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CONNECTION Road surfacing

Micro-surfacing on the east side of Ford Road from Napier Road to Morrison Road began late in the week.

According to Canton Township officials, construction on the project will be done at night to alleviate congestion. The construction is scheduled to be done 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. Friday-Saturday. Officials said the project will include various lane and intersection closures.

Township officials are urging drivers to drive safely through the construction area and follow all posted detours. For up-to-date information on construction projects going on in Canton, check out facebook.com/cantonmsd, twitter.com/cantonmsd or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Ice honors

Skaters and fans alike were thrilled to see figure skating history during a goodwill tour of the local area last week.

The pomp and circumstance was to welcome home



Monique and Natalie Gifford pose for photos with silver medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.

the 2011 World Figure Skating Championship Ice Dance gold, silver- and bronze-medal winning teams, all of whom train year-round at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

The event featured gold medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White, silver medal winners Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir and bronze medalists Maia and Alex Shibutani.

The skaters accepted the congratulations of local officials, then did a meet-and-greet for fans, posing for pictures and signing autographs.

Questions and answers

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, provide a legislative update and take questions at the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee legislative update event 7-9 p.m. Monday.

The event, which corresponds with the end of the legislative session in Lansing, provides an opportunity for constituents to get an update and answers to questions about state and local issues.

The event is set for the Northville Sports Den, 133 W. Main in Northville. Admission is \$20, which includes light appetizers.



Thomas Ferrari and daughter Devon Ferrari fill the trench that the frame sits in as the hoop house goes up in Canton's Preservation Park.

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‘Hoop’ season

Park project extends growing opportunities

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Far from Canton's bustling shopping district, Preservation Park harkens back to a decidedly rural past when farms defined the landscape, rather than strip malls and sprawling subdivisions.

It's an almost defiant little spot off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill — near the neo-urban Uptown Apartments — where hundreds of people flock every Sunday to the Canton Farmers Market, amid a picturesque setting defined by the old Cady-Boyer Barn, the historic Bartlett-Travis House and farmer Richard Waldecker's treasured fields.

Now, just a stone's throw from small, community garden plots where gardeners pay \$30 a season to test their farming skills, a large "hoop house" — defined by its builders as a passive, solar greenhouse made of sturdy plastic, galvanized steel and wiring — has arisen.

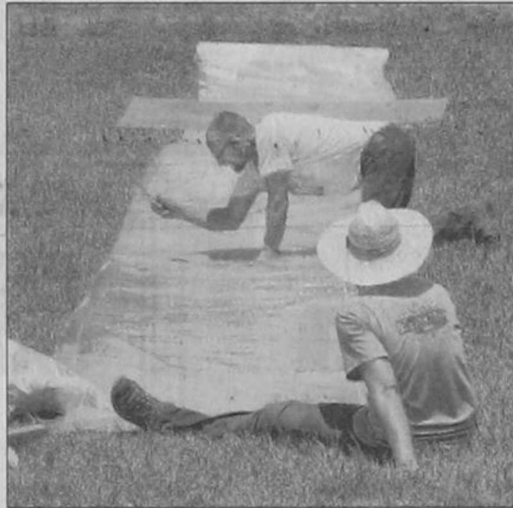
This hoop house, like the historic amenities near it, lays claim to Canton's surviving farmland, rising 14 feet tall at its peak and housing a 48- by 31-foot area where community gardeners can test their skills year-round, even during winter months when certain produce — spinach, kale, collard greens and the like — can survive inside this shelter.

ACCELERATING GROWTH

Moreover, the hoop house during summer months can accelerate the growth of produce that depends on a warm season. Supporters say it's a welcome addition to Preservation Park.

"It's very significant, considering that Michigan's growing season is very short," said Brad Sharp, Canton Township's park and facility manager. "It promotes community gardening, and it adds another dimension to what we're doing out there."

It's perfect for aspiring gardeners who don't



Tim Halmes makes sure the plastic doesn't blow away. Jeff McCabe makes the first cuts.

have any land they can farm — whether they intend to put the produce on their own table, sell it at the Canton Farmers Market or donate it, as some already do, to local food pantries.

Jon LaFever, Canton recreation coordinator, said 17 people already are on a waiting list for community gardens — a need the hoop house can help fulfill in an area where "we've already got a lot of great things in place."

A small army of volunteers worked quickly and tirelessly Wednesday to erect the hoop house. Most of them are involved with Ann Arbor-based Selma Cafe — a project Jeff McCabe and wife Lisa Gottlieb founded to raise money for innovative projects such as hoop houses. Every Friday, they sponsor fundraising breakfasts that bring in as much as \$2,000 a week.

"We have over 500 volunteers in our database," McCabe said, not even pausing as he worked on Canton's hoop house.

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Mom: 'Wave of terror' from shooting

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth mom Laurie Kelly vividly recalls the terrifying phone call she received from Canton police after her 15-year-old son, Joey Curcuro, had been shot.

It didn't seem possible her youngest child, her baby boy, was barely clinging to life after he had gone to a friend's home in Canton so they could study for their ninth-grade final exams at Plymouth High School.

"I cannot describe the wave of terror that went through me when the voice on the other end of the line said it was the Canton police and Joey had been shot," Kelly, 45, said.

This couldn't be happening. Joey, who has a 3.0 grade point average, was supposed to finish his freshman year so that he, his brother Tony, 17, his sister Stefanie, 20, and their mother could leave in just a few days for a vacation to Florida.

Kelly, a divorced mother and project manager for a major health insurance company, had diligently saved her money for a trip she and her children had waited

four years to take. They would visit SeaWorld, Busch Gardens, the ocean.

SPLIT SECOND

It all changed in a split second amid charges that 18-year-old Tyler John Gower, the older brother of the friend Joey was visiting, fired a single shot from a .22-caliber handgun, sending a bullet into Joey's upper chest and through his lung before it lodged near his abdomen.

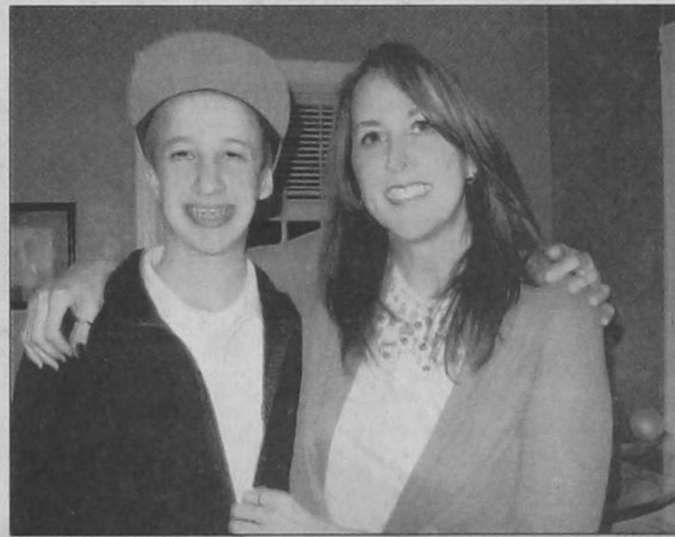
Joey survived, though Kelly said doctors couldn't emphasize enough how lucky he was.

Authorities say Gower, who had just finished his senior year at Plymouth High School, initially claimed that another neighborhood male had shot Joey. Then, he told police he allegedly only meant to scare the younger boy, using a gun police say he somehow obtained.

Kelly had gone for her phone to call Joey shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, when, instead, she received the incoming call from Canton police.

Joey had been shot. He was being taken by Canton paramedics to Oakwood

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Plymouth mom Laurie Kelly recalled the terrifying phone call she received from Canton police after her 15-year-old son, Joey Curcuro, had been shot.

Recreation trail 'victim' lied about attack

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 55-year-old Westland man lied when he claimed he had been robbed and beaten while riding his bike on the I-275 Metro Trail in Canton, police confirmed.

"He admitted that the whole thing was a lie," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The man had been drinking alcohol when he fell off his bike while riding on the trail on the night of Saturday, June 18, Schreiner said. He con-

cocted the robbery story the following morning when he went to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne to seek medical treatment for injuries he suffered during his fall.

Canton police delved deeper into the story, which attracted media attention, and the man changed his story and said he lied because "he was embarrassed" by what really happened, Schreiner said.

"This drew a lot of attention," he said. "It's good to know this case was bogus."

The man initially told police he had

been attacked and robbed by three men while he was riding from his Westland residence to visit a friend at Sherwood Village, a mobile home park southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty in Canton.

He lied when he said he was pushed to the ground and kicked by assailants who he said took his cash and threw his bike and wallet in the Rouge River.

Further investigation by Canton police revealed the man caused his own mishaps.

"He said there was no money taken and no bike taken. He made it up,"

Schreiner said.

The man had claimed he was assaulted near Michigan Avenue. Many of his statements had been made to hospital employees rather than police, so authorities said it's possible he might not face charges of filing a false police report after he came clean.

Schreiner dismissed the man as someone who apparently has a drinking problem.

Brad Sharp, Canton park and facil-

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SHOOTING

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Annapolis Hospital in Wayne from the scene of the shooting at Meadowwood Townhomes, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

Not knowing if her son would survive, Kelly went to the hospital. She saw Joey. He was conscious but bleeding badly, and he would have to be taken to the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"I rode with him in the ambulance," Kelly said, and though she knows the ambulance driver was racing against the clock, "it was the longest drive to Ann Arbor you can imagine."

TRAUMA TEAM

Mott Children's Hospital had a trauma team waiting for Joey. He was in surgery for four hours, but doctors found the bullet and removed it. For what seemed an eternity, Kelly didn't know if she would ever see her son alive again.

For that, she is grateful to Canton police and paramedics, and medical personnel at both hospitals.

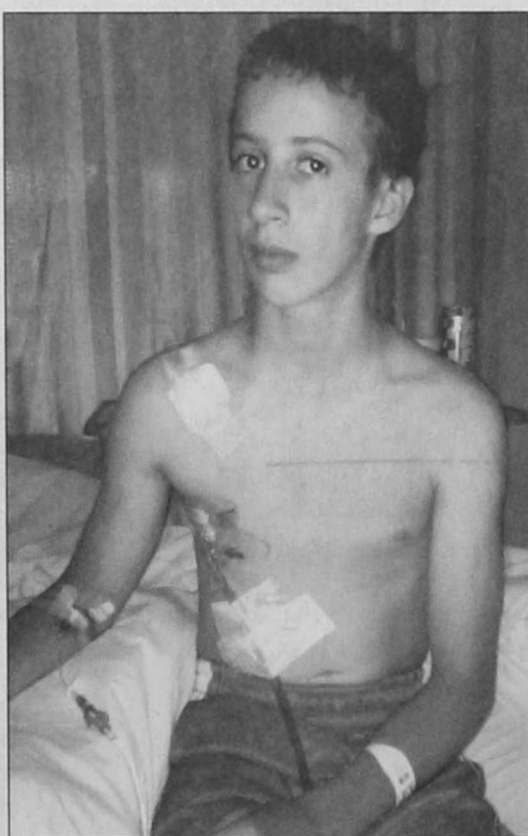
"Give my love to them," she said.

Joey spent four days in an intensive care unit. He came home Tuesday evening, mere hours after Gower was arraigned in 35th District Court on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder), felonious assault, felony firearm, reckless discharge of a firearm causing injury, and making a false police report.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Gower, who faces a July 1 preliminary examination to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, the most serious charge against him is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Kelly, who attends St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton, continues to pray for her son.

"He's at home, and he's progressing," she said,



Shooting victim Joey Curcuro at Mott Children's Hospital.

though he still faces another surgery for internal injuries.

Joey just wanted to finish the school year and go to Florida — a trip the family can no longer take. Instead, his mother said, he wants to find out what he needs to do to make up for his missed finals.

Reflecting on what has happened, Kelly said all parents need to know that horrible things can happen anywhere and to anyone, even "a nice downtown Plymouth family."

She offered a few simple words of advice: "Hug your babies. Don't take anything for granted."

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Canton man faces trial in GPS thefts

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Canton man charged with stealing two GPS units from unlocked cars is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after local authorities say they caught him fleeing the neighborhood where the thefts occurred.

Nicholas Anderson Pesant, 23, could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if he is convicted of two counts of larceny from a motor vehicle and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property worth \$200 to \$1,000.

Canton police arrested Pesant following a pair of incidents that police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said occurred about 3:30 a.m. Saturday,



Pesant

his preliminary examination June 17 in 35th District Court.

During one of the incidents, residents looked outside their home, saw a suspect inside a vehicle, chased him away on foot and called police, Gajeski said.

Police believe the suspect got into a getaway vehicle that Gajeski said was stopped by police officers in the area of Crowndale Lane and Stonebridge Way.

June 4, in the 46000 block of Overhill Lane, northeast of Geddes and Beck roads.

Pesant was ordered to stand trial after he waived

Authorities found two GPS units during their investigation and returned them to their owners.

Larcenies from autos — a recurring crime here and elsewhere — have repeatedly led Canton authorities to advise residents to lock the doors of their vehicles, even if GPS units are disconnected and hidden inside the car.

During the incidents on Overhill Lane, Gajeski said, "both of these cars were unlocked."

Gajeski advised auto owners not only to remove their GPS units but also to remove power cords that may give potential thieves reason to search a car, especially if it is left unlocked.

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Canton to help Joplin tornado victims

Continuing with its "Canton Cares" theme, Canton Leisure Services, in partnership with the Canton Community Foundation, is collecting donations for the Joplin, Mo., Tornado Recovery Fund.

The deadliest tornado to touch down in the U.S. in the last 64 years completely destroyed more than 2,000 houses and buildings and severely damaged an additional 5,000 to 10,000 structures in Joplin when it hit Sunday, May 22.

As the 50,000 residents of Joplin come to terms with the destruction, the Canton Community is now collecting donations in the effort

to help "Rebuild the Joplin Community." Canton Leisure Services officials are leading a donation campaign to provide disaster relief assistance to the Joplin community. This Canton community assistance program will be focused on mid- to long-term recovery efforts helping to restore the Joplin area.

Financial donations for the Joplin Tornado Recovery project can be dropped off at the following Canton Township facilities through Aug. 31:

- Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
- Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway

- Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Avenue
- Pheasant Run Golf Course, 46500 Summit Parkway

Checks should be made payable to the Canton Community Foundation, with "Joplin Recovery Fund" written on the memo line. Checks can also be mailed to The Canton Community Foundation, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, Canton, MI 48187. To donate online, visit www.cantonfoundation.org and choose the Joplin Recovery Fund in the drop down "fund box" on the Gift Page.

For more information, call (734) 394-5360 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

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Plymouth-Canton schools is currently taking bids on school custodial services from private, for-profit companies.

What does that mean for Plymouth-Canton students, parents and the community?

- **Student safety would be at risk.** Custodians are regularly trained in safety standards and procedures and pass federal and state background checks. Outsourced companies with a huge turnover rate may forego the process of a background check on their employees.
- **School events would be affected.** School custodians prepare and clean school buildings for events. A private company would charge extra for that service.
- **The community would be hurt economically.** Current custodians would be without jobs. That means houses up for sale and community members without the money to buy locally.

Plymouth-Canton custodians have taken concessions and have tried to work with the administration.

Custodians will continue to work with the administration but they need your help!

Join the custodians
at the school board meeting on
Tuesday, June 28 at the Board Office
on 454 South Harvey Street, Plymouth,
at 7 p.m.

Tell the school board that Plymouth-Canton schools aren't for sale.

Plymouth-Canton schools and the community can't afford privatization.

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Tour, 9/11 memorial show highlight Fife & Drum Corps' 40th year

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They wear heavy woolen uniforms and tricorn hats, march in formation and play tunes with roots in the martial music of more than two centuries ago.

It's another season for the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, which has about 30 performances scheduled between now and early October. The Corps of 14 fife players and seven drummers, plus a color guard with flags and old-fashioned weapons — swords, muskets and pole weapons like the halbred — performs at festivals and parades throughout the state, plus takes a tour to the East Coast or the South every summer.

The Corps' next appearance in Plymouth is at the annual Good Morning USA parade, scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, July 4, on Main Street.

This is no ordinary season. This year marks the Corps' 40th anniversary, and its 2011 tour, which begins in late July, includes a performance near Shanksville, Pa., for a memorial for the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93. The plane, which had been hijacked during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, went down near Shanksville as pas-



The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps performed June 5 during a parade in Redford Township. The Corps can be seen in Plymouth on the Fourth of July during the Good Morning USA parade.

sengers tried to overpower the hijackers.

"The kids are really looking forward to it," said Jim Predhomme of Plymouth Township, the Corps' director since 1991, during a recent rehearsal outside Salem High School. The trip is the culmination of months of hard work, Predhomme said. The caravan, some 20 vans with Corps

members and parents, plus the Corps' equipment truck, will also be stopping in Boston, Lexington and Concord, Mass., and the 18th-century Fort Ticonderoga in upstate New York.

"I just like music and I like history," said Calvin Mayman of Ann Arbor, a second-year fife player. "I taught myself to play fife and then I came here."

The Fife & Drum Corps is for young people ages 12 to 18. They play fife and drum music with an emphasis on the kind played from the American Revolution to the War of 1812, and their 10-pound woolen uniforms, with 64 pewter buttons and no zippers, are

40 FOR THE CORPS

What: The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps 40th anniversary season
Where: Headquartered in Plymouth, but travels extensively
Facts: 14 fife players, seven drummers, plus a color guard with flags and old-fashioned weapons such as swords, muskets and pole weapons like the halbred. The Corps is for young people ages 12-18.
Why: The Corps plays fife and drum music with an emphasis on the kind played from the American Revolution to the War of 1812. Their music, most of it in medley form, includes tunes like Yankee Doodle Dandy, Grandfather's Clock and Downshire.
Highlights: The Corps plays the annual Good Morning USA parade in Plymouth July 4, and performs a memorial show near Shanksville, Pa., for the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93.
Contact: To join or for more information, visit www.pfdc.us

like those worn by George Washington's personal guards. Their music, most of it in medley form, includes tunes like *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, *Grandfather's Clock* and *Downshire*.

At a recent parade in Redford Township, the Corps was among several participating marching bands, and Corps members mustered on the grounds of a church at Six Mile and Beech Daly before the parade began.

Their performance captured onlookers' imaginations. "They sound really good," said Dawn Cline of Dearborn Heights, viewing the parade

from the front lawn of a house. Cline especially liked the Revolutionary War-era design on the sides of the drums. "It was really pretty on the drums. It was like a work of art."

The Corps demands dedication, Predhomme said. Rehearsals are weekly for most of the year, sometimes more often during the summer months.

"This group takes a lot of involvement. It's not for everybody," he said. "You can't just show up when you want."

"It's what I do the whole year," said Robbie Holmes of Plymouth, a second-year fife player.

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Board meeting prompts probe of Skype legality

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Can a member of a public body be considered present and participate in a public meeting without being physically present by using Skype video technology or it is a violation of the Open Meetings Act?

That's the question asked of the Michigan Attorney General's Office after a recent Wayne-Westland Board of Education meeting in which board trustee John Goci, who is out of the country, took part in the meeting connected via Skype.

"I'm not making it a huge deal but I initiated an inquiry of the Attorney General's Office. I wanted to consult



Goci

someone with expertise," said State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland). "At that point, if there is case law I could ask for an opinion. I think you must have a physical body present to participate in the meeting under the Open Meetings Act."

After the board meeting, LeBlanc said he received a complaint about the use of Skype at the board meeting and he shares the concern about the lack of openness and interaction when officials aren't physically present at public meetings.

"Some people say the television

monitor is on - it's the same thing. I can't vote in Lansing with a laptop from across the street let alone if I'm absent," said LeBlanc, a former Wayne-Westland Schools board member. "I think overwhelmingly people expect those who govern to be present to govern."

Not available for comment, Goci had requested using Skype to participate in the June 13 meeting. Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said the request had been cleared with the district's legal counsel and the Michigan Association of School Boards.

"They said it was perfectly acceptable. We were perfectly comfortable that we were working within the law," said Baracy. "It's been done in other

districts. It's the first time we've used Skype for a board meeting but we use it for meetings with districts we partner with and to meetings in China."

Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said there was some discussion a few years ago about possible tele-conference participation, but that the use of Skype has never been an issue for Plymouth-Canton.

Noting Skype is a different type of technology with two-way audio and video, Baracy agreed that public servants have an obligation to be physically present. "I don't think this will become a common practice," he said.

Beside concerns about openness,

LeBlanc said he could see other problems with officials not being physically present at public meetings.

"If it's allowed, it's such dangerous territory. What if someone doesn't want me to speak and keeps hanging up?" said LeBlanc. "I asked about this in front of my (Democratic) caucus and all of the members who approached me said it was illegal. There are not too many people who think it is legal, even less who think it's proper."

Even if video conferencing is found to be legal, LeBlanc said he thought bodies should adopt policies against using the technology.

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Montessori magic

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center's eighth grade graduates from left to right in the front row, are Fatima Awn, Dearborn; Tasia Gabriel, Detroit; Sally Khazaal, Dearborn Heights; Steven Manrique and Jade Barreto, Dearborn; Neil Hodgins, Livonia; Rachel Robinson, New Boston; Ritsuma Inaba, Farmington Hills; Camilla Cascardo, Dearborn; and back row (from left) Rana Dabana, Dearborn; Seeneen Meroueh, Dearborn Heights; Juliana Hager, Taylor; Albert Grigorov, Dearborn; Kirby Rocha, Detroit; Dane Miller, Dearborn; Mila Resetar, Dearborn Heights; Erik Kobel, Livonia; and Zayd Odeh, Canton. Several of the students attended DHMC for more than 10 years, beginning with the preschool program.

ON CAMPUS

Miami (Ohio)

Ryan Patrick Boes of Canton was named to the Miami (Ohio) University dean's list.

Miami University students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for second semester 2010-2011 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance.

Miami University is a public university located in southwestern Ohio offering more than 100 degree programs in humanities, science, engineering, business, education and fine arts.

Michigan Accountancy Foundation

The Michigan Accountancy Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes excellence in accounting education, selected 37 Michigan college students as recipients of its annual MAF Fifth/Graduate Year Scholarship. Established in 1961, MAF is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) and assists accounting students by helping to fund their college education and by providing resources to college educators.

Among them was Megan Daniels of Plymouth, a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Recipients of the MAF Fifth/Graduate Year Scholarship will receive \$3,000 each for a combined total of \$111,000 to help fund their

Fifth/Graduate year of college. Several of the students received special named scholarships.

Wayne State University

Jennifer Cox of Canton is a recipient of a Lara M. Rutan Endowed Scholarship. Cox is entering her final year in the two-year Physician Assistant Studies program in the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Wayne State University. A total of \$10,000 from the Rutan Scholarship was awarded this spring to five PAS students in the WSU program.

Established in 2007 in memory of PAS alumna and Grosse Pointe resident Lara M. Rutan, the scholarship recognizes scholastic achievement, encourages continued progress and provides tuition assistance to students in financing their education in the PAS program.

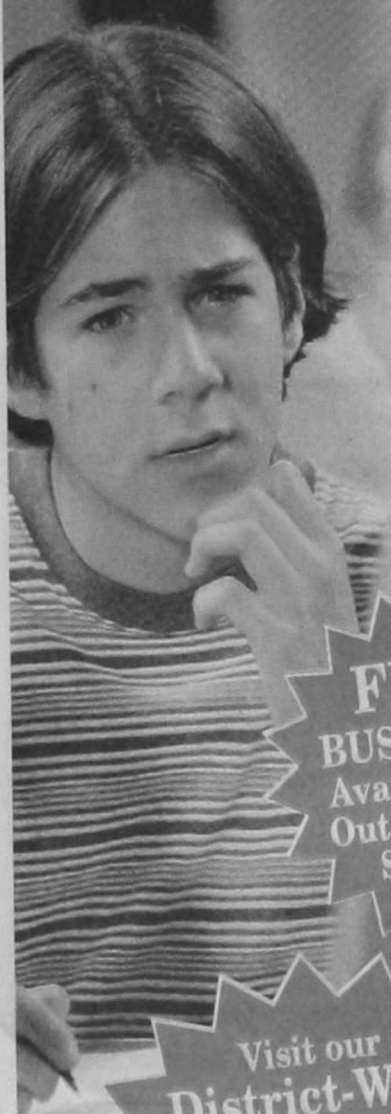
Michigan State

Citing interests in undergraduate research, student groups and athletics, 23 high school graduates from around the country - and Nigeria - have been named Michigan State University's newest Alumni Distinguished Scholars and University Distinguished Scholars for 2011.

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PROJECT

GRANT FUNDING

Selma Cafe didn't pay for Canton's hoop house, however. Rather, Canton received a \$50,440 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. for an urban farming project, intended to expand the Canton Farmers Market which, last year alone, drew more than 10,000 visitors.

The market has become so popular that its manager, Tina Lloyd, has spearheaded efforts for the last two cold seasons to offer the Canton Winter Market, allowing visitors to shop for Michigan-made meats, fish, honey, bread and other foods.

LaFever said the hoop house also can be used as an educational tool to teach farming, though exact details haven't been decided.

Tim Haines, an Ann Arbor resident who helped build the structure, said such projects can provide a healthy food source, create income for farmers and keep dollars in the local economy.

"It's important for people to develop local food systems," he said.

Canton hoop house volunteer Noah Link already has started his own urban farm in Detroit, near the historic Boston-Edison neighborhood. He grows produce such as squash, melons, sweet peppers, jalapenos and cabbage.

"I think everyone benefits," he said, adding that he hires interns and neighborhood children in Detroit to help on his urban farm.

Local officials are keenly aware that Canton, which witnessed an 18-percent population growth in the last U.S. Census, will never return to the farming community it once was, when it was affectionately known as the sweet corn capital of Michigan.

Years pass. Communities change.

Yet, as Canton's population has grown to 90,173 people, Preservation Park appears destined to retain its rural appeal. It's a place where locals can escape a bustling world, recapture a part of the township's past and, with community gardens, see its future.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Brendan Sinclair tightens bolts. Jerry Tofil steadies the ladder.

TRAIL

ity manager, called it unfortunate that one man's lies briefly tarnished the trail's image.

"That trail does mean an awful lot to the community," Sharp said. "We want it to be safe, and we hope the people using it will help keep it safe

by being the eyes and ears of the trail. The more people use it, the better it will be and the safer it will be."

People should always be aware of their surroundings, Sharp said, whether they are on the bike trail or anywhere else. And when possible, he said it's not a bad idea to ride with someone.

Still, he and others hope the man's lies will not keep people

from using the trail, a 40-mile pathway that was recently rebuilt between Michigan Avenue and Hines Drive. Hundreds of people celebrated the trail reopening on River Day.

"We believe it's still safe," Sharp added, "and we want it to be used. We don't want people to stay indoors because of one man's misrepresentation."

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Market variety keeping things fresh

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Every week seems to bring a new twist to the Canton Farmers Market, where hundreds of people typically turn out 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

The market is located in Preservation Park, off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill.

This Sunday, visitors will notice a new addition to the park — a newly built "hoop house" that is essentially a passive, solar greenhouse that will allow the township to expand its community gardening program.

Market manager Tina Lloyd also has released the follow-

ing details about this Sunday's market:

- Chef Paul Penney will be cooking 10:30 a.m. to noon at the market. Visitors are invited to join him as he shops for produce at the market and then uses it in simple recipes.
- Singer-songwriter Jen Cass is schedule to perform 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the porch of the Bartlett-Travis House.
- Information on watering and composting from a master gardener, Rona Wheeler, will be available 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring gardening questions to her on the center strip of the gravel drive.
- Read to workout before the market? Join the free Boot

Camp program 9-10 a.m. at Preservation Park — or meet at the market for a walk or run from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Get the workout in now; there will be no Boot Camp July 3 and 10.

- The Canton Rotary Club has purchased a shelter box to aid disaster victims. Check it out on display at the market.
- Also at the market today, T-Cakes (gluten-free granola bars, muffins and animal crackers) and intu (blended teas and hand-painted teapots).

Lloyd asked visitors to remember that the market will be closed July 3 for the holiday weekend.

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Timebank dance brings joy to special-needs youngsters



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People with disabilities in the community are very important stakeholders for PCCDI and the timebank and officials say doing volunteer time with them "is a humbling, uplifting experience!"

There were about 40 people at the dance, including kids ranging in age from 5-14 and they had a blast. On the way home some kids had a lot of questions about people with disabilities, and were "very touched by how special the people they met at the dance were," said the PCCDI's Anne Marie Graham-Hudak.

Seven-year-old Hadley H. said Ross, the person with whom he played soccer, was very nice to "every kid there."

"I think he deserves a big thank you," Hadley said. "I never had so much fun in my life. I would love to go back again and see the people that were very nice. It was also fun to play an instrument that they used to play in the olden days."

Hadley's 5-year-old sister, Elise, loved the cake.

"I loved the party," Elise said. "I

really want that party to be at my house because I like all the people. I like playing with that one girl and her mom. I liked drinking pop and playing with the dog."

Saad Syed, 10, wanted to know when he was going to go back again, and showed off his soccer skills to everyone. The kids played soccer and tag with the residents for hours. The Plymouth band - "The skinny raccoons," played bluegrass and everyone danced, sang and took turns playing the 'bass washtubs.' It was obvious that everyone had a great time.

Saad's sister, 8-year-old Tahla, said she looks forward to going back and playing soccer.

"I liked meeting the new people at the party and the new instruments because they were letting us play the big instrument, she said.

The Plymouth-Canton Timebank is always looking for volunteers to work side-by-side with people with disabilities. They are also looking for people to help tutor Starkweather students in the fall, and help pull weeds at the local libraries. Anyone interested can e-mail the Timebank at pctimebank@gmail.com.

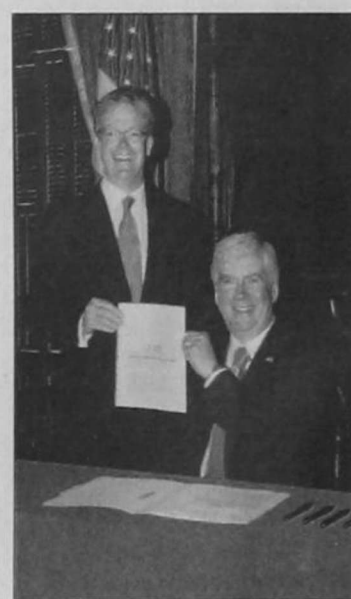
Gov. Snyder signs Walsh bill protecting nonprofits from lawsuits

Speaker Pro Tem John Walsh announced Tuesday that Gov. Rick Snyder has signed legislation into law that would protect nonprofit organizations from being sued by parents who had signed a written release allowing their child to participate in a sport.

"Nonprofits were exposed to liability for injuries suffered by children participating in sports, even though the parent or guardian had signed a written release of liability," said Walsh, R-Livonia. "The bill permits use of the waiver as long as the injury was sustained during the normal participation in the sport or activity. However, if the injury resulted because of negligence on the part of the sponsoring organization, parents could still seek legal relief."

Changes in the law were deemed necessary after Michigan courts determined that written waivers signed by parents were invalid based on common-law rules. Walsh's bill provides a statutory exception to common law that the Michigan Supreme Court ruled necessary.

"Because of the court decisions, many smaller nonprofits were in a position where they might not have offered sports



From left, Speaker Pro Tem John Walsh, R-Livonia, and Gov. Rick Snyder with the newly signed law.

and recreation activities," Walsh said. "They were precluded from organizing events because they would have been put in financial jeopardy without the protection of the waivers."

The bill would cover only nongovernmental, nonprofit organizations, because governmental organizations such as schools already have immunity, and for-profit ventures can obtain insurance.

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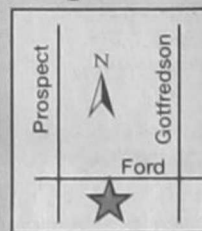
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Garden walk
Date/Time: Tuesday, June 28, noon to 8 p.m.
Location: Several gardens are featured
Details: The Trailwood Garden Club hosts its annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk. Children 12 and under are half-off, babes in arms are free. Complimentary refreshments, raffle and perennial sale. Tickets \$8 pre-sale, \$10 day of walk, available at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail or Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main in Plymouth.
Contact: Darlene Rinke, (734) 459-7499 or Marilyn Detmer, (734) 454-4625.

Spanish camp
Date/Time: Aug. 1-5
Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Join Bilingual Fun for an interactive and educational day camp for preschool- through fifth-grade students. Kids will learn Spanish through interactive games, crafts, thematic presentations, music and more.
Contact: (877) 686-7399 or e-mail info@bilinguafun.com.

Rockettes golf
Date/Time: Aug. 7
Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth
Details: The Salem High School Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf fundraiser includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place for men and mixed teams, skins and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the turn, and a buffet dinner including a 2 hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.
Contact: To register contact Coreen at coreen29@wowway.com.

History kids camp
Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Children can experience aspects of the Civil War at the Plymouth Historical Museum during the first annual History Kids Kamp. Kids will spend the day recreating what life was like during the war, including dressing in period cloth-

ing, getting their picture taken, as well as a chore race consisting of old-fashioned tasks from the mid-1800s.
Contact: Visit the museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org for more information.

Hospice support
Date/Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Ste. A, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.
Contact: For information, contact Ann Christensen, (888) 983-9050.

Grief workshop
Date/Time: Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Room A-105 at Ward Church in Northville
Details: Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, Founder/ Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What? **Contact:** Call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

Farm exhibit
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays through November
Location: Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton
Details: Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education.
Contact: For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Firefighter saves tree-climbing poodle in 35-foot fall

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kim Reeves-Matthews thought Charlie's tree-climbing days were over. It had been at least five years since the 5-pound toy poodle had climbed the box elder in her Livonia yard. Each time, she had been able to use her own 6-foot ladder or borrow a neighbor's extension ladder to carry him down to safety. She figured Charlie realized he was getting older — he's now 8 1/2 or 9 years old — so she wasn't concerned that the wire fencing she used to keep Charlie away from the tree got tossed during a recent tree trimming. But earlier this month, Reeves-Matthews noticed Charlie was missing while serving lunch to her granddaughter, Sophie Matthews, on the backyard picnic table. Her first thought was that her little Houdini had found a way to get out of the yard — again. "He likes to run," she explained, adding that he has a way of getting out of any area in which she tries to contain him. She looked up in the tree, but didn't see anything. "Then I heard this little squeaking sound," she said. "He's like 35 feet up in the tree!" Charlie was balancing upon a long limb that extended over the fence into the neighbor's yard.

'THIS ISN'T MAYBERRY'
She called the city offices, and Livonia Animal Control



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kim Reeves-Matthews holds granddaughter Sophie Matthews, and firefighter/paramedic Brian Kukla holds Charlie in front of the box elder tree Charlie climbed. Kukla caught Charlie when he fell.

Officer Jessica Modrzynski arrived at the scene. Modrzynski suggested calling the Livonia Fire Department. "I felt really stupid calling them," Reeves-Matthews said. "I know this isn't Mayberry (R.F.D.) (But I didn't know who else to call. This time an extension ladder wouldn't have worked." While the firefighters discussed how to get Charlie down safely, Reeves-Matthews and firefighter/paramedic

Brian Kukla stood in the neighbor's yard. Reeves-Matthews was trying to keep Charlie calm, and Kukla was trying to keep Reeves-Matthews calm, according to Modrzynski. Suddenly, Charlie lost his footing. Reeves-Matthews yelled. "I looked up and saw Charlie somersaulting through the air in slow motion," Modrzynski said. "We all braced and expected to hear him hit the

ground with a thud, but there was no sound." Kukla had stuck his arm out and caught Charlie with one hand. "Oh my God!" Reeves-Matthews screamed. "You saved him! You saved my Charlie!"

NOT A SCRATCH ON HIM
Kukla handed Charlie over to Reeves-Matthews, who saw that he didn't even have a scratch on him. Kukla was matter-of-fact about what he did. "I just happened to be underneath him when he fell," he said, adding he was watching him and trying to position himself underneath him. But Reeves-Matthews' account is a little more heroic-sounding: "The fireman, he dives with one hand out, catches Charlie, sticks his arm out so he doesn't land on Charlie, tucks him under his arm like in a football hold." Kukla said he's never rescued a dog from a tree before — or even a cat for that matter — but it was all in a day's work. "I'm just glad the dog is safe and all of us were able to do our job," he said. Reeves-Matthews said she asked the firefighters what she could do to thank them. She said they told her: "Keep Charlie out of trees." Reeves-Matthews said Charlie is very lovable, very sweet but a little pistol. She wasn't surprised his antics got him into the newspaper. "I knew someday Charlie was going to be famous," she said.

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Beware of pitfalls when lending money to a friend

Q: Dear Rick: I have a dear friend I've known since childhood. He's run into tough financial times, lost his job and his house. He has an idea to start a business and I would like to help him. The problem is, he doesn't have the money to start the business. We've talked and there's two ways to go. The first would be to co-sign a loan. The other would be to

borrow from my 401(k) and loan him the money. I'm not in great financial shape myself, so I can't take a lot of risk. I am leaning toward co-signing a loan because I think it's the least amount of risk. My friend has informed me that if he cannot repay the loan, he will file bankruptcy. He said he will take full responsibility. Is the loan a good way of going or would be



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

safer to borrow the money from my 401(k)?

A: It's great that you want to help a friend. It shows where your heart is. That said, it is important to understand that despite

what your friend says, you have risks.

Whenever someone co-signs a loan, he/she assumes responsibility to pay that loan if the primary borrower is unable. Therefore, if your friend defaults on the loan and files for bankruptcy, it would not relieve you of your obligation to the lender. The fact that your friend would go into

bankruptcy would only affect the lender's ability to go after your friend. It would not affect the lender's ability to go after you. That is why the lender is asking for a co-signer, so in case of a bankruptcy they have someone to go after.

If your friend did default on the loan and go into bankruptcy, you would be primarily liable on the loan. In addition, because your friend went into bankruptcy, you would not be able to go after him because he would be discharged from his obligations under the bankruptcy.

I recognize that your friend wants to sign a document that makes him primarily responsible on the loan. However, it would not affect the lender's rights to go after you. The bottom line is, when you co-

sign a loan you are assuming a substantial obligation. You have to ask yourself: Can I afford to repay the loan in case of default? If the answer is no, think twice about co-signing.

Borrowing from your 401(k) and lending the money to your friend also has consequences. If your friend does not repay the loan, you'd be faced with the difficult decision to either write the loan off or pursue him legally. However, if he chose to file bankruptcy, then the loan would be discharged and you would have no alternatives. In this situation, not only would you lose the money, but there also can be an adverse tax consequence. When you borrow money from a 401(k) and you don't repay the loan, it is treated as a dis-

tribution. Therefore, to add insult to injury, you lose the money and also have to pay taxes on it at your ordinary income tax bracket.

Lending money to friends is always a difficult situation because it's not just a dollar and cents issue, it is also an emotional issue. Ask yourself whether you can afford to take the loss if the loan is not repaid. If the answer is no, then in general, I don't recommend the loan be made.

If, however, you decide to lend money to your friend, I recommend you have an attorney draw up legal papers. This will make sure that there is a meeting of the minds, between you and your friend, as to the terms of the loan and how it will be repaid. I know a lot of people don't want to hire an attorney because they don't think they need one, however, you do. You're entering into a business transaction and it needs to be properly documented.

Trust is not the issue. The issue is good business. It is important to properly document the transaction.

Good luck!

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



CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART II, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 33 OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING LIQUOR LICENSE PERMITTING.

Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Part II, Section 6-33, in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

Section 2 Modify Section 6-33

- (a) New licenses or liquor license permits, transfer of ownership of existing licenses, transfers into the City of new licenses, will be approved at the sole discretion of the City Commission. This shall include liquor license permits proposed within the B-1, B-2, B-3, and ARC zoning districts within the City.
- (b) Within the B-2, Central Business District, as indicated on the City of Plymouth Zoning Map, the City shall have a cap or a total of not more than twenty-two (22) fourteen (14) State of Michigan Liquor Licenses of any type of on-premises retail licenses that would allow for the service of any alcohol (beer, wine, spirits) by the glass or for consumption on premises of any establishment. This would include but not limited to State of Michigan Class C, Club, B Hotel, A Hotel, Tavern, Bistro, Brewpub, Micro-Brewer, Resort, DDA, and Economic Development, winery and/or other type of state license allowing the regular serving of alcohol at a licensed establishment.
- (c) Within the B-1, B-2, B-3, and ARC and other zoning districts within the City B-2, Central Business District, as indicated on the City of Plymouth Zoning Map, the City shall have a cap or a total of not more than ten (10) twenty-two (22) State of Michigan Liquor Licenses of any type of on-premises retail licenses that would allow for the service of any alcohol (beer, wine, spirits) by the glass or for consumption on premises of any establishment. This would include but not limited to State of Michigan Class C, Club, B Hotel, A Hotel, Tavern, Brewpub, Micro-Brewer, Resort, DDA, and Economic Development, winery and/or other type of state license allowing the regular serving of alcohol at a licensed establishment.
- (c) The City Commission shall not recommend to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission the approval of any on-premises retail liquor license in excess of twenty-two (22) fourteen (14) within the B-2 District as outlined here.
- (d) The City Commission shall not recommend to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission the approval of any on-premises retail liquor license in excess of twenty-two (22) ten (10) within the B-1, B-3, and ARC Districts as outlined here.
- (e) The City Commission shall give first consideration for a new or transfer in of a liquor license in the B-1, B-3 and ARC Districts to restaurant businesses currently operating in the City that want to expand their restaurants to include the sale of alcohol by the glass for a period that shall end on November 1, 2011 after this date no such preference shall be given. If no currently operating city located restaurant applies to the City and the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission in the preference period the city shall consider all applications equally based on the criteria outlined in the Liquor Management Ordinance on a first completed application, first reviewed process.
- (f) The City shall conduct an annual review of all limit of twenty-two (22) twenty four (24) on premise retail liquor licenses within B-1, B-2, B-3, and ARC Zoning Districts in accordance with the Liquor Management Ordinance. This review shall be conducted by the local liquor license review committee and a recommendation shall be forward to the City Commission.
- (g) Further, the City shall conduct an annual review of all existing licenses in the City.

Section 3 Rights and Duties.

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

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 therefore, 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.

Section 6 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

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Effective: 062711 2011

DANIEL DWYER
MAYOR

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
CITY CLERK

Publish: June 26, 2011

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06 ORDINANCE CONFIRMING CREATION OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

An Ordinance confirming the prior creation of the City of Plymouth Planning Commission pursuant to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of the Public Acts of 2008; setting forth the number and composition of members of the Planning Commission; setting forth the duties of the Planning Commission; setting forth the procedure for removal of a member of the Planning Commission for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office; providing for compensation for services; and defining conflict of interest related to a member of the Planning Commission.

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

CITY OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

A. Confirmation of creation of Planning Commission; Powers and Duties.

The City of Plymouth hereby confirms the creation of the City of Plymouth Planning Commission, previously established by the City Commission on January 17, 1938, with all the powers and duties provided in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act PA 110 of 2006, as amended, and the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 of 2008, as amended). The Planning Commission shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be selected in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. One (1) Planning Commission member shall be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

B. Membership, Appointment and Terms.

The membership of the Planning Commission shall be representative of important segments and geography of the City of Plymouth to the extent practicable.

The Mayor of the City of Plymouth shall appoint members of the Planning Commission, subject to approval by a majority vote of the members elected and serving on the City of Plymouth City Commission.

The term of each Planning Commission member shall be for three (3) years. Each member shall serve until his/her term shall expire. Members of the Planning Commission shall be qualified electors.

C. Removal from office.

The City Commission may remove a member of the Planning Commission for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office upon written charges and after a public hearing. Failure of a member to disclose a potential conflict of interest as required herein constitutes malfeasance in office.

Members of the Planning Commission who are absent from three (3) consecutive Planning Commission meetings shall be subject to review and/or removal from the Planning Commission by action of the City Commission.

D. Conflict of interest.

A member of the Planning Commission should only abstain from voting on a motion if he/she has a bonafide conflict of interest. A conflict of interest shall include:

- a. Issuing, deliberating on, voting on, or reviewing a case concerning him or her.
- b. Issuing, deliberating on, voting on, or reviewing a case concerning work on land owned by him or her or which is adjacent to land owned by him or her.
- c. Issuing, deliberating on, voting on, or reviewing a case involving a corporation, company, partnership, or any other entity in which he or she is a part owner, or any other relationship where he or she may stand to have a financial gain or loss.
- d. Issuing, deliberating on, voting on, or reviewing a case involving a relative or other family member.
- e. Issuing, deliberating on, voting on, or reviewing a case involving which is an action which results in pecuniary benefit to him or her.
- f. Issuing, deliberating on, voting on, or reviewing a case where his or her employee or employer is: (1) an applicant or agent for an applicant; or (2) has a direct interest in the outcome.
- g. There is a reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest. An example of this includes a situation where the Planning Commission member is on the Board of Directors of an applicant association.

The Planning Commission member disclosing the potential for a conflict of interest should state the nature of the potential conflict and whether he/she believes he/she could impartially consider the request before the Commission. Should the member disclosing the potential conflict of interest choose not to remove him/herself from the dais, the remaining members of the Planning Commission shall evaluate the nature of the potential conflict and determine, by way of a vote, whether or not the member in question should be removed from the dais while the Commission discusses or deliberates on the request. In the event that Planning Commissioner is removed from the dais due to a conflict of interest, either of his/her own volition or by a vote of the Planning Commission, that individual shall not participate in the discussion or deliberation in a role as a Planning Commissioner, and shall remove him/herself from the dais.

E. Annual written report of activities.

The Planning Commission, through the Building Department representative, shall make an annual written report of its activities to the City Commission. The fiscal year of the Planning Commission shall be the same as the fiscal year of the City of Plymouth.

F. Preparation of Capital Improvements Program

The Planning Commission shall be exempted from the requirement of PA 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3865, requiring annual preparation and submission to the City Commission of a capital improvements program. The City Commission shall delegate the preparation of the capital improvements program, separate from or as a part of the annual budget, to the City Manager or a non-elected administrative official, subject to final approval and adoption by the City Commission.

G. Bylaws.

The Planning Commission shall adopt Bylaws for the transaction of business, and shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations.

H. Assistance.

The Planning Commission may be assisted by other professionals or City Staff as needed including the Planning and Zoning Administrator, Building Official, Ordinance Officer, Planning Consultant, City Engineer, City Attorney or other person or agency.

SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion of this Ordinance, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, or a summary of this ordinance, shall be published in accordance with procedures adopted by The City of Plymouth. This Ordinance shall take effect one (1) day following publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth on the 20th day of June 2011.

LINDA LANGMESSER, Clerk

INTRODUCED: June 6, 2011

ADOPTED: June 20, 2011

EFFECTIVE: June 27, 2011

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda Langmesser, The Clerk of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. XXXX adopted by the City Commission at a regular meeting held on June 20, 2011.

DANIEL DWYER, Mayor
LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC, CITY CLERK

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Good weather, good times in forecast for today's Spree

If you haven't visited Livonia Spree yet this year, today's the day to do it.

Not only is the weather expected to be great, the grand finale — a 30-minute fireworks display — will begin at about 10:20 p.m.

"We have probably one of the best shows in the area," said Dan Spurling, president of the Livonia Anniversary Committee, which puts on Spree. An estimated 100,000 to 125,000 people are expected.

Spree, Livonia's annual birthday celebration, opened Tuesday at Ford Field, and it rained at least once each day, Spurling said Friday.

"People have left and new people have come," he said, adding each time it would rain for about an hour.

But today is expected to be



Over at the circus, Miss Liza twirls her hula hoops.

mostly sunny with no rain in the forecast and a daytime high near 80 and a nighttime low near 60, according to the

National Weather Service forecast's on Friday.

"The weather's looking very promising," Spurling said.

The fireworks may be the highlight of the day, but today's Spree schedule includes many other activities such as a pancake breakfast; a benefit one-mile, 5K and 10K walk and run; classic car show; strolling circus acts; carnival rides; midway games and classic rock played by Steve King & the Dittilies.

Parking, admission, the entertainment and fireworks are all free. There is a charge for the rides, games and food.

Farmington Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile will be closed at about 7 p.m., or about three hours before the fireworks begin. Lyndon, Summers and Civic Center Drive, all at Farmington Road, will also close at 7 p.m.



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The pig races are always a Spree favorite. They'll be going on today at 1, 3, 5, 7:30 and 9 p.m.



Abby Devine waves the checkered flag at the pig races.



Today's digital kids play an old-school pastime: slot cars.

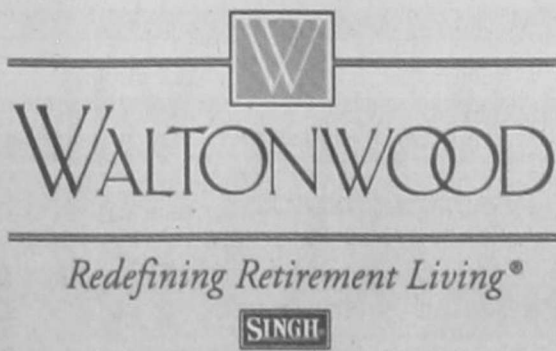
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Kesler delivers precious gift to his father

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ryan Kesler's Father's Day present was delivered a few days late.

The Livonia native and Vancouver Canucks' center was honored Wednesday night in Las Vegas as the National Hockey League's best defensive forward when he captured the Frank J. Selke Award.

Kesler, who had 41 goals, 80 blocked shots, 124 hits, 65 takeaways and a plus-24 rating in 82 games for Vancouver, credited his father, Mike, for making him a top-notch two-way player.

"I guess all those years my dad was yelling 'backcheck' finally paid off," Kesler told the Detroit Free Press. "He brought me up and always taught me defense first, and I have a ton to thank him for. He's the one that taught me how to play the right way."

"I pride myself on the defensive part of the game, and it's nice to be acknowledged."

The 26-year-old Kesler won by a landslide, receiving 1,179 votes. Chicago's Jonathan Toews got 476 and the Red

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JEFF VINNICK | VANCOUVER CANUCKS

Livonia native and Churchill High grad Ryan Kesler of the Vancouver Canucks earned the Selke Award as the National Hockey League's top defensive forward.



Garden City police officer Craig "Sly" Sylvester ripped this pitch into left-center field during Thursday night's recreation slow-pitch game against Copilot Printing. Admiring Sylvester's swing are (from left) Kenny Dehart, Tom Wallace, Eric Steven, Paul Donaldson and Mike Collard (with bat).

Just Like Old Times

Albert's on the Alley players forge friendships on the diamonds

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As his 50-year-old legs churned toward third base during the first inning of Albert's on the Alley's Thursday night B League softball game against Copilot Printing, retired Garden City police officer Tom Wallace was fueled by words of encouragement from his team's dugout.

"Come on, Tom!" one teammate shouted. "You're running like you have a piano on your back!"

Wallace smiled, kept chugging, and eventually scored during his team's eight-run inning.

A veteran of 26 slow-pitch seasons, Wallace knows better than anybody that laughter is as abundant as laser-shot hits with this group of players.

"I love the camaraderie and having a night out with the guys," said Wallace, speaking about his love of slow-pitch softball. "Every year I tell myself, 'This is it, I'm done,' but every year I'm drawn back. I know I'd miss it too much if I gave it up."

UNIQUE MAKE-UP

In a lot of ways, Albert's on the Alley is like most recreation softball teams in the metropolitan-Detroit area.

Its roster is made up of mostly friends and co-workers who have known each other for many years.



Paul Donaldson (left) and Mike Collard share a high-five after Donaldson squeezed a foul pop-up.

Some of the friendships date back to the players' high school days.

And although they play to win, they don't let the final score get in the way of having a great time.

What is unique about this team's make-up is that its roster includes some pretty high-profile Garden City residents, including mayor Randy Walker, who is a fill-in player and regular third base coach.

"The team has been together in some form for 29 years," said current manager Micah Hull, a Garden City police officer. "The majority of the team worked for the police department back then. Now, there are only a few police officers along

with some city employees, teachers, the mayor."

VETERAN PRESENCE

Two players — Wallace and veteran Garden City police officer Craig "Sly" Sylvester — have outlasted a long list of teammates and several sponsors.

"This team has been sponsored by the Drake Lounge, the Crystal Lounge, the Industry Lounge, Ramey's, Walker's Speakeasy and now Albert's," said Mayor Walker, during a mid-inning break. "This team is not only made up of great guys, but there are some very good ball players. If they don't win the league, they're always right up there."

Thanks to Thursday's double-header sweep (16-11 and 23-21), Albert's won the regular-season league championship with a 13-1 record. The team has now won the Thursday night title seven of the past eight seasons.

"It's a great group of guys," said third baseman Paul Donaldson, a driver for United Parcel Service. "Some of us play together on Friday nights, too."

"I see a lot of guys I used to play with or against in high school when I played for coach (Bob) Dropp. I started playing right out of high school, then I took a few years off

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SIDELINES

Hebden top defender

Sophomore Jamie Hebden of Farmington Hills was named the Defensive Player of the Year for the University of Detroit men's lacrosse team.

Hebden (Brother Rice) was a leader on a U-D defense that led the nation with 11.63 caused turnovers per game.

Hebden was selected to the All-MAAC second team after a season in which he caused 40 turnovers and picked up 60 ground balls.

"He's just a smart and steady player for us," coach Matt Holtz said. "He plays tough, aggressive and smart, and I was glad he was recognized by the coaches for his hard work."

Junior Tim Lehto of Farmington Hills (North Farmington) was one of the offensive leaders for the Titans with 12 goals and 17 points.

U-D tied for second place in the MAAC with a 4-2 mark and was 6-10 overall. The Titans reached the MAAC tourney final, losing to nationally ranked Siena.

"I am proud of the way the guys played this year and continued to improve," Holtz said. "That's the result of the hard work our kids have put in."

Hole-in-one club

Bob Heath, 81, of Plymouth used a 7-iron to ace the 145-yard, No. 5 hole Monday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. Heath, who has been playing for 60 years, shot an impressive 84 for 18 holes.

Staying at Breslin

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has conducted the boys basketball state tournament semifinals and championship games at Michigan State University since 1994. It will still that way until at least 2017.

MHSAA officials and MSU recently agreed to a six-year extension of their existing contract to have the boys tournament at the 14,759-seat Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

The girls finals will also be played at MSU this season.

"The central location of the Breslin Center makes it the ideal spot for our basketball finals," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA.

"When you think of some of the greatest moments in the Michigan high school basketball tournament, they took place on this campus, and it's that history that we want to continue to be part of," MSU Athletic Director Mark Hollis said. "It's great for our university and community to host teams and fans from across our state for this terrific event."

Teen coaches connect with Little Leaguers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When a trio of just-graduated student-athletes from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were younger, they created never-fading Little League memories of sandlots, smiles, friendship and trips to the Dairy Queen.

And a decade or so after playing with neighborhood chums on the Devil Rays, those three stepped up to the plate to ensure those same experiences for a team that until May didn't even have a coach.

Lifelong pals Chase Zebari, Nick Hayes and Tommy Halewicz banded together to coach the U12 Phillies of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association. Despite a 2-8 record, it's been a winning endeavor on several fronts.

"I just think that it's awesome that they're taking their time, especially these guys are going to be graduating, going off to college," Canton dad John Snyder said,

watching his son, Jake, and the Phillies during a recent game at Heritage Park. "And they're giving back, sacrificing for these kids. These kids are probably going to look back on this and say this was probably the coolest year."

Also thrilled that Zebari (the head coach) and assistants Hayes and Halewicz saved the season for their son were Patsy and Tom Kelly, of Plymouth. Their 11-year-old son Aaron is on the squad.

"They're by far his favorite coaches," Patsy Kelly said. "I think he looks up to them, they're like a mentor to them."

"You have more in common with an 18-year-old than you do a 40-year-old."

GIVE AND TAKE

Besides, she added, the young Phillies "love getting to third to get the knuckle-knock and high fives" from Zebari in the coaches box. "That's what it's all about."

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U12 Phillies head coach Chase Zebari (left) gets set to high-five Connor Savage (No. 29) during a recent game at Heritage Park. In the background at right is assistant coach Nick Hayes.

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All-Area softball team recognizes all-star talent

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Kelsey Susalla, Jr., P/3B, Garden City: Susalla played an integral role in the Cougars' phenomenal 31-4 season — both on the mound and at the plate. A leadoff hitter with pop in her bat, the junior hit a robust .592 with 28 extra-base hits, including five round-trippers. She also knocked in 44 runs. On the mound, the strong-armed righty fanned 85 in 107 innings on the way to an 18-2 record. She walked just 19 batters and carved out a stellar 2.86 earned-run average.

"Kelsey is among the premier hitters in the state," coach Barry Patterson said. "She has a great, natural swing. She batted just over 100 times and scored 68 runs. That in itself is huge. She's the complete package. Pitching-wise, she had a very solid season for us. She's just a delightful young lady to coach."

Kayce Nieto, Jr., P, Mercy: Nieto made the all-area team for the second year in a row after another outstanding season. She was 14-6 as a pitcher, but three losses were to Ladywood and one was to North Farmington. Nieto allowed just 10 earned runs (27 overall) and posted a 0.52 ERA with six shutouts. She had 219 strikeouts and only 15 walks in 134 innings. Nieto hit .506 (44-of-87) with 12 doubles, 10 home runs and 24 RBI. She had a .989 slugging percentage and just four strikeouts.

"I can't say enough about Kayce as a person, and she'll be a great addition to the Utah softball program," coach Jack Falvo said. "There aren't a lot of players who come out of Michigan who get that kind of opportunity."

"She's dedicated to being the best she can be. It sure makes it easy to coach, having a young lady like that. She's a fantastic person and a joy to have on the team. As good as she is, she's all about the team and her teammates."

CarolAnn Sexauer, Sr., SS, Canton: A superb two-way player throughout her high school career, Sexauer sparked the Chiefs to a 34-7 record (including a share of the KLAAs South Division title).

The senior co-captain also was a key factor in Canton triumphs in the Division 1 districts and regionals.

In addition to sparkling defense (.988 fielding percentage), Sexauer batted .470 to lead the team for a second straight year, also slamming six homers and driving in 34 runs.

Sexauer, who will play softball at Central Michigan University, again nabbed all-district and all-conference honors for her efforts.

"She is an outstanding individual on and off the field," coach Jim Arnold said. "She makes her teammates play harder. She is a very coachable young lady (and) she has great leadership qualities."

Briana Combs, Jr., P, Ladywood: The junior right-hander went 32-3 en route to Division 2 first-team all-state honors.

In 261 innings, Combs fanned 330 and walked only 11 with an earned-run average of 0.22 for the state semifinalists and Catholic League champions.

The all-Catholic, all-region and all-district selection also fielded her position well (.990) and posted an eye-opening .528 batting average.

Combs, a candidate for ESPN/Gatorade 2011 Player of Year, also excels in the classroom with a 4.13 grade-point average.

"She's worked real hard and I've got to say it: She's the best-conditioned athlete probably in the state," coach Scott Combs said of the three-time all-*Observer* pick. "I've never had anybody, in all my years, work as hard as that to be conditioned to throw seven or 14 innings. And that's what you need."

Katy Severson, Jr., P/1B, N. Farmington: A repeat member of the first team, Severson is one of North's most valuable and productive players. She was 18-2 as a pitcher with 137 strikeouts in 142 innings. She issued 22 walks, never hit a batter and had a 1.42 ERA with 29 earned runs.

Severson batted third for the Raiders (34-4) and was 67-of-131

for a .511 average. Her hits included 16 doubles, three triples and three home runs. She also scored 21 runs, had 58 RBI and struck out just four times.

"Katy does it all," Brubaker said. "She's one of the most head's-up fielders we have. She didn't make an error this year, and you're talking two of the hardest positions to field in fastpitch softball — first base and pitcher. That's a real tribute to a kid who's worked hard and will work even harder to get ready for college. Nobody works harder and takes the game more seriously once you cross the line to play ball."

Jenny Rohn, Sr., SS, Ladywood: Bound for Western Michigan University on a softball scholarship, the senior shortstop hit .410 for the Final Four Blazers, including 19 doubles and seven triples.

Rohn, an all-Catholic, all-state (first-team) all-region and all-district pick, also had 36 RBI and scored 42 runs for the 38-4 league champions.

The lone graduating senior also had 38 stolen bases and fielded at a .980 percentage.

"Jenny's a great kid," coach Scott Combs said. "She learned how to work hard and learned how to commit herself. She's learned how to come out every day and get better. Her leadership has been outstanding."

Carli San Millan, Jr., 2B, Ladywood: The junior second baseman batted a whopping .470 (69-for-148) with six homers, 22 doubles and three triples for the Catholic League and state semifinalists.

San Millan, who also had a team-high 48 RBI and scored 38 runs, made all-Catholic, all-region, all-district and honorable mention all-state.

She also swiped 21 bases and excelled defensively with 61 putouts and just four errors (.910 percentage).

"Carli hit fourth for us and can hit any type of pitching," coach Scott Combs said. "We had confidence that she could hit against any type of high-quality pitcher. In the (Michigan) Stars Tournament she tore it up, going 15-for-18 in six games."

"She moved from the outfield to second base this year and did a very good job."

Kaitlyn Mattson, Sr., 1B, Canton: The senior was consistently excellent with a .438 average and .983 fielding percentage, an instrumental player in Canton's march to the D1 state quarterfinals.

Mattson drove in 27 runs, scored 20 times and provided extra-base power in the heart of the lineup.

A scholar-athlete, she earned back-to-back all-KLAA and all-district honors.

"She is one of the best first basemen that have come out of Canton High School," Arnold said. "She played well both offensively and defensively the entire season and has good athletic ability."

Alexis Powell, Jr., 1B, Salem: The three-year starter belted 13 home runs and knocked in 33, batting .409 to earn honors as Salem's offensive MVP.

When Powell wasn't clearing the fence, she was getting on base. She drew 28 walks to up her on-base percentage to .559.

In the field, she was solid wherever coach Bonnie Southerland played her. In addition to first, Powell filled in at shortstop and catcher — displaying her strong arm and quick release.

"Truthfully, there really is not a single position in the field that Alexis could not play and be superior at," Southerland said. "But as you well know, her biggest strength is her hitting. Alexis, if she stays at this pace, will most likely break the home run record at Salem."

Powell was named to the all-KLAA team and she is an all-state scholar-athlete.

Casey Bias, Soph., C, Churchill: The 10th-grader batted .379 with 25 RBI to go along with an on-base average of .442 and a slugging percentage of .632.

Defensively, the all-KLAA selection threw out 13-of-18 base stealers.

"Casey is a two-year varsity



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Garden City



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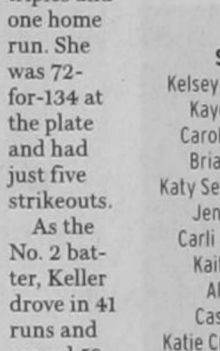
Elaine Gerou
Plymouth



Jessica Bondy
Plymouth



Megan Keller
N. Farmington



Scott Combs
Coach of Year

player that is very capable of playing at the next level," coach Steve Gentilia said. "She's a great athlete and someone who is very committed to the game of softball. We're definitely looking for great things from Casey the next two years."

Katie Creighton, Jr., 2B, N. Farmington: As the leadoff batter for a team with a .412 average, Creighton got things started offensively for the 34-4 Raiders. She hit .459 and scored 46 runs. Her 61 hits included a double and two triples, and she also had 17 RBI. She struck out just six times and walked twice in 133 at-bats. ("She wasn't up there to walk," coach Dave Brubaker said.) Creighton also played a solid second base with 63 putouts, 48 assists and five errors in 116 chances for a .956 score.

"She gets down the first base line faster than anybody I've ever coached at North Farmington," Brubaker said. "Not only was she able to lay down a bunt, she had a couple triples and could beat the defense different ways besides just putting the ball on the ground. She's a solid defensive player; she plays second base flawlessly."

Sarah Gutknecht, Soph., SS, Farmington: The sophomore shortstop and two-year starter helped lead the Falcons (20-9) to the OAA White Division championship and a runner-up finish in the district. Gutknecht batted .621 with 59 hits in 95 at-bats. She had 18 doubles, one triple, five home runs and 33 RBI; she also scored 36 runs. Gutknecht's on-base and slugging percentages were .654 and .990, respectively.

"Sarah is truly the definition of what comes from passion, hard work and dedication when describing a softball player," coach Stefanie Volpe said. "Sarah had an unbelievable 2011 season offensively in terms of her stats that will be hard to match. She started the season on an offensive tear with a 20-game hitting streak and finished with a five-game streak. Her on-field ability and her leadership was a key part in our league championship. I'm very excited to see what is to come the next two seasons."

Ashley Lynn, Jr., SS, Garden City: The sweet-swinging junior chiseled out a .579 batting average from the No. 2 spot in the Cougars' batting order. She used her speed to record seven doubles and three triples. Lynn

knocked in 35 runs and drilled one home run. She was a vacuum sweeper at shortstop, combining exceptional range with a strong, accurate arm.

"Defensively, there aren't many players around who are better than Ashley in the middle infield," Patterson said. "She makes plays that would be considered great for other players, but they're routine for her. She hit .570-something, so she's a great hitter, and she brings great leadership to our program. She's our vocal leader. Ashley doesn't let anyone hang their head. Ashley is a tough competitor. The bigger the game, the better she plays."

Elaine Gerou, Soph., P, Plymouth: Plymouth was co-champion of the KLAAs South Division with a 19-10-2 record and the pitching of Gerou had a lot to do with that success.

She pitched virtually the entire season for coach Val Canfield, sporting an ERA of 1.78 while striking out 192 batters.

An all-conference and all-district selection, Gerou also chipped in on offense. She batted .300 with an on-base percentage of .466, drawing plenty of walks.

"Elaine had another stellar year," Canfield said. "She brought confidence to the field with her pitching, and not only that she was solid on the offensive side as well, being our three-hole hitter."

Jessica Bondy, Sr., OF, Plymouth: Providing speed and spark at the top of the Wildcats' lineup, Bondy was quite the catalyst for Canfield's squad.

Bondy usually was in the middle of things whenever the team had its offense going.

The all-conference and all-district selection batted .500 and stole 21 bases while playing flawless center field (.962 fielding percentage).

"We're going to really miss Jessica after these last four years," Canfield said. "She was always unstoppable offensively with her quickness, speed, her accuracy with laying down the bunts and just basically having that game sense. And defensively, nothing would ever get by her."

She will attend Wayne State University to study chemical engineering.

Megan Keller, Fr., SS, N. Farmington: The addition of Keller solidified the North infield and added more offense. Keller batted .537 with eight doubles, five

triples and one home run. She was 72-for-134 at the plate and had just five strikeouts.

As the No. 2 batter, Keller drove in 41 runs and scored 59. She had 40 putouts, 43 assists and eight errors for a .912 fielding percentage. Keller also is a member of the 16-and-under Honeybaked national champion hockey team.

"Megan is one of those players who comes around once or twice maybe in your coaching career who can take control of a game defensively and offensively," Brubaker said. "She has the ability to drag butt and also hit it over your head, or over the fence. If she wasn't knocking runs, she was scoring them. She can power the ball to all fields any time she swings a bat."

"She wants to be a college and Olympic hockey player. If softball can be a sideshow for her, that would be good for the North Farmington softball program."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Scott Combs, Ladywood: Playing one of the most challenging schedules in the state, the fourth-year coach guided the Blazers to a 38-4 record and a berth in the Division 2 state semifinals.

Ladywood also captured the Central Division, Catholic League, district and regional titles, as well as two tournament crowns, including the Michigan Stars and Eaton Rapids.

The Blazers' season ended with a heartbreaking 3-2 setback to eventual state champion Stevensville Lakeshore in eight innings.

Combs, an attorney, is a 1981 graduate of Battle Creek Harper Creek who played baseball at Kalamazoo College.

"We started out 17-0 and every game we lost was by one run; we could have been undefeated," said Combs, who is 130-34 in four seasons with the Blazers. "I liked the way we came together as a team this year and the way we worked hard. We got in a lot of repetitions, we conditioned hard and we were in shape as a team. We got an hour-and-a-half of full practice in before 20 to 25 of our games and it made a huge difference."

Ladywood's future appears bright for 2012 as only one senior, shortstop Jenny Rohn, graduates from the starting lineup.

2011 ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM

Kelsey Susalla, Jr., P/3B, Garden City
Kayce Nieto, Jr., P, Farm. Mercy
CarolAnn Sexauer, Sr., SS, Canton
Briana Combs, Jr., P, Ladywood
Katy Severson, Jr., P/1B, N. Farmington
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COACH OF THE YEAR

Scott Combs, Livonia Ladywood

SECOND TEAM

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Sam Partain, Jr., 2B, Canton
Celeste Fidge, Soph., 3B, Ladywood
Andria Gietl, Soph., 1B, Ladywood
Makenzie Coulter, Sr., P/1B, N. Farmington
Sarah Fier, Soph., 3B, Stevenson
Jackie Johnson, Jr., P, Stevenson
Kim D'Arcangelo, Jr., 3B, Redford Union
Kaitlin Lock, Jr., P, Farmington
Heidi Schmidt, Sr., SS/P, Salem
Jesse Larner, Jr., OF, Canton
Nicole Williamson, Jr., OF/P, Franklin
Natalie Hiser, Sr., P, Churchill
Amelia Mittelbrun, Sr., 3B, N. Farmington
Lindsay Lutton, Fresh., SS, Plymouth
Marisa Hahn, Jr., SS, Lutheran Westland
Carley Shattleroe, Sr., C, Garden City
Nicole Odom, Inf., Wayne Memorial
Jacquelyn Murphy, Soph., 2B, Mercy
Karaleigh Creighton, Sr., OF, N. Farmington
Emma Williams, Sr., SS, Harrison

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Abby Jewell, Rachel Jason, Missy Sidor, Mackenzie Everson, Katie Shereda, Jackie Tolles; **Franklin:** Chelsea Williams, Katelyn Devers, Jessica Emery, Mariah Barcus; **Stevenson:** Becca Zarras, Ashley Avery, Morgan Copperstone, Alex Ferguson; **John Glenn:** Samantha Fox, Brandi Holbrook, Alexis Lester, Kailey Wovles, Brittany McGrath; **Wayne:** Shelby Hooper; **Ladywood:** Alyssa Kashat, Nicole Payne, Lauren Hayes; **Clarenceville:** Kellie Ankiel, Stephanie Bishop, Brittany Tallman, Joanna Burling, Reba Bibik, Angela McAlpine; **Lutheran Westland:** Erica Killian, Hanna Conley, Aldreanna Fikes, Sam Roberts, Lindsey Emert; **Huron Valley Lutheran:** Brooke Kuehn, Meghan Kubinski, Dayna Schroeder; **Canton:** Alyssa Boucher, Lauren Leskovitz, Hanna Warren; **Farmington:** Jessi Walsh, Sarah Gallagher, Lindsay Liwak, Emily Siskosky; **Harrison:** Geena Girard, Cassandra Allen; **Mercy:** Jordan Ewald, Meghan Tarrance, Samantha Bauer; **North Farmington:** Jessica Sherbin, Kaitlyn Kendall, Nikki Wald; **Garden City:** Hillarie Werda, Sam Bellovary; **Redford Union:** Lauren Brenner, Rachel Bommarito; **Plymouth:** Brooke Senkbeil, Brianna Giordano; **Ply. Christian:** Bethany Hale, Clare Barber, Sara Slaughter, Katie McCormack; **Salem:** Lizzy Mazorowicz, Emily Marcero.

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because my son was playing little league. I got back in it two years ago, and I'm glad I did. It's a lot of fun."

DRAWN TO THE DIAMONDS

What is it about the sport that keeps these 30-, 40- and 50-somethings coming back year after year?

"The beer," joked one player, sparking his teammates' laughter.

"I like it because it keeps me active and it's nice to get a night out with the guys," said Wallace.

"The bats are better and the balls are harder than when I started playing, but the athletes are pretty similar. The speed of the game

seems to be faster, but that's probably because I'm 50 and they're 21." (more laughter)

Hull said a key to the team's longevity is the name written across the players' uniforms.

"Without the support of the local businesses who sponsor us — Albert's on the Alley owner Steve Valenti has been very supportive the past five years — we wouldn't be able to stay together as a group like we have," he emphasized.

Among the spectators at Thursday night's under-the-lights double-header were players' wives, sons decked out in their GCYAA uniforms, and Hull's mom, Connie, who diligently serves as the team's scorekeeper and positioning coach.

"He came your way last time, Paul," Hull shouted to Donaldson as a Copilot player stepped into the

batter's box.

Judging by the way Albert's sprayed line shots across the outfield during its monumental first inning Thursday night, the players' hitting has improved with age.

TIGHT 'D'

The defense wasn't too shabby either, particularly that of shortstop Kenny Dehart, who fired a rope across the diamond during the fifth inning to nip a Copilot base runner.

And considering it's been at least a decade since the youngest player graduated from high school, Albert's flashed impressive team speed.

Even the ones with pianos on their backs.

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Mike Salter, a teacher at Garden City High School, takes aim at a floating pitch.



Giving the U12 Phillies a pep talk during a pre-game huddle are coaches Tommy Halewicz, Chase Zebari and Nick Hayes.

COACHES

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Those players showed how much they like to give back themselves, dumping a bucket of Gatorade over Zebari's head following the Phillies' come-from-behind 14-7 victory over the Orioles.

"That was a great feeling, unexpected," said Zebari, about the Phillies snapping an eight-game losing skid. "It felt really good because it (the win) broke our losing streak and we got a winning streak going into the playoffs now."

Jordan Neal keyed a big fifth inning to break the contest open. He slapped a single to right that got past the outfielder, scoring Tyler Santoro, Aaron and Jake to make it 7-3.

Capping off the win was a sparkling catch of a foul popup by catcher Brian Oldani.

That was the team's second on-the-field win this year.

But the Phillies' first true victory of the 2011 season was when the then-seniors answered the call from Plymouth varsity baseball coach Bryan Boyd that the Little Leaguers were without a coach.

The man who had originally signed up to lead the team had to back out due to scheduling conflicts.

ANSWERING THE CALL

Zebari, a member of Boyd's team and at that time wrapping up his senior year at Plymouth, immediately agreed to fill the void.

He quickly enlisted Hayes and Halewicz (both then seniors at Salem) to help him run the team. Chase's dad, veteran coach Chris Zebari, also is around to lend a hand.

"I want to be a role model and a coach," Chase Zebari said. "I think they can look up to me and see what I did, how hard I worked to be on the varsity baseball team and how I went about it."



Staying in the ready position at shortstop is U2 Phillies player Aaron Kelly, with leftfielder Jordan Neal in the background.

"I feel like I'm mimicking what my varsity coach is doing in games. Telling them what to do. You have to be a student of the game, at any level."

Parents, of course, were relieved that their kids wouldn't be without coaches.

"Probably a parent would have coached," Snyder noted. "But, when there's parents, sometimes you get a parent who might not know a whole lot about the game."

"Yeah, he is giving, he wants to give. So it's a great awesome dad, but that's probably not his expertise sometimes."

QUICK CONNECTION

Right from the start, youngsters such as Aaron responded to guys just six years or so older than them but with a ton of experience in varsity athletics.

Zebari played baseball and hockey at Plymouth while the main prep sports for Hayes and Halewicz were hockey and soccer, respectively.

"Aaron's always been the kind of kid always wanting to shoot baskets with the older kids in the neighborhood and do that kind of thing," Tom Kelly explained. "So I knew Aaron would respond to having these kids coach him. He's having a lot of fun. It's been a great experience."

That's how their 18-some-

thing coaches see it, too.

"It's been awesome watching the kids grow, especially from a couple months ago when ... they didn't know each other to now," Hayes said. "You can see they're a team and they work together."

"To be a part of that is great and I think for the kids it's got to be cool that three kids that are in high school are helping them out and showing them the ropes."

Helping coach the Phillies is gratifying for Halewicz, both for being able to spend time with his childhood friends and knowing he's making a big impact on the Little Leaguers.

"(But) it's more of a special experience for them (Phillies) because we're kind of serving as role models for the kids," Halewicz said. "Our impact here will help them develop not only as baseball players, but just get them rolling into their teen years, just looking out for them and being there for them."

REC AND ROLL

Zebari, despite worrying about wins and losses like any coach, wouldn't trade being at the Phillies helm for anything and wants to keep on doing that in 2012.

"I really had a good experience in the GCYBSA and I was hoping to pass it on to these kids and I think I have," Zebari said. "I think they've gotten a lot out of the season."

Above everything else, he's enjoyed seeing his players improve in the field (they all sample various positions) and at the plate, as well as in teamwork and communication.

Patsy Kelly certainly speaks for a lot of Phillies parents about liking that coaching philosophy.

"They are really good with the kids and the positions they're interested in playing," she said. "And in trying to let them play those positions, which is nice. It's a rec team, it's what it's all about."

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KESLER

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Wings' Pavel Datsyuk 348.

Kesler, who earned 105 first-place votes on 127 ballots, ended Datsyuk's three-year run on the Selke Award.

"Pavel and Jonathan both had great seasons, and to win it and have those guys as nominees makes it special," said Kesler, a Churchill High grad who played one season at Ohio State before being drafted in the first round (23rd overall)

by the Canucks in 2003.

Kesler, who also won a career-high 57.4 percent of his face-offs, helped the Canucks to the President's Trophy for the league's best record this season.

Vancouver also reached the decisive Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals before losing 4-0 to the Boston Bruins.

Kesler returned to Michigan right after the awards.

"It's going to be some good rest and get ready for the next season," said the 6-foot-2, 202-pound forward, who had 19

points (seven goals, 12 assists) in 25 playoff games.

Kesler, who came through the U.S. National Team Development Program in Ann Arbor, has logged 484 NHL regular season games in seven seasons with 131 goals and 157 assists. He has 48 playoff appearances with 10 goals and 23 assists and was a member of the Team USA, which captured a silver medal at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games held in Vancouver.

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They've got game

The future Jimmer Fredette's of the world showed off their high-end hoop talents this past week in the Hilbert Junior High School gymnasium, which was the site of the Redford Recreation Department's basketball skills camp for kids between the ages of 3 and 6. The players worked on everything from dribbling to shooting during the daily 45-minute sessions that were run by a group of coaches.

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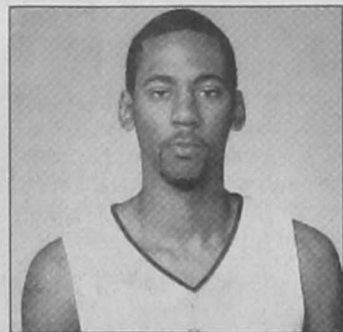
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Hawks take OU's Benson with 48th NBA draft pick

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Keith Benson

After being the 48th pick in the NBA Draft, Keith Benson of Farmington Hills now embarks on the next phase of making his basketball dream a reality.

The Oakland University center was the top pick of the Atlanta Hawks in the second round Thursday night at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

"I'm really excited to be picked by a playoff team and to be the first-ever player drafted from Oakland," Benson said in an OU press release. "It means a lot to me. I'm looking forward to taking the next step in my life."

The 6-foot-11 Benson, who passed on the draft last year and returned to OU for his senior year, is expected to arrive in Atlanta today for the start of a mini-camp Monday.

His next objective will be to prove the Hawks made the right choice and he can indeed play in the NBA. Benson weighs 224 pounds but has a 7-foot-4 wingspan.

"I think I have the frame to put on a lot of weight," Benson told the Atlanta Journal Constitution. "My game will really increase once I put on that weight and some strength. I think I can put on 20 or more pounds."

"Obviously, he needs to get stronger and get into the weight room," Hawks assistant general manager Dave Pendergraft was quoted in the AJC story. "There's upside; we do like his potential. We feel like he has the ability to

score the ball now. We don't think it will be that long of a wait (before Benson is NBA-ready)."

Hawks head coach Larry Drew said he was pleased with the pick and also likes Benson's potential.

"He's a shot-blocker with tremendous length," Drew said in a story on the SB Nation Atlanta website. "As a team, we hope to improve defensively next season, and what better way to do that than to draft one of the top shot blockers in college basketball."

Benson, the Player of the Year in the Summit League the past two seasons and also the Defensive Player of the Year in 2011, averaged 3.6 blocks per game last season and set the Summit League record with 371 career blocks.

Benson, who worked out for the Pistons on Tuesday but was passed over by the hometown team with the 33rd pick, told the Detroit Free Press he was surprised to be drafted by the Hawks.

"I met with them at the Chicago combine, and they seemed really warm towards me and really interested," Benson said. "I knew that was a possibility. They said

they've been watching me for a while.

"They're a young team that likes to get up and down and they're a playoff team, so I'm really happy to join them." One TV analyst apparently questioned Benson's drive and "motor," which drew a strong reaction from OU coach Greg Kampe.

"I think they've never coached him and have no clue what they're talking about," Kampe said in the Free Press story. "I coached the guy for five years. I would know about his motor and his toughness."

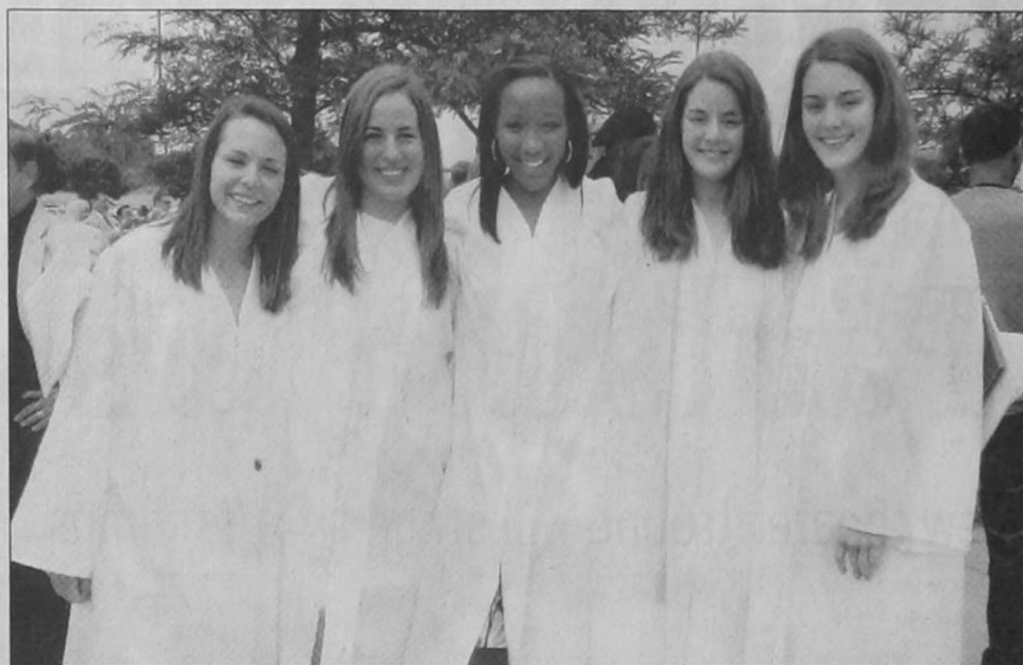
"That motivation has been there. He's been motivated to play in the NBA and has turned himself from a guy that averaged five points a game in high school to an NBA player. Atlanta will find out when they get him how good of a player he is."

"I have all the confidence in the world that he's going to do very well and have a long NBA career. He's going to prove a lot of people that passed on him wrong."

While the first from OU, Benson is the third Country Day High School player drafted, following in the footsteps of Chris Webber (1993) and Shane Battier (2001).

Benson helped lead Oakland to three consecutive 20-win seasons, two straight Summit League regular-season and tournament championships and back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances.

Benson is the only league player to surpass 1,500 points, 1,000 rebounds and 300 blocked shots, finishing with 1,903 points and 1,103 rebounds.



Fab Five finale

Canton's exceptional 2011 senior student-athlete quintet of (from left) CarolAnn Sexauer, Melanie Pickert, Kayla Bridges, Sara Schmitt and Kari Schmitt enjoy one last moment together during graduation ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University. At the high school's recent honors night, Sexauer and the Schmitt twins each received awards for top female scholar-athlete. Pickert and Bridges each were named Female Athlete of the Year. All are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

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The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its second of 14 tournaments June 2 at the Cherry Creek Club in Shelby Township.

The tournament produced 20 winners from a handicapped field of 93 players (50 years and older) representing 16 communities in southeast Michigan.

Tom Pilon of Plymouth shot the low round of 74 and leads the field in the Briege Cup standings (low gross score relative to age) and the Low Gross Player of the Year standings.

More information and an application are available at www.mpsga.org or by calling 734-207-7888. The prize winners by flight were:

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Paul's Players

New theater troupe will stage shows, camps

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Pat Hutchison rolled out the area's newest community theater troupe, Paul's Players, with a summer camp for middle school students last week in Livonia.

But make no mistake about it, Paul's Players is an adult troupe. It will present its first show, *Remember When...* based on a collection of letters and songs from World War II, in November, just in time for Veterans Day.

The theater, and its annual summer camps for students, are based at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, where Hutchison is music director.

"I've always wanted to start a theater group. When I checked places to rent, it was a bite of money off the top," said Hutchison, a Northville resident. "Because of St. Paul's I have a chance to do it."

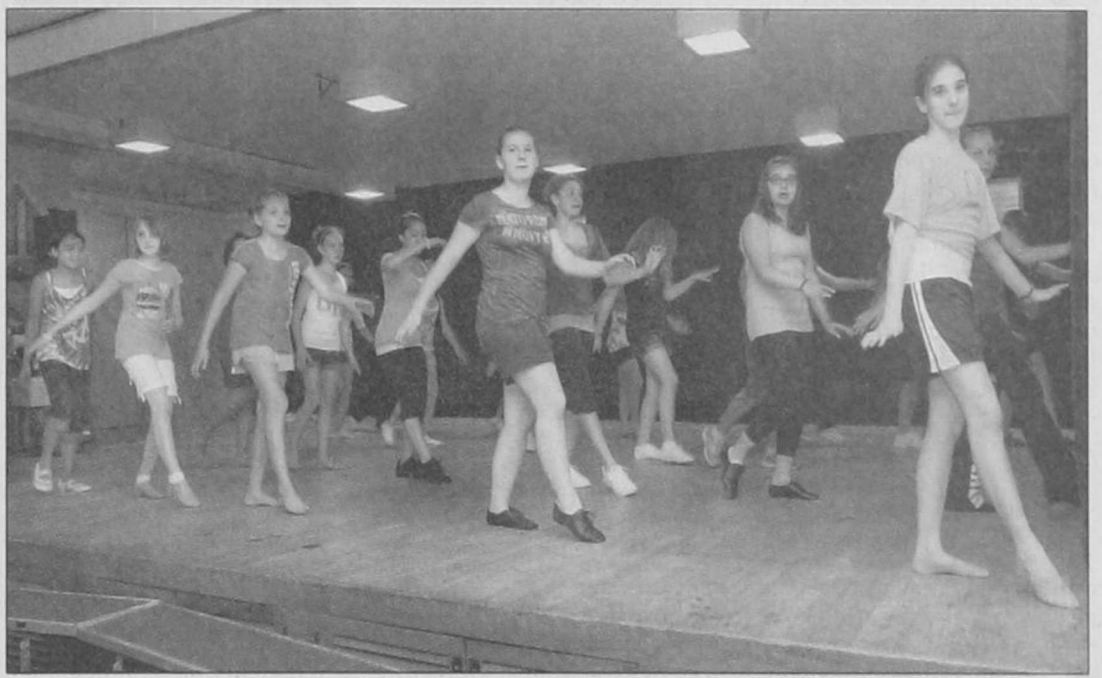
The church gives Paul's Players space for rehearsals, training and productions rent-free. Some of the youngsters involved in the first summer camp last week are members of the church, but the material they rehearsed — Broadway songs — was secular. The camp drew singers from Livonia Youth Choir and residents from as far away as Brighton. Children from Muskegon and Kalamazoo vacationed with their local grandparents while participating in the all-day classes.



Pat Hutchison started Paul's Players, a new theater troupe in Livonia.

"I love working with kids. But then I have all these people (former students) in the area and I thought it would be nice to have something for them," said Hutchison,

explaining why the troupe is for adults and the camp is for kids. "I probably would have started with the adults, but (St. Paul's) asked me to start with the kids instead."



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Students practice a dance number from "Hairspray" during a theater camp at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

UP AND RUNNING

Hutchison asked friends and alumni — she dubbed them "Paul's Pals" — to donate seed money for the group. It also received some anonymous donations.

With a grown daughter active in theater on the west side of the state, Hutchison also had access to several original scripts for free, including *Remember When...* and a version of *Scrooge*.

Members of the church served food to the summer theater students last week and built a set for the camp's final production.

"I've had tons of free help."

IN THE WORKS

Hutchison hopes to plan three shows annually for the adult troupe. She'll also consider revue material and small cast scripts that require less group rehearsal time for busy adults who are interested in theater but can't devote extensive time at practices.



Allison Range practices "Good Morning Baltimore" from "Hairspray."

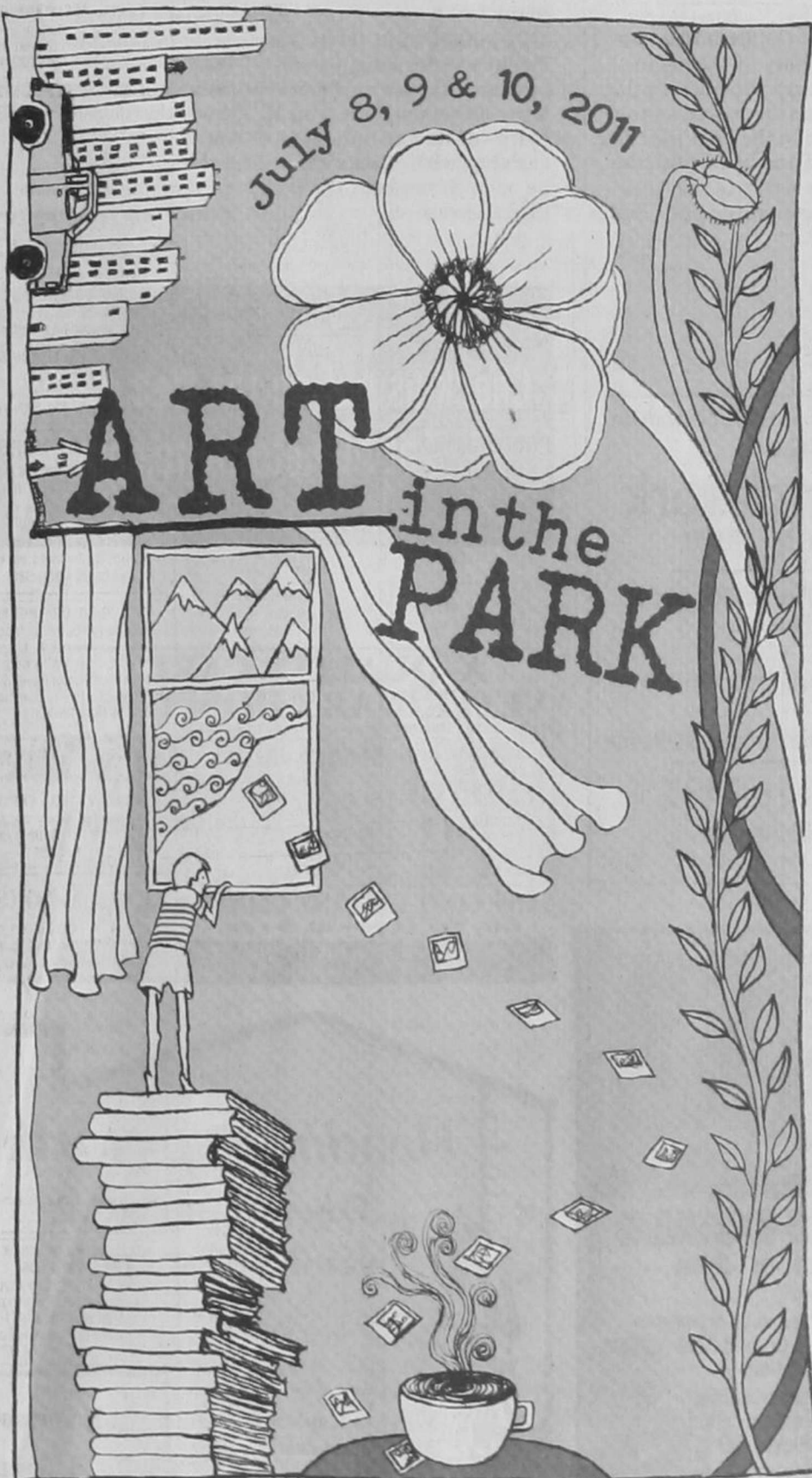
"I think the basic thing is the program is going to be multi-generational," she said, describing what sets Paul's Players apart from other community theater troupes. "I think the (middle school)

camp will be an annual program because the kids really love it. And then I'd like to add a summer thing for high school students. We also have a lot of college kids who would like to do something.

"We'll be feeling it out during the next year."

In addition to teaching at Churchill, Hutchison also directed plays and musicals at Bentley, Stevenson and Franklin high schools.

She will hold auditions at the end of summer for *Remember When...* To learn more about joining Paul's Players, call her at St. Paul's at (734) 422-1470.



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Ban on phosphates proves costly

We returned from South Dakota with two boxes of dishwasher detergent and were sure that we wouldn't have any more cloudy glasses coming out of the dishwasher. Because of the ban on phosphates in 13 states, including Michigan, I was going to use detergent from another state where the ban has not been imposed.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

A gentleman sent me an e-mail suggesting that dishwasher detergent in other states also would have the phosphates removed. For three weeks I didn't believe him because the stuff from South Dakota was doing a great job. Then suddenly it started happening again. The glasses were coming out cloudy and even the plates were showing signs of something. So again we started using a spoonful of LemiShine mixed in with the powdered detergent.

In the past few months I have received many inquiries from consumers who are befuddled by this problem and some of the stories are showing great cost involved. People are buying new hot water heaters which don't solve the problem. One guy had the anode rod removed from his hot water heater and paid a plumber to do so. A lady purchased a whole new water softening conditioner for her home to find her glasses still came out cloudy. People are purchasing new dishwashers when they don't need to and some salespeople are not saying a word to the buying public to educate them. They would just rather sell the product.

This ban on phosphates began last July and it will cause millions of dollars to be spent by homeowners who don't know anything about it.

The seemingly magic product which takes care of the cloudy glasses is called LemiShine and is available at several stores in our area. At the risk of making this article a free commercial, you can find them at www.LemiShine.com and they have a list of the retailers. I have to tell you about this product because I've tried Kool-Aid, lemon juice, lime juice, Tang and none of these have worked. My wife, Valerie, used the LemiShine and everything came out shiny once again.

The rest of this column is dedicated to you as it always is. I'm posing 10 questions that can lead to some effort on your part, but the answers can keep some heavy duty dollars in your pocket. 1. Have you cleaned the condenser underneath your refrigerator lately?

2. Is the air conditioning condenser outside clean and free of tree pollen?

3. Is the furnace humidifier clean and ready for next heating season?

4. Have you checked to see if the refrigerator door seals are leaking air?

5. Is the dryer vent line nice and clean and free of lint or birds nests?

6. Have you cleaned out the garbage disposer using ice cubes?

7. How's the filter on your furnace? Recently changed I hope!

8. Have you replaced the old washer hoses to the new metal braided kind?

9. Have you given your washing machine a vinegar bath?

10. Have you checked out the appliance service plans through your utility company?

If you need an answer to a specific question, you can send me an e-mail at the address provided below. 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.

Raffle boosts breast cancer research

English Gardens stores will raffle several prizes, including a pink spa valued at \$7,495, during its "Pink Day" celebration 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 14. All raffle proceeds will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

In addition to the Elemental Geos Spa by Dimension Spa, grand prizes are a \$1,000 English Gardens shopping spree and lunch for two with

WXYZ TV 7's Erin Nicole and English Gardens' Rick Vespa, hosts of English Gardens' *Home Gardener*, airing locally on WXYZ TV 7.

All seven English Gardens stores are selling raffle tickets for \$1. Each customer who buys a raffle ticket will receive a coupon for 20 percent off regularly priced products on Pink Day. Tickets will be sold through July 14. Spirit Awards also will be given

to the associate and the customer who best display the Pink Day spirit. Representatives from The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will be on hand at each store for a short presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, at Jackson in Ann Arbor, 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield.

GARDEN & NATURE

ENGLISH GARDENS

- Learn how to bring color and texture to your garden at a free presentation on perennial gardening, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2.
 - Get tips on creating a container water garden, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9.
 - Find out how to keep the summer garden looking its best at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16.
 - Learn about the four main categories of hydrangeas at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23.
 - What kinds of plants do best in the shade? Get basic information on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30.
- Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

REDFORD GARDENS

Redford Township Beautification

Commission will present its garden walk 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 9. Tickets are \$5, available at the Redford District Library; the Clerk's office in the Township Hall; Leisure Services at the Redford Community Center; the Chamber of Commerce, 26050 Five Mile; Township Hardware, 25880 Five Mile; and at each of the gardens. For information on each garden go www.redfordtwp.com. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations. Participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. A total of nine gardens will feature a

variety of container gardens, perennials, raised beds, vegetable gardens, garden ponds with waterfall, and basically good upscale gardening.

NOTHVILLE WALK

Country Garden Club of Northville presents its 18th Annual Garden Walk, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13. Tickets are \$10, available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville. On walk day, tickets also will be available at Mill Race Village; (248) 348-3263.

Health, family services groups get grants

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle awarded grants for 2011 to Starfish Family Services and the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation.

Starfish Family Services received \$4,000 for a one-time parenting program this fall that will feature Bob Sornson, an early childhood expert. While parents learn about developing potential, language and literacy, their children will attend an enriched childcare program. Parents also will receive a copy of Sornson's book, *Meeting the Challenge*. Starfish expects the program will draw approximately 75

Anyone interested in grant application guidelines for 2012 can e-mail Marion Rozum at rozy@att.net.

mothers, all from Canton and Plymouth.

Oakwood Healthcare Foundation will use the \$1,500 grant it received for eight for eight educational workshops at various community over the next year, beginning next month. The workshops include "Boost Nutrition on a Budget" and "Diabetes Prevention and Management." The nutrition

workshop aims to increase women's understanding of health and nutrition. The diabetes session will explain how diabetes affects different body systems. It also will offer prevention advice and self-management strategies to reduce complications of the disease.

Oakwood hopes to reach approximately 200 women, 18 and older, in Canton and Plymouth.

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle formed in May 2006 when a group of local women gathered to talk about how they could address unmet needs in the Plymouth-Canton area.

Members of giving circles pool their donations in order to have a greater impact in their communities. Members decide collectively how to spend the money and on what causes.

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle has given grants to First Step, the Girl Scouts, Canton Public Library, Plymouth Council on Aging and Neighborhood Legal Services over the years. It has donated a total \$22,500 to community groups.

Anyone interested in grant application guidelines for 2012 can e-mail Marion Rozum at rozy@att.net.

Learn about the Rouge River while boating

The Friends of the Rouge presents its third annual dinner cruise and river tour aboard the Diamond Belle, 5:45-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, leaving from Stroh's River Place, near Atwater and Joseph Campau, Detroit. Registration deadline is

July 16. Orin Gelderloos, a University of Michigan-Dearborn professor, will narrate the tour. The route will take the boat past Zug Island and as far into the Rouge River as the turning basin at the Ford Rouge

Plant. Tickets are \$45 for Friends of the Rouge members and \$50 for non-members. Tickets include a meal (with vegetarian option). A cash bar with snacks will be open throughout the evening.

Space is limited. Make reservations by calling (313) 792-9621. Online payment is also available at www.therouge.org. Click on "events" in the left hand column. Tickets are non-refundable and the boat will cruise rain or shine.

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"Everybody knew my brother's name and made a point of checking on his progress," said Deborah. "The care was fabulous."

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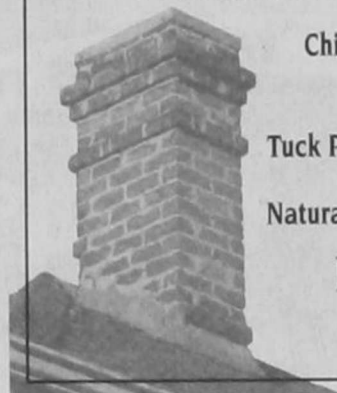
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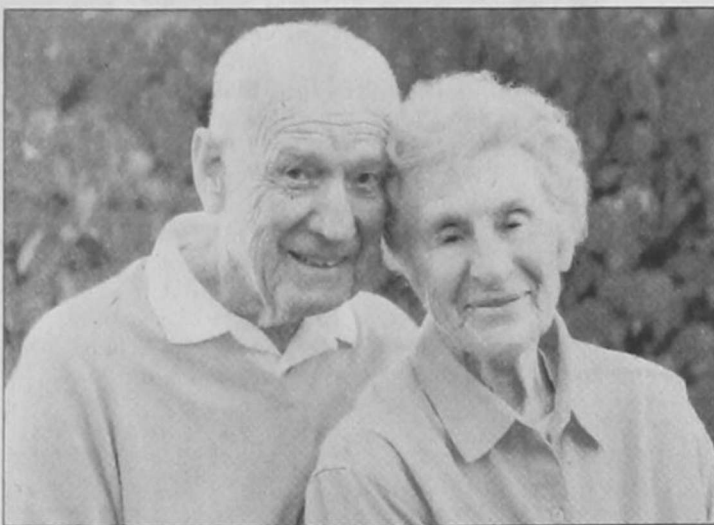
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MILESTONES



Kenneth and Dorothy Archer of Plymouth

Former neighbors mark wedding anniversary

Kenneth "Joe" and Dorothy (Smith) Archer observed their 64-year wedding anniversary on June 14.

The former Plymouth residents met as neighbors.

"My family moved next to the Archers when the three Archer boys were in the military, so I met him after he returned home," Dorothy said. "We couldn't avoid each other being neighbors and then he started escorting me home after work."

The couple married in 1947 at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

Joe worked as an industrial engineer for Burroughs before being transferred to California in 1969. Dorothy worked at Bell telephone in downtown Plymouth and became a clinical research nurse while the couple lived in California. Both retired in 1988.

Their children were born and raised in Plymouth and attended both Plymouth public schools and Our Lady of Good Counsel until the family moved west. The family enjoyed golfing and spending summers at Burroughs Farms

in Brighton.

The couple's oldest child, Kenneth, Jr., is married to Angelina (Herrera) and works as an accountant with the U.S. government. Daughter Gail is married to John (Barrett) and pens romance/suspense books. They have two adult sons. Her sisters are Mary Jo, who works with horses, and Kelley, an international flight attendant who is married to Scott (Gordon-Somers). They have three sons.

After their children were grown, the Archers moved back to Plymouth. In 1998 they moved to Prescott, Ariz., for a year before settling in Hagerstown, Md., a year later.

"We've traveled to about 30 foreign countries and now spend winters down south. Quilting, reading and genealogy are my hobbies and Joe carves walking sticks and cares for the yard and garden. We also love visiting surrounding historical places," she said. "We have been making yearly visits to Plymouth to see relatives and friends, so we'll postpone our anniversary celebration for later this summer."



Purcell-Goncalves

JUNE 2012 WEDDING

Katlyn Purcell and Luis Henrique Goncalves announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Tracy and Gail Purcell of Farmington Hills, graduated in 2009 from Michigan State University. She teaches English in Springfield, Ohio.

Her fiancé, son of Celso and Walkiria Goncalves of Midland, graduated in 2008 from Michigan State University. He is a mechanical engineer for Honda of America Manufacturing.

A June 2012 wedding is planned in West Bloomfield.



VanBelle-Samborsky

SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Kristy Ann VanBelle and Jeremy Jason Samborsky announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kathleen and Michael VanBelle of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Madonna University and works as a registered nurse at St. John Providence Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Grace and Michael Samborsky of Plymouth, is a 2003 graduate of Plymouth Salem. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University and works as an electrical engineer for Johnson Controls.

A September 2011 wedding is planned at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



William and Betty Scribner of Livonia on their wedding day.

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

William F. and Betty (Reid) Scribner of Livonia marked their 60th wedding anniversary June 21. The couple married in 1951 at St. Alphonsus Church.

William retired from General Motors in 1987.

Their children are Barbara

Scribner Wojcik of Westland and the late Branda Scribner Medlen. They also have four grandchildren.

The couple planned to celebrate their milestone anniversary at a quiet dinner with family.



William and Betty Scribner of Livonia



DeVitis-Bonnett

2012 WEDDING PLANNED

Amanda Marie DeVitis and Mark Anthony Bonnett, Jr. announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Christine DeVitis of Westland and the late Dean DeVitis, graduated from Sanford Brown College and works at Mark Werner M.D., P.C. as a medical assistant in West Bloomfield.

Her fiancé, son of Mark Bonnett, Sr. of Dearborn Heights and Denise Carlin of Taylor, attended Crestwood High School and works with precision machines at Delta Research in Livonia.

A June 2012 wedding is planned at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

REUNION CALENDAR

Belleville High School

Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1954

A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

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 also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734) 595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

50s and 60s

Free picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbccglobe.net or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to pvarilone@wowway.com

Class of 1971

40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1971

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie

June Class of 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone

Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962

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

Detroit Northwestern

Class of 1971

Celebration Weekend is Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 and will include a meet and greet, class legacy dinner dance and a picnic. A fundraiser, "Bringing Back to the 70s" will be held 7 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 25 at Bert's, located in the Eastern Market in Detroit. A portion of the proceeds from the events will be donated to Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (734) 326-1488 or e-mail to dnshs40th71@yahoo.com

Farmington High School

Class of 1961

A 50-year reunion of the Farmington High School Class of 1961 is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The party dinner buffet is \$48.75 per person. There will be a 9-hole golf outing at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road in Livonia at 10:30 a.m. the day of the reunion. Contact Phil "Jim" Newberg via e-mail at pruddyduck1@sbccglobe.net or call (830) 620-5734; local contact is Louise Giles (248) 224-3369.

Garden City East & West

Classes of 1966-67

A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

Garden City High School

Class of 1986

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on facebook.

Garden City West

Class of 1981

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin (734) 751-2424.

Inkster Cherry Hill

All classes

The Cherry Hill High School Alumni Association presents a reunion for all classes, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the fields behind the school, 28500 Avondale, Inkster. Admission is \$15 per person if received by July 4 and \$25 per person after that date. For complete information, including registration, deadlines and events, go to chhsinkster.com.

Ladywood High School

Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacq@aol.

com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1961

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.rr.com.

Class of 1981

30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs.com/bentley81 for more details.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1966

45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

Plymouth High School

Classes of 1951-52

Planned for Aug. 19-21. Just show up for gatherings at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and 6 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Box Bar Restaurant in downtown Plymouth. Bring a dish to pass and a large bottle of pop for the picnic at noon, Aug. 21 at the #1 pavilion in Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call Ron Beaver at (734) 397-9357, Bea Gray at (734) 453-6613 or Dick Nelson at (734) 453-0798.

Class of 1953

A reunion is planned for July 22-24 at the home of Lewis Beaver, 1111 Manistee, in Lake City. Just show up for the gathering at 1 p.m. on July 22, with snacks and your beverage of choice. A pig roast will be held at the Beavers at a cost of \$20 at noon on July 23. Bring a dish to pass. Gathering on July 24 is optional. The North Crest Motel is located across from the Beavers, telephone (231) 839-2074. Lake City is located on Highway 55, west of Highway 127 and Houghton Lake. For more information call John Mathe at (734) 729-0551, Lewis Beaver at (775) 727-1327 or Charlotte Tate at (734) 697-2799.

Class of 1971

Make reservations for this 40-year reunion by July 9. The event will run from 6 p.m.-2 a.m., July 23, at The Court House Grill, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$35 per person and includes cold and hot hors d'oeuvres and a late-night snack. For more information e-mail to phsclass1971@gmail.com.

Redford Union

Class of 1971

6:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Look for Redford Union Class of 1971 on Facebook or e-mail to RUHS71@yahoo.com

Class of 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012. E-mail Linda (Hornig) Tracy at lindatracy100@gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at paddlinmadeline@gmail.com.

Rosary High School

Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com



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CAMPBELL, VIRGINIA LEE

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Age 76. Daughter of James and Ernestine Owens, brother of James Owens, Mother of Richard and Robert Campbell, and Grandmother to Liam and Caroline. Ginny spent over 40 years in the Birmingham area, leaving in 1997 to return to Florida to take care of her father. A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 25th at Spiller-Spiller Chapel at Korkoian Funeral Home in Royal Oak, MI. Contributions to American Cancer Society.

GORSKY, GENNIA B. "Jenny"

Age 88, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away June 19, 2011. Arrangements: THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

HAWKER, MARY C.

Died June 24, 2011, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Harry. Dear mother of Craig (Joan) and Gary (Shelley). Grandmother of Nancy, Craig (Sarah), Tim and Brett. Great grandmother of seven. Mary volunteered at the Livonia Senior Center for 25 years. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt (S of 6 Mile) Monday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Services Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com

KUSTER, DAREL B.

Age 92, of Livonia, MI, passed away June 23, 2011. Arrangements by: THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME Farmington, MI

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

MILLER, LORRAINE R.

Age 81 of Howell formerly of Redford. Passed away June 8, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William, mother of Kathleen Ice, Carol Miller, Bruce (Karen) Miller and Bill (Cyndy) Miller. Further survived by her adoring grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Online guestbook: www.HarryJWillFuneralHome.com

RIDNOUR, BETTY KATHERINE (Foster)

Age 73, June 17, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Teresa Lynn (Jeff) Sedlarik, and Jane Ridner. Very proud Grandmother to Anthony Sedlarik and Alisyn Sedlarik. She will be missed by all that knew her. No memorial plans are made at this time. Condolence may be sent to: sedlarikfamily@att.net

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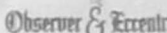
of Howell, formally of Plymouth, MI. succumbed to her battle with Leukemia on Friday, June 17, 2011.

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Health professionals practice skills in new lab at Botsford

BY SHARON DARGAY
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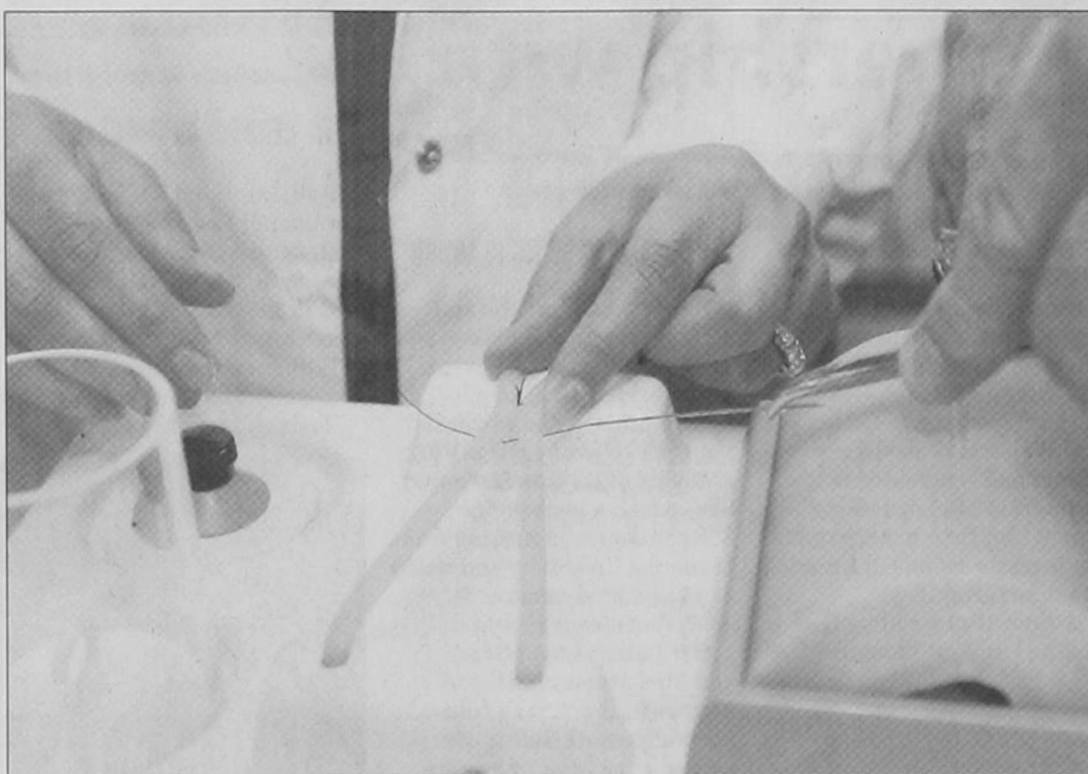
The new Skills Lab at Botsford Hospital in Farmington gives senior medical students a chance to practice healing arts on synthetic skin before they ever touch the real thing.

Resident doctors can perfect life-saving techniques without disturbing any patients.

And other health professionals - nurses, emergency medical technicians, phlebotomists - can refresh their skills with real equipment on simulated body parts.

It's all about practice.

"Anybody who is going to be asked to perform a procedure in their job, they really should be down here first to demonstrate the skill set that shows they are capable of doing it," said Dr. Vance Powell, director of medical education at Botsford. "The way we've set it up is every department will have a set of skills that they want their people to know. And then they work with Terri (Maples, RN) to develop the protocols, which means they have to know how the procedure is done. They have to know the risks and benefits and they have to know the potential complications and what to do if they occur and they demonstrate the technique under supervision and then that person will be signed off as competent to do that procedure."



Dr. Vance Powell, (left) shows Christine Gabriel, R.N., how to use the suture demonstration equipment in the Skills Lab at Botsford Hospital, Farmington.

Maples and Christine Gabriel, RN, are in charge of scheduling and coordinating visits to the Lab, which opened Monday, June 20. Botsford is an osteopathic training hospital that sees about 30-35 medical students a month, Powell said.

The Lab training equipment enables health professionals to practice starting IVs, suturing, giving CPR, intubating, giving tracheotomies, placing central lines, performing laparoscopic

surgery and more. Donations from medical staff, and in particular Dr. Raimundo Pastor, a general surgeon at Botsford, paid for the training equipment.

SIMULATED AILMENTS

Powell said he began developing the Skills Lab a few years ago, after hearing about the increasing number of simulation training centers at medical schools.

"I thought that's something we should be doing.

I went through a series of seminars and classes on how to set them up. I did a lot of research on it," he said. "I've always been interested in patient safety and education and how you can best train people. My idea was to put something on site to teach, not only the basic skills we do, but also the higher level stuff. I found out that was very expensive. When you get into something like a METI Man, it can be a half million dollar piece of equipment."



Christine Gabriel, R.N., shows the equipment and dummy used for intubation practice.

METI Man is a mannequin that, like the equipment in Botsford's new Skills Lab, allows health care professionals and students to practice skills. But the METI Man simulator can be programmed to present heart attacks, strokes, collapsed lungs and other ailments. The simulator's vital signs change as the health condition changes.

Powell said Botsford developed a partnership with Schoolcraft College's School of Nursing, which runs a training lab with METI Man simulators. The reciprocal arrangement allows students and staff from both institutions to schedule training time in each other's labs.

"There's all kinds of evidence that this enhances the quality of training and the

quality of care and to me that's what it's all about," Powell said. "It's why I've been shepherding this thing for three years. This is the first phase. As we see how this works and as other disciplines come in we'll be adding more and more."

"Everyone says don't go to a teaching hospital because they're going to practice on you. You're safer at a teaching hospital because ... when somebody does something there is a second and third person checking every order. I don't hand a knife to my resident until they can show me they have the skills. Same thing with suturing. If I don't like where they put the knot, I tell them to take it out and put in another one. It's got to be perfect."

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The best way to determine the presence of aseptic necrosis is by MRI. The dark pattern against the grey bone causes the problem to stand out and distinguishes aseptic necrosis from the related condition bone edema. Making a distinction is important as aseptic necrosis may require surgical intervention while bone edema never does.

Physicians cannot give patients recommendations to prevent the occurrence of aseptic necrosis. For example, the condition occurs more frequently in elderly people but studies have not shown any lesser incidence in individuals who undertake regular exercise or eat a healthy diet. Doctors know that avoiding steroid use brings down the risk of aseptic necrosis, but no other correlation with medication is known.

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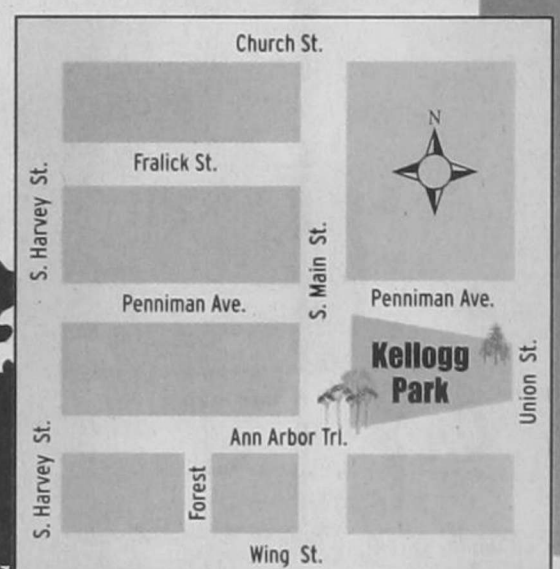
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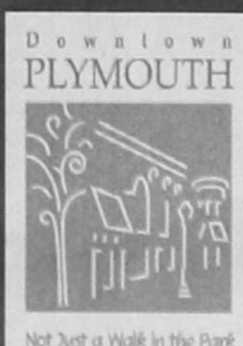
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Three Ways to Begin a Health Care Career

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Dough, rising

Surgeons top the Bureau of Labor and Statistics' list of best-paying jobs, netting a mean salary of \$181,850. Diagnosing and healing the body rakes in serious bread, and health care practitioners hold 13 out of the 15 top-paying job titles. It's not all about how or how much – it's also about where. No other developed nation dips more into their exchequer for health. In 2001, the United States spent 13.9 percent of its GDP on health care, compared with 7.8 percent for Japan and 9.4 percent for Canada. Health care jobs are opening floodgates for both entry-level practitioners and mid-careerists looking to stay ahead of the curve.

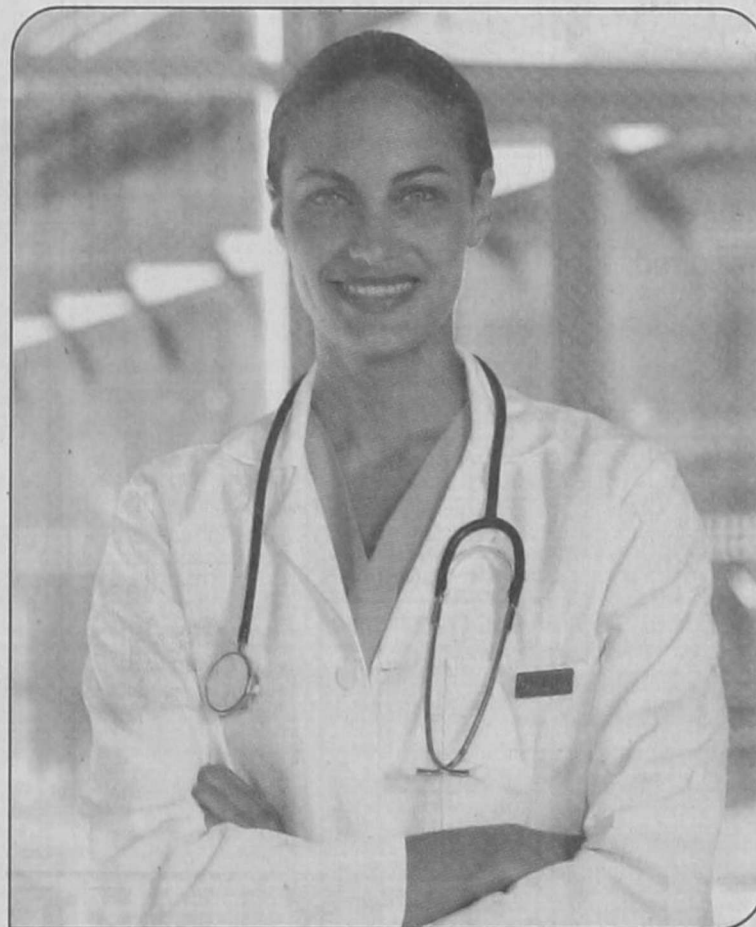
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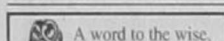
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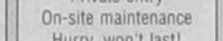
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- 23 Wall climber
- 26 Quechua speaker
- 27 "The Raven," for one
- 28 In twos
- 31 Kind of pig
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- 34 Type of wolf
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- 36 Bend down

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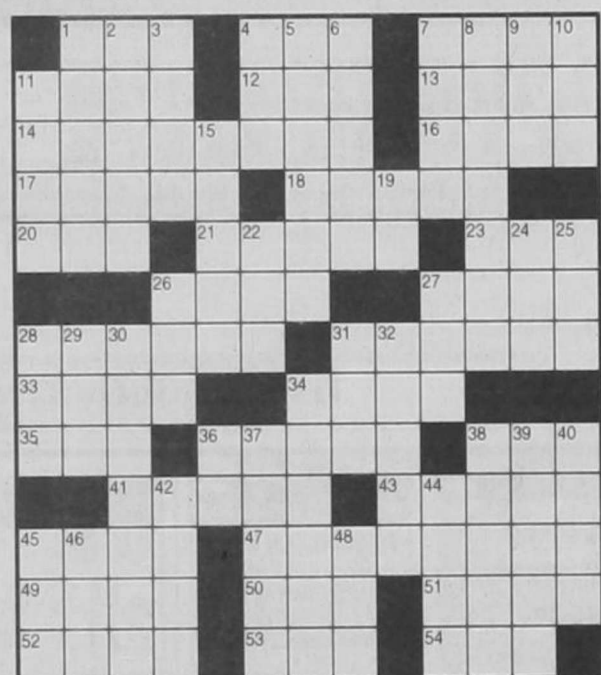
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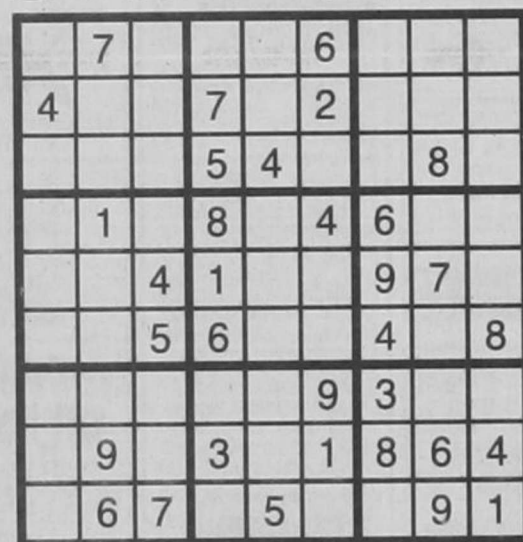
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eyes, smoker, down-to-earth, kind,
sweet, loves antiques, plays, nice
diners, beaches, nature, outdoor ac-
tivities, seeks a caring and honest man.
43-64, NS, for serious LTR. Please no
games. ♀337328

LET'S MEET!
SWF, 44, NS, pre-op TS, blonde, seeks
WM, 30-65, NS, who is clean, sophis-
ticated, dresses nice, for friendship and
more. ♀339125

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brunette, who loves movies, casinos,
arts, etc. ISO tall, 60-75, gentleman, for
a possible relationship. Call and leave a
message. ♀962305

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integrity, 44-50, NS, who is sincere to
share loving, beautiful moments and
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SWM, 58-66, NS, who is family-oriented,
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walks. ♀334842

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pretty smile, NS, seeks WM, 50-62, NS,
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possible LTR. ♀338080

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SWF, 53, 5'3", 150lbs, auburn hair, av-
erage build, artist, light smoker, likes
all kinds of music, seeks WM, 45-65,
smoker, for friendship, going out to eat,
dancing, social events, possible com-
panionship. ♀338127

I LIKE TO TRAVEL
SWM, 53, 5'3", 200lbs, fit, clean-cut,
easygoing, college grad, would like to
meet a slim, attractive WF, under 50, for
friendship/relationship. ♀335730

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SWF, 35-55, with similar interests for
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LTR. ♀338915

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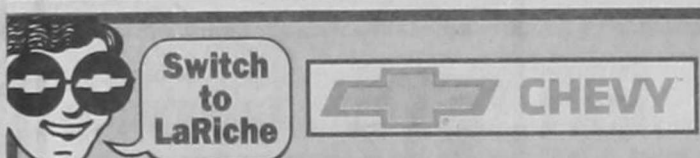
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