting of the Red Sea, and the giving of the Hebrew Bible at Mt. Sinai. The many species of plants,

flowers, and trees included in the garden are identified by both their biblical references and botanical names. A visit to the Woll Memorial Bible Garden concludes at a replica of the Western Wall, the remnant of the Old Temple and one of Judaism's holiest sites, in Jerusalem. The Woll Memorial Bible Garden will be open from sunrise to sunset in the spring, summer, and fall. Guided visits can be arranged by calling (248) 851-6880 and visitors may come at their convenience for self guided tours. See the garden on the Internet at www.wollbiblegarden.org.

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ARTHRITIS IN THE SPRING

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If one has psoriatic arthritis then spring brings relief. The ultra violet rays that help clear psoriasis exert a good effect on psoriatic arthritic joints. But patients with Lupus arthritis find that the same ultraviolet light exerts an aggravating effect on the skin, joints, and kidneys. For Lupus patients, spring with its warmth and light creates a risk.

For individuals with arthritis of the knees and shoulders, spring is both a help and hazard. The return of good weather means the chance to walk and play tennis or engage in golf. But a slip or fall, playing too long or too hard bring on wear to the joints and the risk of strain to supporting tendons and ligaments.

For patients with fibromyalgia, spring is a pure blessing. Many medications are available to treat fibromyalgia, but none of them are as effective as exercise. In turn, the best exercise is walking done early in the morning. When a person with fibromyalgia exercises early he or she is giving movement to muscles before those muscles can stiffen and ache through the day.

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For more information on Heron Days at Kensington Metropark, call the Nature Center at (800) 477-3178 or (248) 685-0603.



Mission matters

Fourteen American Association of University Women (AAUW) branches, including Plymouth/Canton, received awards for reaching out to the community with programs such as used book sales, women's wellness days, college career night presentations at high schools and equal pay day efforts. They received recognition at AAUW of Michigan's 89th Annual State Convention, held April 30-May 1, in Grand Rapids. The Plymouth/Canton branch has presented live drama to children for more than 50 years and this year organized a used dress sale for girls who couldn't afford prom or party attire. Recipients of the "Our Mission Matters" Award are Sue Hampton, representing the Escanaba chapter; (left) Lorelle Eberly, Holland; Jeanette Douglas, Romeo; Kaytee Bellows, Plymouth/Canton; Barbara Bonsignore, Rochester; Katherine Mulhane, Grosse Pointe; Jane Wirth, Midland; Pat Vomsteeg, Dearborn; Pam Hoffman, Birmingham; Margaret Fisher, Ann Arbor; Janet Watkins, Detroit; Sally Doty State AAUW president; Mickey Edell of the State Awards Committee; and Crinela Wedel, Wyandotte-Downriver.

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Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in

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Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School

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Class of 1961

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mike Accettura and Pat (Rutledge) Accettura celebrated their 50-year wedding anniversary Feb. 4 with friends and family at the Italian-American Banquet Center. The couple met on a blind date and married in 1961 in Detroit. They raised four children — Mike (Mary) of Berkley, Tony (Julie) of Farmington Hills, AnnaRita (Jeff) Schultz of Farmington Hills, Philip of Taylor — in Redford Township, then moved to Farmington Hills approximately 18 years ago. Mike, a retired carpenter, and Pat have nine grandchildren and are avid mall walkers. They enjoy spending time with their friends who also mall walk.

They also maintain a special tradition that started more than 40 years ago. Every Thursday is Spaghetti Day at their house. Mike used to make the homemade spaghetti sauce, but he has since taught Pat to make it, too. All the kids and grandkids are invited to their house on Thursdays for spaghetti dinner.



Mike and Pat Accettura on their wedding day.



Mike and Pat Accettura of Farmington Hills

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May 4, 2011 of Canton. Beloved husband of Betty. Loving father of Jennifer and Dominic (Carolyn). Dear brother of Arlene Cespino. Dear brother-in-law of Kay and Ferd Wint, Jim and Peg Schmiesing, and Dwight and Mary Jo Schmiesing. Frank was born May 2, 1948 to Frank and Irene Cespino. On April 11, 1970 Frank was united in marriage to Betty Schmiesing. Frank graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and a Master's degree in Engineering Management. Frank was a Project Manager at Ford/Visteon until his retirement in 2005, and worked as a consultant for various automotive companies. He was active, for many years, in the Plymouth/Canton Youth Soccer League and enjoyed golfing and traveling. Visitation Monday 4-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor, Road, (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In State Tuesday 10 AM until the 11 AM. Funeral Mass at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd. (south of Five Mile Rd.), Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



CHRISTIENSEN, MARGARET (MARNIE) GARDNER

Died on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the age of 90 in Naples, FL after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, G. Thomas Christiansen. Born on August 2, 1920 in Akron, Ohio and raised in Portsmouth, Ohio, Marnie graduated from the University of Michigan in 1942. While at U. of M. she was vice president of the senior class, a member of Wyvern and Scroll honorary societies and a member of Pi Beta Phi. After graduation, she taught English and Speech before marrying Tom on June 29, 1946 at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor, MI. She and Tom lived in Birmingham, Michigan from 1946 to 1985 where they were members of the First United Methodist Church, Birmingham Athletic Club and Orchard Lake Country Club. Marnie belonged to The Village Club and served as its president from 1972 - 1974. A loyal member of Pi Beta Phi, she represented the sorority as National Panhellenic Conference Delegate. She also served as Alumnae Province President and Collegiate Province President. Marnie and Tom moved to Naples, FL in 1985. They were members of Naples United Church of Christ and Kensington Golf and Country Club. Marnie was active in the Naples Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi and the Greater Naples Alumnae Panhellenic. Marnie is survived by her three daughters: Karin C. Fowler (Scott W.) of Grand Haven, MI, Margaret A. Christiansen of Naples and Sally C. Harris (Wilmot L.) of Greenwich, CT; two grandsons: Andrew T. Fowler (Kristi) and Ryan W. Fowler (Kelsy); one great-granddaughter, two great-grandsons; two step-granddaughters: Ashley Harris and Brooke Harris; and two brothers: John W. Gardner and Robert M. Gardner of Upper Arlington, Ohio. Marnie was predeceased by her parents David E. and Petrea (Gableman) Gardner and a brother David E. Gardner, Jr. A memorial service celebrating Marnie's life will be held at Naples United Church of Christ on Saturday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Avow Hospice of Naples, Inc. (1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples 34105), Naples United Church of Christ (5200 Crayton Rd., Naples 34103), or University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Research (Office of Development, 2800 Plymouth Road, Bldg. 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0843). For online condolences, please visit www.fullerfuneralhome.com.

DIVIDOCK, ANDREW T.

Age 97. May 2, 2011. Beloved Husband of the late Pauline for 43 years. Dearest Father of Lawrence (Susan) Dividock, Kenneth Dividock, Elaine (Stephen) Murad, and Kathleen (Andrew) Davis. Loving Grandfather of 15 and Great-Grandfather of 15. Funeral, Saturday, 10am at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton. Visitation Thursday, 5-8pm and Friday, 2-8pm. Interment Grandlawn Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



EVARTS, GWENNE SMITH

Age 74, passed away peacefully April 20th. She resided in Birmingham, Michigan and graduated from Birmingham High in 1955. She was so very much loved by her Daughter, Julie (David), Sons John, (Kristi), and Jeff. She is also survived by 5 beautiful grandchildren, Brooke, Logan, Hannah, Ian, and Celia. Her 4 sisters Gail, (Stan), Jill, (Wayne), Mary, (John), and Bonnie are deeply missing her! She also had many nieces, nephews and friends. Services will be held May 14 at 12:00-1pm at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 5 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI. We will be celebrating her life after the service in the fellowship hall.



HOLLEMAN, WILLEMINA KANT

Formerly of Birmingham, died peacefully with her family at her side on April 26, 2011 at Lourdes Senior Community, Waterford, MI. In her 92 years, she lived in two different worlds, bridged by her nurturing spirit. Born the third of five siblings January 28, 1919 in Dordrecht, The Netherlands, to Arie and Wilhelmina Kant, she was named after her maternal grandmother. Willemina grew up in the lean years following World War I and studied nursing after completing high school. As a young woman, she endured the stresses and hardships of living in an occupied country during World War II. On August 1, 1946, Willemina married a young architect, Jacob Holleman, in Rotterdam. With their two-year-old daughter, they immigrated to the United States in 1950. Soon after, as Jacob embarked on his professional career, two additional children were born happily committing Willemina deeply into motherhood, the role she cherished for all of her life. Over the years, the family prospered and blossomed to include eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, providing endless opportunity for Willemina to nurture and teach by example as the family's inspirational matriarch. She was a devoted wife, the consummate mother and the model grandmother, always putting her family before herself. She was a woman with boundless energy who loved all children as well as flowers and gardening, music and dancing. She believed in the goodness in everyone's heart and would strive to bring out the best in everyone she met. Willemina was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings and her husband, Jacob. She is survived by her youngest sister Aad Kant; daughter Wilhelmina Mariah Finnicum (William); son William James; daughter Marian Louise Hutchins (William); eight grandchildren: Justin Finnicum (Carolyn), Elyse Finnicum Hardesty (Scott), William Finnicum IV, Marie Hutchins, Elizabeth Hutchins, Jacob Hutchins, Austin Holleman and Chase Holleman; seven great-grandchildren: Kyla Hardesty, June Hardesty, Rhett Hardesty, Gavin Finnicum, Hanley Finnicum, Nolan Finnicum and Annelyse Hutchins. A Memorial Service is to be held at 11:00 AM Friday, May 13, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church, Birmingham, MI. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Willemina's memory.

LIBBY, PATRICIA

Age 77, May 4, 2011 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Gordon. Loving mother of Sharon (Richard) Rucinski, Debbie (Jim) Fahner, Gordon, & Nancy (Russ) Hammond. Sister of Chris (Stan) Kovacheff, Joan (Joe) Pape and the late Jerry. Grandmother of Julie (John) Alexander, Chris Fahner, Libby (Tim) Varner, Emily Libby, Gordon Libby, Natalie Walser, Olivia Walser & Ian Hammond. Great-grandmother of Maddie Varner and soon-to-be Baby Alexander. Funeral service Monday at 11:00 AM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Visitation on Saturday from 3-9PM. Please sign Patricia's on-line guestbook at: www.rgharris.com

PASCIAK, JASON MICHAEL

38, of Frederick, MD passed away on May 4, 2011. He was the husband of Alicia Pasciak, of Frederick. Born May 1, 1973 in Michigan, he was the son of Kenneth and Karen Pasciak. Jason graduated from Thurston High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1993 to 1998, when he was honorably discharged as a Specialist. He was employed as a network engineer with Blue Ridge Technical Services. In addition to his loving wife and parents, Jason is survived by his son, Tristan Pasciak; stepchildren, Alex Sigler and Scott Largent; a sister, Casi Pasciak; grandmothers, Cathy Barton, Ella Pierce, and Barbara Pasciak; parents-in-law, Mike & Donna Bolinger, and Susan Rooney & friend Robert Norris; sisters-in-law, Amy Yost & husband Ryan, Beth Carnell & husband Robert, and Michele Lavoie & husband Daniel; brother-in-law, Samuel Tourney; one niece; three nephews; and a host of friends and other family members. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Henry Barton. A visitation will be held Monday, May 9th from 7 - 9 PM in the Chapel Mausoleum of Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 9501 U.S. Route 15 N in Frederick, where a funeral service will take place at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 10th. The Rev. Clark Carr of Grace United Methodist Church (Hagerstown) will officiate. Arrangements are with Resthaven Funeral Services, Skkot Cody P.A. in Frederick.



SHOWERMAN, ELIZABETH J. "JANE"

Of Northville. Jane was born July 13, 1927 in Howell, MI; died May 2, 2011, at the age of 83. She graduated Howell High School before moving to Washington D.C. where she worked at the Pentagon. She was married to Donald Joseph Showerman for 49 years. They owned and operated Showerman's Party Store, in Livonia, for over 30 years and then moved to Glen Lake. Friends remember her as a sharp businesswoman, loving mother and grandmother, with a kind heart. Jane enjoyed reading, crosswords, and puzzles and was a fan of all the Detroit sports teams. She was active in her church and had a very strong family orientation. Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 1998; son, Mark, in 2009; and her siblings. Surviving are her daughters, Kay (Leonard) Zuckerman and Pam (Brian) Fazio; sons, David (Bonnie) Showerman and Paul (Cheryl) Showerman; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Jane King, Ruth (Jack) Borden and Irene Showerman. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 6, 2011, at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Empire, MI. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL, 60674, in memory of Elizabeth "Jane" Showerman. The family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing. Online condolences may be sent to www.gorslineruncimaneastlansing.com

SOLTIS, KATHLEEN RITA DOYLE

Age 74, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away May 3, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

SPENCER, MARION G.

Carsonville- Marion G. Spencer, age 91, a resident of Carsonville passed away unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday April 27, 2011. She was born on February 19, 1920 in Detroit a daughter of the late Henry and Ella (Engelhardt) Hamel. Marion was preceded in death by her husband Marshall Spencer. Marion was a retired school teacher from the Farmington Hills District after 30 years of teaching. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many. Per Marion's wishes there will be no services. Memorials in memory of Marion may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Port Sanilac. Arrangements were by the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Carsonville.



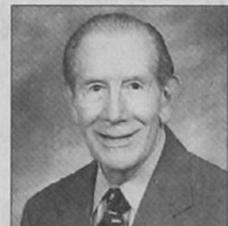
WILSON, MARION E.

95, of Farmington Hills, MI passed away April 18, 2011. Preceded in death by her husband Wallace A. Wilson. Survived by daughter Kathleen (Keith) Milam of TN. Interment in Alpena, MI. See complete obituary at: www.Thayer-Rock.com.



YEAGER, WELDON OSBORNE

Retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died April 30, 2011 at his home in Palm Beach at the age of 88. He was born July 26, 1922, in Hillsboro, Ohio to Carl O. Yeager and Stella McCall Yeager. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.S. Degree and lived in Bloomfield Hills, Harbor Springs and Birmingham, Michigan. While living in Michigan, he was very active in the Republican Party, holding several positions. He was elected to the Michigan State Legislature and also ran for Secretary of State. Governor George Romney appointed him as Director of the Michigan Workman's Compensation Department where he served for eight years prior to starting his own insurance company. He moved to Ocean Ridge, Florida, and later Palm Beach following his retirement. While living in Ocean Ridge he served a term as mayor. Mr. Yeager was a generous philanthropist, supporting many charities; as well as The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, where he was a member. Mr. Yeager was also a member of the Four Arts, Beach Club, Club Colette, Old Guard Society, Palm Beach Yacht Club, and the English Speaking Union. Mr. Yeager also served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, and left the service with the rank of Captain. Mr. Yeager is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager of Palm Beach and Tallahassee. He is also survived by his daughter Carey Yeager; his sons Mark Yeager and Sky Yeager; his three granddaughters Halina Acosta, Morgan Yeager, and Beverly Yeager; his great-granddaughter Carmen Acosta, his great-grandson Marcos Acosta; his brother David Yeager; and his niece Nancy Yeager. Mr. Yeager was preceded in death by his son, Richard Yeager. A service was held at graveside on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Roselawn Cemetery in Tallahassee. A memorial service is being planned for Wednesday, May 11, at The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach. The Rev. Dr. Robert Norris is officiating. Gifts in memory of Mr. Yeager may be made to The Royal Poinciana Chapel, 58 Coconut Row, Palm Beach, FL 33480; or to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.



WHITLEGGE, REV. WILLIAM FRANKLIN

Age 83, of Hudson, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 3rd, 2011. He is survived by his son, William H. Whitledge (married to Holly Doty Whitledge), his daughter, V. Beth Edwards (married to Frank J. Edwards), his two grandsons, William R. Whitledge and James D. Whitledge, and his sister, Carol Whitledge Glick (married to Robert Glick). His wife of 47 years, Virginia Haynes Whitledge, preceded him in death in 1997. Originally from Henderson, KY, Rev. Whitledge was a WWII Navy veteran, a graduate of Evansville College, 1950, in Evansville, IN and McCormick Theological Seminary, 1953, in Chicago, IL. Alma College, Alma MI, bestowed an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on him in 1971 for service and leadership to his church and community. While in seminary, Rev. Whitledge served as the student pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Branch, IN. After completion of his Master of Divinity and ordination, he was called to serve at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia MI. During his 27 years as Senior Pastor at St. Paul's, he was also active in the Presbytery of Detroit, the Synod of Michigan, and the Synod of the Covenant. Upon retirement in 1988, Rev. Whitledge and his wife, Virginia, relocated to Hudson, FL, where he became active in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, serving on the Committee of Ministry and as interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Port Richey and Forest Hills Presbyterian Church of Tampa. In 1993 he was called to serve as the Parish Associate at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Hudson, FL. In 2007, at age 80, and after 14 years at St. Mark's, he retired for the second time. His remaining years were spent in love and enjoyment with his family, his friends, and his faith. A memorial service will be held for Rev. Whitledge on June 1st at 1:00 PM at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 7922 SR 52, Hudson, FL 34667. Rev. Whitledge's ashes will be joined with his wife's and buried during a private family service at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to HPH Hospice Foundation, 12107 Majestic Blvd., Hudson, FL 34667 or St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. Service arrangements are being handled by Prevatt Funeral Home; 727-863-3700 www.prevattfuneralhome.com

ZIEGENHAGE, HARLEN

Of Manistee, Michigan and formerly of Livonia and Brighton passed away on January 18 at the Manistee Medical Care Facility at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Doris Mae, Grandson Nathan Ziegenhagen of Northville, and sisters Ruth Schoedel of Manistee and Marie Peterson (Lowell) of Livonia. He was also preceded in death by his sons Harlen and Robert and sister Gertrude Baker. He graduated from Manistee High School in 1944 and enlisted in the Navy that year. He was employed as a Quality Control Manager for Ford Motor Company and retired from the Wayne Assembly Plant after 36 years of service in 1987. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 in Manistee with final interment at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Manistee. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Alzheimers Association.

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COMETTO, MARILYN SUELLEN

Age 69, of Plymouth, passed away on May 1, 2011. Born in Detroit to parents Alvin and Donalda Sass. Moved to California and became a well respected horse trainer and then moved back to Plymouth after her retirement. Loving sister of Dale Sass and his wife Idelle Hammond-Sass and George (Leslie) Sass. Dear aunt of Katherine (Chris) Slicker, Jennifer (Brett) Fry and Casey Sass. Great aunt of Matthew Slicker, Madison and Kaitlin Fry. Also survived by her uncle Ron Stanton and his partner David Martindale and by aunts Eldora Waters and Donna Jean (Carl) Seely and last but not least her beloved dog Hershall. Suelen was an accomplished artist and gardener. Services were held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to her parents at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

CROSS, WALLACE REED

Age 88, died 5/4/11 in Raleigh, NC. Arrangements by: Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 1701 E. Millbrook Rd. Raleigh, NC 27609. www.brownwynne.com

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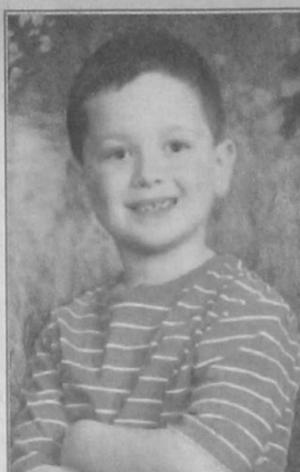


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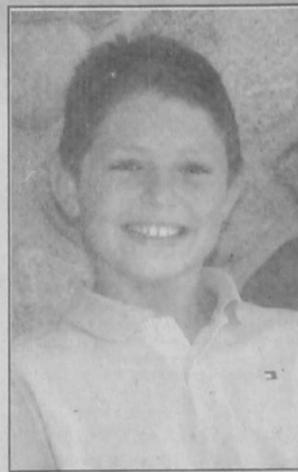
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10 Jobs Of The Future

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We know where the jobs are today -- and we definitely know where they aren't. But what about in 10 or even 20 years?

As things like technology, medicine, science and environmentalism continue to advance in the coming years, several occupations are bound to emerge. By understanding these trends, job seekers can play a more active role in planning for their careers.

Some are speculative, some are definitive -- but here are 10 potential jobs of the near or distant future, based on the trends:

1. Cyber security specialist - Cyber security is a growing industry. Knowledgeable professionals who can protect websites and expose hackers will be a hot commodity in the coming years.

2. Genetic counselor - Genetics are advancing at a rapid rate. Doctors can now run tests that will predict genetic conditions, and soon,

parents may be able to choose the sex of their unborn children. With the help of genetic counselors, families can educate themselves on available genetic technologies and options.

3. Organic food farmer - Organic food currently occupies about 10 percent of the food and beverage market -- and it's only going to increase. As a result, more organic farmers and producers will need to improve organic farming techniques and grow the food.

4. Medical records administrator - Medical records are at the forefront of innovative technology, with a strong push to digitize medical records. An increased number of medical researchers will be needed to help transition records from paper to digital, and to be able to navigate records quickly for patients.

5. Mobile application developer - Remember car phones? You know, the equivalent of a cell phone, except that you could only use it in the car and it was the size of

a brick? With the development of phones like the BlackBerry, Android and iPhone, the mobile media industry is continually progressing. An increased number of developers will be needed to help develop applications, in addition to combating security and compatibility issues.

6. Robotics technician - Robots are becoming more commonplace and they don't run on their own. Technicians will be needed to build robots, maintain them and keep them from malfunctioning.

7. Simulation engineer - There's a simulator for nearly everything these days, from surgeries to flying to drinking and driving. As more simulation-based technologies follow suit, engineers will be required to help out.

8. Social media manager - Social media is the new "it" profession. It started with Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn and has expanded to many other platforms. Organizations are now

employing social media managers to oversee their online communities and enhance/protect the company brand.

9. Stem cell researcher - Although it's a controversial topic, stem cell research is gaining ground. If this continues, more researchers will be needed to develop cures for diseases, genetic enhancements, and the other information these cells may potentially hold.

10. Sustainability officer - Sustainability has become a concern around the world and also among businesses. Since the executive suite may not have time to learn all there is to know, organizations are hiring eco-savvy individuals as "sustainability officers." These folks will find, research, and implement eco-friendly policies to benefit the organization.

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SEEKS HONEST RELATIONSHIP
SWF, 45, very petite, blonde hair, hazel eyes, smoker, down-to-earth, kind, sweet, loves antiques, plays, nice dinners, beaches, nature, outdoor activities, seeks a caring and honest man, 43-64, N/S, for serious LTR. Please no games. ♀337328

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 49, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 50-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ♀230694

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Let's be happy together! SWPF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, professional, caring, beautiful and pure, N/S, likes concerts, gardening, dancing, walking along the beach, long drives, seeks a nice, caring SWM, professional, dedicated to family with integrity, 44-50, N/S, who is sincere to share loving, beautiful moments and more. ♀338430

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
50-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 49-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ♀962317

LOVE IS BLIND
SWF, 42, N/S, totally blind, 5'4", brown hair, seeks WM, 35-58, N/S, who is patient, kind, understanding, honest, loving, for friendship first leading to possible serious LTR. ♀337812

TOTAL LOSER!
I have no looks, no interests, no talent, no IQ, no friends, no job, and haven't dated since 1982! OK, stop laughing and here is the truth. I am a S.J.P.F., 47, 5'8", blonde, shapely, bright (advanced degree), fun, caring, passionate, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Among other things, I love great conversation, a great sense of humor, and great kissing. Seeking compatible male, late 40s - mid 60s, for permanent best friend and lover. I'm temporarily living in Milwaukee but may move to Michigan soon. ♀324039

SEEKING A BLACK MAN
SBF, 44, no children, lives alone, looking for a non-smoking, non-drinking, drug-free man who enjoys travel, playing cards, getting together and just having a good time. ♀332295

LET'S GO!
I am a SWF, 52", in my 60s, brown eyes, brunetta, who loves movies, calmos, arts, etc. ISO tall, 60-75, gentleman, for a possible relationship. Call and leave a message. ♀982305

SEEKS HONEST MAN
SWF, 53, 5'2", 150lbs, Auburn hair, average build, artist, light smoker, likes all kinds of music, seeks WM, 45-65, into friendship, going out to eat, dancing, social events, possible companionship. ♀338127

FORMER FLIGHT ATTENDANT
Recently widowed former flight attendant ISO a meaningful relationship with a Jewish man who is mensah. I'm 63, 100lbs and look like I'm in my 40s. I'm fun, spiritual, youthful and hope to hear from you soon! ♀337886

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR
WF, 64, loving, giving, fun to with, looking for her soulmate. Any sincere WM, 60-65, who's ambitious, successful, spiritual, good looking, please reply. I like movies, plays, concerts, ballet, boating, swimming, traveling, life itself. ♀982074

WEST SIDE BEAUTY
Professionally employed in the beauty field. SWF, 56", slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-52, HWP, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors, light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. ♀230791

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive SWF, 55", 125lbs, fun-loving, attractive blonde who is retired would love the companionship of a gentleman, 65+, with a pleasing personality. ♀330211

SEEKING A MAN WHO IS...
young-at-heart like me. Recently widowed WF enjoys dining, dancing, bowling, golf, good movies and more. Would like to have good male companionship with a WM, 50-65. ♀330750

I'LL BE WAITING
Very gorgeous SF, multi-racial, 31, 5'7", medium build, in search of a man, race unimportant, 40-65, kids ok, who is living his life to the fullest, financially secure, sincere, who likes concerts, cooking and traveling, for friendship first leading to possible relationship. ♀332436

PEOPLE-PERSON
DWF, 65, 5'2", 107lbs, two grown sons and one granddaughter, looking for SWM, 58-66, N/S, who is family-oriented, easy to communicate with, and fun to be with. I love concerts, dining out, taking walks. ♀333842

LET'S GO CAMPING
SWF, 52, 5'5", plus size, beautiful eyes, pretty smile, N/S, seeks WM, 50-62, N/S, for long walks, swimming, outdoors, possible LTR. ♀338080

GIVE ME A CALL!
SBF, 21, 5'5", 165lbs, caramel complexion, mother, loves travel, cooking, outdoors, bowling, shooting pool. Seeking SWM, 25-35, for possible relationship. ♀29887

LET'S MEET
Well-educated, attractive female, brown hair and eyes, 5'9". Looking for companion to enjoy movies, dining, travel, etc. Love to cook even better, love Italian food. If you're a sweet man, in your 40s to 50s, have pretty eyes, and know how to spoil a lady, call me. ♀332666

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

TALL ATHLETIC SWM
Good looks, good personality, muscular, 6'0", 205lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, degreed, easygoing. I enjoy exercising, the parks, road trips and trying new activities. Seeking single female for fun, friendship and more. Age and area open. ♀331308

ONE-WOMAN MAN
Italian SWM, 52, brown/brown, in very good shape, seeks AF, 40-65, who likes going out and having fun. ♀3330127

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SWM, 53, 5'11", 180lbs, N/S, like chess, backgammon, coffee, housework, going to the gym, comedy clubs. Seeking SWF, 35-65, with similar interests for friendship first leading to possible LTR. ♀218827

CHANGE OUR LIVES
SWM, 61, N/S, a caring, respectful gentleman, has herpes, looking for a compassionate, down-to-earth SWF for possible LTR. East Side. ♀313205

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise/wise of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ♀269646

LET'S HAVE FUN
SWM, 43, 5'8", athletic build, smoker, likes lasagna, walks on the beach, seeks WF, 30-50, smoker, for friendship first and maybe more. ♀338520

CUTE FELLOW
SBM, 47, 5'9", 170lbs, athletic build, smoker, seeks woman, 18-50, for friendship, having fun, leading to possible LTR. ♀338650

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E350 Attacks The Road With Vigor

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Mercedes-Benz has done a masterful job of making its E350 look fresh and vigorous. The face of the car that was redesigned in 2010 is angular and slick.

The E350's coefficient of drag is 0.25 for the European model and 0.27 for the U.S. version because of wider tires.

The lower the number, the easier the car slides through the air, and the easier it slides through the air, the easier it is and the less fuel it uses. With gasoline in greater Detroit priced at more than \$4 per gallon now and rising, that's important, no matter what your income is.

Prices begin at \$48,600 for the E350 with the 268-horsepower V6. The 4Matic, with all-wheel drive, begins at \$51,100. The E550, with a 382-horsepower V-8, begins at \$56,300. The E550 4Matic starts at \$58,800.

The E350 Bluetec turbodiesel engine gets well over 30 miles per gallon on the highway, and there's a station wagon and coupe, too.

On the highway, the E350 glides softly. Not so soft that the car feels disconnected from the road -- quite the opposite -- but rather as if it were riding on perfectly smooth pavement.

It was impressively smooth on a bumpy gravel road, which is a testament to the shock absorbers that use an internal bypass to soften the ride on normal roads but firm up at higher speeds on twisty roads.

The 3.5-liter engine makes more than enough horsepower (168) for all but those who want maximum performance.

The transmission is a 7-speed automatic that can be shifted manually with paddles on the steering wheel.

A luxury sedan needs to be luxurious inside, and the E350 certainly is.

The front seats are deep and supportive. The car Avanti reviewers drove was equipped with the optional multi-contour seats that have a series of air bladders and mechanical bolsters that can be changed to suit the driver.

The seat also offers massage to lessen fatigue on long drives.

The instrument panel has five gauges grouped in front of the driver.

The steering wheel has controls for hands-free cell phone use and audio adjustments. LEDs highlight the lower portions of the door panels and instrument panel.

This soft lighting not only looks cool, but also gives just enough light to see handles and switches.

Mercedes' COMAND system for operating the navigation and audio systems is controlled by a knob on the center console.

The operation is reasonably easy to learn but could be more intuitive.

The optional Harmon Kardon surround-sound stereo has inputs for an iPod or an MP3 player and it can hold 6 gigabytes of music.

The navigation system has real-time traffic reports.

A driver-drowsiness monitor uses a steering sensor that is coupled to smart software that uses 70 parameters to establish a unique driver profile during the first 20 minutes of driving.

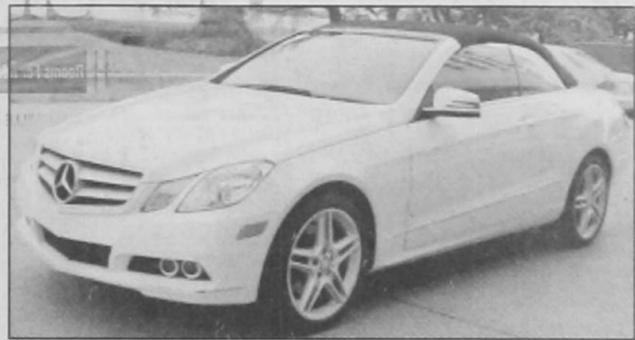
If the system identifies the erratic steering corrections that drivers make as they begin to get drowsy, it triggers an audible warning and a "Time for a Rest?" message with a coffee cup icon in the instrument cluster.

Mercedes-Benz's driver-assistance package is a set of options that notify the driver through a shudder in the steering wheel if the car deviates from its lane, that lights a triangle in the outside mirror when a vehicle is in the blind spot and alerts the driver when the system senses an impending collision.

If the driver fails to react, the system applies maximum braking about a half of a second before the collision.

This reduces the impact and creates what Mercedes calls an electronic crumple zone.

Up to 11 airbags are used throughout the



The Mercedes-Benz E350 is sporty, smooth and luxurious. It is equipped with high-tech features that alert the driver when road conditions have the potential to become unsafe.

interior, including one for the driver's knees and a pelvic side bag that works with the existing side-curtain airbag to help prevent injuries in side impacts.

The Mercedes we drove had a base price of \$48,600. Options included metallic paint, leather upholstery, parking sensors, split-folding rear seats, the COMAND system with navigation and upgraded audio, 18-inch wheels, sport suspension, perforated front brake discs, rearview camera, Distronic cruise control, lane-keeping assist and blind-spot assist. The sticker price was \$60,665.

The car's warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

NEW DEALERSHIP: Porsche has opened a new dealership to serve Metropolitan Detroit. Porsche is now on the same campus as the Bavarian Motor Village BMW Center on the west side of Gratiot Avenue in Eastpointe. John Wilson is the service manager for both dealerships at 24717 Gratiot and from personal experience we at Avanti NewsFeatures can tell you John and his people in the back shop do a fine job of getting vehicles in and out of the dealership in a timely fashion. When cars owned by Avanti staff have been brought in for maintenance and repair, John Wilson and his people have done the job right the first time, every time. Find out for yourself how great these guys are. Get in touch with John yourself by emailing him at john.wilson@bavarianmotorvillage.com <mailto:atjohn.wilson@bavarianmotorvillage.com> or call him at (586) 435-8350. Even if it's just to say "hi."

BIG ENGINE: Porsche will make 600 units of its 6-speed 911 GT3 RS 4.0 for sale

worldwide. The Carrera White sports car's engine has the highest displacement 911 engine of all time and delivers 125 horsepower per liter with its naturally aspirated flat six. At its peak, the GT3 cranks out 500 horsepower at 8250 rpm. Torque is 339 foot pounds, achieved at 5750 rpm. The GT3 goes from 0-60 in under 4 seconds and hits 124 mph in 12 seconds or less. Top speed is ... whoah! ... 193 mph. Um, we'd love to see if we can get the GT3 up to that speed on I-696 when we get the car. Price tag: Only ... \$185,000. The cars will be delivered to buyers in the fall. What kind of gas mileage does it get? Who cares!

MADE IN MICHIGAN: Spartan Motors, a manufacturer of specialty chassis and vehicles, has begun assembling 2012 gas-powered Isuzu N-Series trucks at its plant in Charlotte. Units will arrive at Isuzu dealerships this month. Spartan will produce 18 units per day and produce about 4,000 units for the model year. The N-Series had been assembled by General Motors workers in Wisconsin until GM shut the plant in 2009.

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