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Ex-coach faces trial in student sex case

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Former Canton High School assistant coach Eric Christopher Locke, facing trial on charges he had sex with a 15-year-old girl, believed she was 18 when they had a relationship, a defense attorney said Monday.

Locke, 20, was led to believe that the girl, now 16, was older when they met through an app, Tinder, commonly used for dating, defense attorney Raymond Cassar said.

"He was under the belief when he met her that she was of age," Cassar said. "He cared a great deal about her. They were in a dating relationship."

Locke was ousted as varsity boys hockey assistant coach after allegations surfaced that

he dated the girl from November to February. Canton police have said the girl's mother learned of the relationship and reported it to a high school resource officer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Locke worked as an assistant coach and the girl attended school at The Park, a campus of 6,100 students. But Cassar said it was through Tinder that the two met and developed a relationship.

Meanwhile, Locke was ordered Monday to stand trial on three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct after he voluntarily waived his right to a preliminary examination in front of 35th District Judge James Plakas, court records show. He could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Cassar vowed to fight the charges in Wayne County Circuit Court.

"This is a good man who has never been in trouble before," he said, adding later, "He had a great future ahead of him. That future is on hold now."

Canton police executed a search warrant of Locke's home in Canton during their investigation, but authorities haven't revealed what evidence may have been seized.

Locke remains free on a \$500,000 personal bond as he awaits trial, but he was ordered during his March 2 arraignment to be placed on an electronic tether to monitor his whereabouts. He also was ordered by Judge Ron Lowe to stay off school property and away from minors, including the 16-year-old girl.

Monica Merritt, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district superintendent, issued a letter after Locke was charged to alert parents that Locke had been "permanently removed" from the district, saying "student safety remains the No. 1 priority of the district."

Locke was employed by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district through a third party, CoachEZ, LLC, which issued a statement saying student safety is of "extreme importance to us." The company also said Locke has been removed "from access to assignments in the schools we serve."

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Locke



The crowd chases after the muddy, and sometimes stomped, marshmallows.

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Officials mull water rate hike in Canton

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Canton residents on average will see their quarterly water bills inch past the \$300 mark starting in May if the township board, as expected, gives final approval to a proposed 2.7-percent rate hike.

A typical household consuming 22,650 gallons of water every three months would pay \$307.76, an increase of \$8.12, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

Township administration officials reined in what could have been a larger rate hike by using \$2.1 million from Canton's \$21 million water-sewer cash reserves — a move that elected officials said made the rate hike more palatable.

"It only makes sense and it's only fair that we would use some of the money that was collected (from taxpayers) to help offset the increase," Clerk Michael Siegrist said.

He said an effort to minimize rates is necessary because some residents are "still struggling to meet fixed costs."

The water-sewer rate hike already has received preliminary approval from the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees. The new rates would become effective after a second and final vote, expected April 25.

"I believe it should pass unanimously," township Supervisor Pat Williams said.

He said administration officials and elected leaders pored over the financial data during a study session and an attempt was made to answer any remaining questions. He said the rate hike strikes a balance between helping residents and keeping a healthy water-sewer cash reserve.

Trustee John Anthony said he supports the plan.

"Yes, I am going to support it and I think it is the right decision by the board," he said. Meanwhile, local officials

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MARSHMALLOWS RAIN ON KIDS AT NANKIN MILLS

Joanne Maliszewski
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It's called the Great Marshmallow Drop because it is great when, regardless of your age, you watch 20,000 marshmallows drop from the heavens — thanks to a helicopter.

For the 33rd year, the marshmallows dropped from the sky as a kickoff for the Easter weekend. At Nankin Mills and Elizabeth parks, an estimated 10,000 kids and adults turned out for the two drops, said Kaye Byrd, Wayne County Department of Public Services communications

director.

As the marshmallows dropped, kids grabbed the puffy balls of sugar and were immediately eligible for a surprise gift. An extra bonus to the annual event was the Easter Bunny, played by Corey Routen, a John Glenn High School junior, who donned the costume to continue his five-year tradition of delighting the kids.

"Marshmallow Drop was a huge success. The highlight of the event continues to be the helicopter dropping the

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The chopper drops marshmallows onto the field.



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Two-year-old Annabelle Dziewit has the ears for the event.



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are hopeful of easing water rate hikes long term once a new \$10.2 million water storage facility goes into service as early as June on Canton's north side, near a Great Lakes Water Authority site where Canton draws water.

Canton's new 2.5 million-gallon, ground-level storage tank will draw water overnight from GLWA's system and release it during peak morning and evening hours when consumer usage spikes. That eases the strain on GLWA's system.

Anthony said the board is trying a long-term approach to ease water rates with the water storage facility and by eventually moving all of its wastewater treat-

ment from GLWA to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority. YCUA already handles a majority of Canton's wastewater.

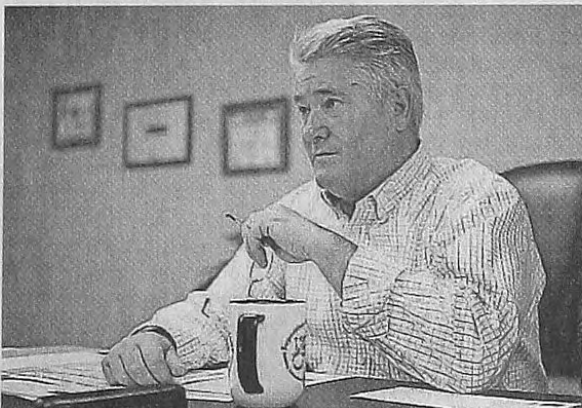
"There are a lot of things this board is working on for the future to slow the rate of increase," he said.

The 2.7-percent rate hike comes after Canton residents last year faced a larger 6.9-percent increase.

Trustee Steven Sneideman has said the decision to use some cash reserves swayed him to support the the latest rate hike, saying he has long believed "this is something we should do."

Siegrist agreed. "I will be going with the recommendation (to approve)," he said.

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Supervisor Pat Williams says he believes the newly proposed water-sewer rate hike strikes a fair balance between the needs of residents and Canton Township.



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Chamber President Thomas Paden and businesswoman Jeanie Derani call out a winner during a previous chamber auction.

Giddy-up: Chamber lassos crowd for auction

Darrell Clem
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Round 'em up.

Cowboy boots and cowgirl dresses are optional — and don't even think of galloping in by horse — but a country and western theme has been chosen for this year's dinner and fundraising auction by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

It all happens 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Chamber President Thomas Paden said hundreds of prizes, raffles and a live auction will include trips to Cabo San Lucas, the American Music Awards and Las Vegas, while other winners will receive items ranging from jewelry to a hot air balloon ride.

It's the chamber's

biggest fundraiser of the year and organizers hope to raise \$40,000 or more, Paden said. The annual event includes a strolling dinner with several food stations.

The chamber uses money raised from the auction to help support the local economy by providing programs, services and educational development for local businesses.

Tickets are \$75 per person. For more, go to <http://www.cantonchamber.com> or call 734-453-4040.

Hundreds are expected to attend.

"We're hoping for 400," Paden said.

The event is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford and Beaumont.

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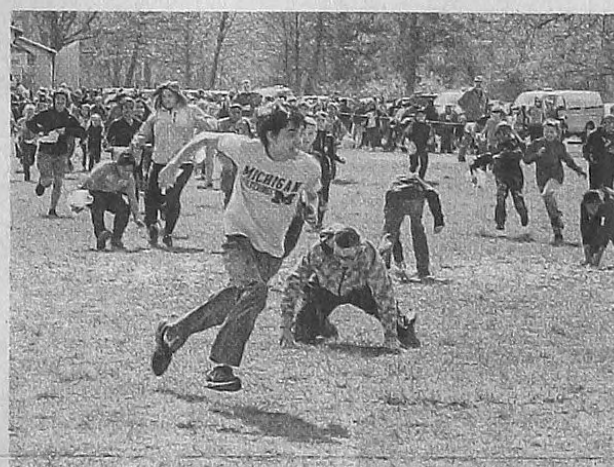
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Nikolas Bogema of Farmington shows off one of his somewhat battered marshmallows.



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It's every kid for themselves once the marshmallows hit the ground.

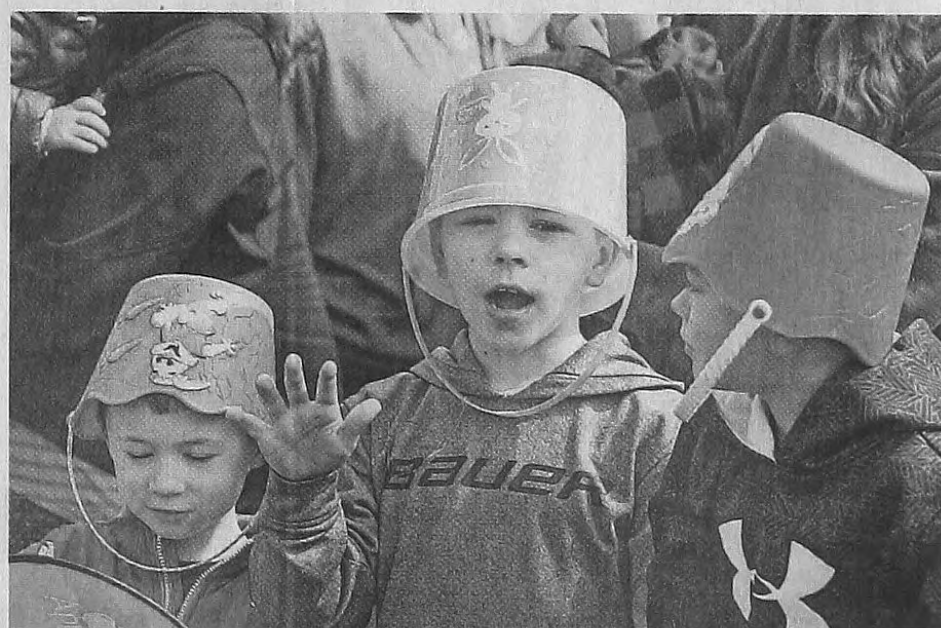
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marshmallows, but this year we were also pleased to see that the selfie section was very popular with attendees, as well as the hashtag #ItsRainingMarshmallows," Byrd said.

As Byrd confirmed, the Marshmallow Drop kicks off the spring-summer special events season and is one of the most popular parks events hosted by the Department of Public Services Parks Division.

The free event is sponsored by Friends of Wayne County Parks, Team Schostak, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters & Millwrights and Trenton Parks and Recreation.



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Three guys with bucket hats — Oliver Doig, 6, of Livonia, Jakub Sienkiewicz, 8, of Garden City and Vinnie Sabala, 8, of Westland — wait for the event to begin.



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Civic education is paramount to remain united

What are the core values of America? After all, we are called the "United" States of America for a reason. What unites us? Are we united by merely a geographic boundary or are we united by something that transcends boundaries?

This is a very important question. After all, we do not seem to be very united nowadays.

For more than a year, I was engaged in a focus group sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education tasked with defining our next generation of social studies



Patrick Colbeck

GUEST COLUMNIST

standards for K-12 education in our state. My participation in this exercise was solicited as a result of a letter I wrote to the department in response to its first attempt at crafting these standards. In this letter, co-signed by 17 of my legislative colleagues, I cited 15 issues that needed to be reconciled before I could support these standards. All that I asked was that

the standards were politically neutral and accurate. These objectives were adopted by the focus group.

I am pleased to report that at the end of our focus group deliberations, we did indeed reach compromises on all 15 issues. However, we failed to reach agreement on one issue that surfaced during the discussions. What was that issue? The definition of our core values.

In the wake of our deliberations, I took to social media to ask our citizens what they believed were our core

values. There was no consensus there either.

So why is it so difficult for us to define our core values? Our values today are very diverse. Perhaps the first step should be to define what makes a value a "core" value. It would seem to be self-evident that for a value to be a "core" value, it would need to be a value shared by the majority of Americans. Sounds simple enough.

So what are the core values found in the Declaration of Independence?

» We are all created equal;

» We have unalienable rights endowed to us by our Creator;

» Government authority comes from the consent of the governed;

» It is the duty of the people to oppose government abuse of authority; and

» Purpose of government is to secure the rights of the governed.

Some people may think that the importance I have placed upon the need for a quality civics education is less pressing than other matters, such as the state budget or economic development policies. In light of the

importance of unity to the strength of the United States of America, I would submit that civics is of paramount importance. It is time to re dedicate ourselves and our nation to the need for unity by affirming these core values. Once we do, we will once again earn the title of the United States of America, which is truly exceptional in all the world.

Sen. Patrick Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which includes Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne and the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To submit a Letter to the Editor, email Joanne Maliszewski at jmaliszewski@hometownlife.com.

An Easter angel

I am the activity director at Oakmont Northville and I want to thank an anonymous Easter angel. At 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, one of my residents could not remember her pin number to her debit card. As we were leaving the store empty-handed, our cashier ran up and handed us her bags and said the lady, who along with her daughter waited so patiently, had paid for all of Betty's things. I was so touched by that act of kindness I cried all the way to the bus.

Happy Easter!

Marie Rumbley
Northville

GOP accepts Trump's lies

This letter is in response to some of the remarks made in Leo Weber's editorial entitled "Liberals are annoying." This is how a "liberal" finds Republican conservatives besides being annoying, but accepting President Trump's lies without question. Why shouldn't we be ecstatic about Trump's failure to get rid of Obamacare?

That was a major part of his campaign promises, most of which he is not able to carry out because his own party doesn't support him.

He also claims the town halls were filled with yelling Democrats. The town halls run by Republican congressmen were in answer to their own constituents who were fed up with their lack of response to their questions about the new president's policies and how it was going to affect them. These are the attendees who were acting like "out of control school brats."

As to his remarks about liberals railing against anything linked to Trump, he has a short memory if he doesn't remember how President Obama served eight years with no bipartisanship from the Republicans. Mr. Weber, you may not want to associate with we liberals, but believe me, we don't want to associate with the likes of you.

We are not the only ones upset over what you call a fantasy tale about Russia. It has been proven by the FBI and CIA that the Russians interfered with the election; we're just waiting for the Republican-con-

trolled congress to hold an independent hearing so that all the facts can be made public. Trump keeps tweeting lies thinking he's diverting attention away from his Russian connection. And the Republicans never stopped bringing up Benghazi and the death of four Americans, but they were always very quiet when it came to the deaths of over 4,000 of our soldiers in the Iraqi war, which was started by the lies of Bush and Cheney.

And finally, you conservatives made a big issue of all the traveling to Hawaii and golfing done by President Obama. Well, the truth of the matter is that in eight years, President Obama's trips cost the taxpayers \$97 million. Your President Trump is costing the taxpayers \$3 million a week for his trips and golfing in Florida. At that rate he will spend more in one year than Obama spent in eight! And don't forget the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to protect Mrs. Trump and their son in New York.

Jean Wrenbeck
Livonia

'Trumpnics' are bullies

I want to address the rants of one Leo Weber in

the Thursday, April 13, Observer.

Calling out your neighbors by name doesn't make you tough – it makes you a punk bully. So many of you Trumpnics are punk bullies with your confederate flags and scare tactics. This is not the conservative or Republican way – it is some entirely new phenomenon.

To answer your rants:

1. Your "Russian Fairy Tale" is being investigated by the FBI – the Republican FBI director told a Republican Congress that. That fairy tale is being pursued by many Republican patriots as well, who are worried about their country.

2. The Benghazi Incident was investigated for months by a Republican Congress and covered by all the news outlets – without any finding of fault. Even after grilling Hillary Clinton for 10 hours, no fault was found. It was a tragic mistake very much like the Yemen raid ordered by Trump that got a Navy Seal and nine civilians killed.

3. Town Hall rants – yes – the left is doing it. They learned from you Tea Baggers – took it right out of your playbook the Kochs wrote

and funded for you – which you used against the Democrats.

4. You call abortion and sodomy out as key button issues because it makes some folks cringe – but the real issue is on people's right to choose – it comes with living in a free country – not one run by Sharia Law. And you are the arbiter of righteousness and virtue? You decide what is right and wrong? You sound just like one of the Mullahs.

5. Most conservatives and Republicans I know held their nose while voting for the Donald – don't look at the 46.1 percent as some huge Trump movement – it was as much anti-Hillary as pro-Donald.

6. And finally – what is wrong with this country?

Look in the mirror. Your absolute hatred for liberals (I prefer progressives) will keep this country divided forever. Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neal would get together, tell some off-color jokes, drink a beer and find common ground to move this country forward. The same happened with Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich (don't think they drank?). We need to find common ground. We need to move our country forward. We need to rebuild our infrastructure, create jobs, take care of the elderly, provide a good education to everyone, strengthen the middle class and find peace with the world. That won't happen with this hatred.

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Caring for parents can be both frustrating, fulfilling

When my mom died in late 2002, my dad looked at me and asked, "What's going to happen to me now?"

Before my mom died, my dad Bill had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Definitely he had memory loss and some erratic behavior, but I doubted the definitive diagnosis.

My dad asked what would happen to him because he knew something wasn't quite right. My response was — looking back — pretty nonchalant: "Well, you will move in with me."

I have no doubt that my mom, who was very concerned, yet very weary, about my father, would have nodded in agreement. Lots of other people, how-



Joanne Maliszewski
STAFF WRITER

ever, thought I was crazy and in for a wild ride.

Well, the first year with my dad under my care was indeed a wild ride. Many sleepless nights, many arguments and incredible exasperation. Doctors told me I was wrong for keeping him at my house.

I even went twice to caregiver support groups. I finally walked out when for hours I heard other "children" complain of the time it took to visit their parents in a nursing home or assisted living. And how inconvenient it was for their lifestyles to — at a distance — care

for their parents.

So I hunkered down. About a year into our experience, my dad was kicked out of his day care program. He had slugged a man who used foul language at the women running the program. I went to pick him up that day and found him crying at a table by himself.

It was an epiphany for me. I had spent the year trying to fix my dad. No wonder I was miserable. So I made a big decision. We were just going to live and have fun along the way.

The decision forced me into rearranging my life, facing facts, incorporating my dad into my life — instead of behaving like a caregiver — and getting organized.

Eventually, I found the Alzheimer's Association's day care program in Southfield. It was a blessing. Staff members knew how to work with my

dad — when to leave him alone, when to talk with him, when to tell him to sit down.

Along the way, I found my own methods to ensure his safety and to make his life as free and easy as possible.

I bought an erasable board and each day left him messages, such as "don't let the dogs out" and "stay home." My dad loved cigars, but refused to smoke them in the house. So he created a perch of sorts in the garage with a chair and a stool to hold his giant ashtray. Every day, he opened the garage door and watched the world while enjoying his cigars. He often reported back his thoughts.

That erasable board was a lifesaver. Each day, I left him two \$1 bills — one

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Aging agency to host forum on public spending

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) will hold a public forum to get feedback on how approximately \$22 million in annual federal and state funding earmarked for senior services in its six-county service region during fiscal year 2018 should be spent. The agency's service region includes much of southeast Michigan, including Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. About 30 percent of the



McGuire

state's seniors — nearly 640,000 people over age 60 — reside in its service area.

The agency is seeking feedback from the public as part of the development of its Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2018, which runs from Oct. 1,

2017, through Sept. 30, 2018. The plan will map out spending priorities for funding received from the state of Michigan's Aging & Adult Services Agency and federal funds received from the Administration on Aging via the Older Americans Act.

"The funding we receive from these federal and state sources helps support programs like Meals on Wheels and other services that can give seniors the extra help they need to live comfortably, safely and with dignity," said Jim McGuire, AAA 1-B interim CEO. "These are programs that are crucial to our region's older adults."

"Hearing from the public is important to us. That feedback helps shape our planning and priorities and make sure we fully understand the needs of our region's seniors."

The agency is inviting seniors, family members who are caring for older adults, senior advocates, senior care professionals and any other interested members of the public to attend the forum, which will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the AAA 1-B Southfield office, 29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400. People who cannot attend the forum in person are invited to phone in to share their feedback.

"Hearing from the public is important to us. That feedback helps shape our planning and priorities and make sure we fully understand the needs of our region's seniors," McGuire said.

For more information or phone-in instructions for the forum, email Angela Dixon at adixon@aaa1b.com. For more information on the AAA 1-B or its programs and services for older adults, call 800-852-7795 or go to AAA1B.org.



Claude Centers, 90, was recently honored for his World War II service by the Marine Corps League.

90-year-old Marine veteran honored for his service

Claude Centers was honored for his service to the country during World War II at a recent Marine Corps League meeting.

Centers, 90, and his wife Patricia have lived for more than 60 years in the same house in Livonia, where they raised their six children.

After high school and before he was married, Centers served as a U.S. Marine and to this day is proud to say "once a Marine, always a Marine." Centers graduated in 1944 and, because of his work in the family business, Titus Welding, and his interest in engineering, he wanted to be a Navy Seabee ("we build, we fight"). But his father said they had so much work on the home front, he waited to be drafted. It wasn't long after that he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps.

He remembers that Mrs. Yonkers, the mother of a school friend, told him to ask for sea school. After basic training at Parris Island, most of the

recruits were sent to the Pacific to fight for the island of Okinawa. Many didn't return home. Centers was accepted for sea duty and was sent to San Diego for school, then to Philadelphia for his assignment on the newly christened U.S.S. Los Angeles.

As the ship headed to the Pacific, the atomic bomb was dropped and the war was over. Centers became a Chinese Marine when his ship was reassigned to defend the Chinese coast from Tsingtao in the north to Hong Kong in the south. He finished his tour and came home in 1946. In 1947, he joined the Marine Corps League.

The Centers have six children: Claudia, Chris, Tom, Joe, Gretchen and Marianne. Joe says he remembers his dad always talking about his sons serving in the military. As they grew up, the war in Vietnam was going on.

"I remember he always said he figured he would lose one of us in Vietnam," Joe said. But just as the boys got

to that age, the war in Vietnam ended and so did the draft. None of them had to serve. But it was daughter No. 2, Gretchen, who surprised everybody when she joined the Marines.

"I graduated in 1979, enlisted in 1980 and served four years," Gretchen said. "I like to say my dad was drafted and I drifted into the Marines. I guess I needed a little discipline."

"After I was discharged in 1985 and came back home to Livonia, my dad and I were at a Livonia Goodfellow meeting and a couple of Marine Corps League members and asked if we wanted to join. That's how I started and my dad started up again. League members march in local parades, visit veterans at the VA hospital and participate in fundraisers to help veterans in need."

Why the Marines? "When I enlisted, I didn't even consider any other branch because of the pride my dad had for the Marine Corps," Gretchen said.

Novi senior tackles trash head-on

King, 69, prowls city's streets in quest to remove garbage

This report may be a surprise to Novi resident Linda King. But there are those out there who want her efforts acknowledged.

When she retired seven years ago, King started picking up trash in the community. "What started her doing it was she was driving down the road one day and noticed trash everywhere and said to herself, 'Someone needs to pick that up.' Then it hit her, that someone was her," said her daughter, Christy Deringer.

Since then King — with garbage bags and a Gripper Wagon — cleans up the parking lot of the Novi Ten Shopping Center, walking Meadowbrook or 10 Mile down to Novi Road.

King, 69, cannot miss a piece of gar-

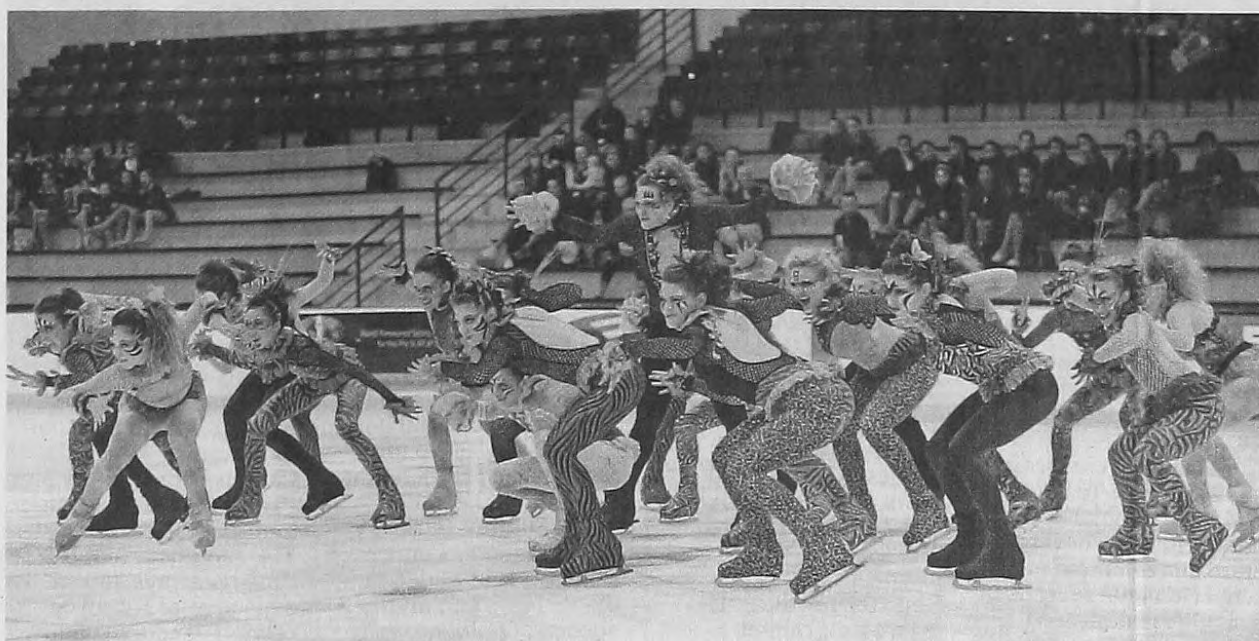
bage. As her daughter tells it, if she is in a car and sees trash, she will return to pick it up.

King, whose husband was a custodian with the Novi Community School District for 30-plus years, used to have a car. Unfortunately, their car was stolen about five years ago. It was found in a chop shop in Detroit. Believe it or not, "she was just happy to get some of her things — the Gripper Wagon and garbage bags. I don't even think she thought of the car!" Deringer said.

King's daughter is thankful some of the businesses in her area offer her a cold drink during the summer as she is cleaning up. "Maria (Maria's Bakery) forces her to come in and get a cold drink when she's out in the summer," she said. "It's nice to know people do show appreciation. Sometimes people tell her she's crazy, but she just smiles."



Novi resident Linda King picks up trash along a road.



Harmony Theatre Co. Senior Team performs.

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Mom, daughter take to ice in international competition

Sharon Dargay
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Amanda Goetz loves spending a little mother-daughter time when her adult child is home from college.

She and her daughter Jacque shop, get their nails done and see movies together.

"She is one of my best friends and I think she feels the same way," Goetz said. "We are years apart and have our own friends, but she's the first one I call when something good happens."

Goetz, 36, and her daughter, 18, will add a new wrinkle to their together time when they ice skate on the same team for the first time in an international Theater on Ice competition, Thursday through Sunday, April 20-23, at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor.

Theater on Ice is sanctioned by the U.S. Figure Skating Association and combines figure skating and ice dancing with the elements of theater. Teams create a six-minute routine with costumes, props, music and skating moves. The result is similar to what an audience might see during a professional ice show.

"When you watch it, you'll see a lot of good skating, a lot of artistic ability and fun themes with great costumes," Goetz said. "Theater on Ice is fun because it has a mixture of everything — dance, freestyle, synchronized skating, all combined. It has some pairs skating, too."

Teams from six countries will compete in the 2017 Nation's Cup competition, which is being held the first time in Michigan and the second time in the U.S. Harmony Theatre Co., based at The Ice House Skating Academy in Hartland, hosts the event and its teams will compete at the adult, novice, junior and senior levels.

Ages 18-80

Goetz, a skating coach at The Ice House, joined Harmony's adult team five years ago. Her daughter skated with Harmony for five years in a different division, but moved to the adult team this year. They're among 24 skaters of wide ranging ages and skating abilities at Harmony's



Watch Amanda and Jacque Goetz of Highland Township skate in the Nations Cup, April 20-23 in Ann Arbor.

Harmony Theatre Co. adult team members perform a Theater on Ice routine.



adult level.

"What I love about theater is we have an 80-year-old on our team, from 18 to 80. That's unheard of in any other discipline in skating to have such a wide range of athletes," Goetz said. "It's really fun. It's a great feeling and a treat to be out there with people who care about the sport as much as you do. And it's extra-special for me this year, because my daughter is on the team."

Goetz began figure skating at age 6 and skated with the University of Michigan's synchronized skating team while in college. She has coached freestyle skaters since her college days and introduced her then young daughter to the sport.

"She fell in love with it," she said. "I coached her until she was 9 and then got her another coach."

Jacque and other college students who compete with Harmony's adult team learn choreog-

raphy when they are home from school, practicing while away at college.

"These kids have been doing this Theater on Ice all these years. It's not hard for them to pick up the steps," Goetz said. "The beauty of theater is those who can spin, spin. Those who can jump, jump. You may not be good at jumping, but you may be a good actress." All skills are valued and skaters perform at their own level.

Harmony's adult team earned a second place at the 2015 Nation's Cup, which was held in France. Will it score a first place in Ann Arbor?

"It would be really nice," Goetz said. "But we can't think about what the judges will do. We just need to go out there and have fun."

Other local skaters on the adult team are Chris Walker of Farmington Hills, Peggy Ki of Novi and Stanley Mackey of Redford.

In other divisions,

local skaters include Madison Alestra and Cora DeWyre of South Lyon, Paige Bartholomew and Alyssa Kormos of Milford, Olivia and Sonoma Colasanti of Highland, Cathryn McGowan and Rachel Teets of Livonia, Salina Shi of Bloomfield Hills and Angela Wang of Canton, all on the senior team; Carly Apple and Emily Denhof of Milford, Paige Conrad of Northville and Jolie Beasley of Bloomfield, on the junior team; and Jillian Gerus of Canton and Caroline Michalak of Bloomfield Hills, on the novice team.

Watch the adult teams compete in a short program beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday. The adult gold cup competition starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Other divisions will compete Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$15 per day or pay \$50 for an all-event pass. Go to 2017nationascup.com/product/tickets.

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PTSD seminar focuses on drug use among vets

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Experts agree there's a problem with opioid addiction in the Plymouth-Canton community, particularly among veterans, and now someone is doing something about it.

The Canton Community Foundation, in partnership with the Plymouth United Way, is hosting a post traumatic stress disorder seminar titled "Veterans Abusing Drugs and Alcohol: Trying to Mask the Trauma," a panel discussion including a variety of experts aimed at helping veterans cope.

The seminar takes place 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 28, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University. It will feature a variety of experts in the field talking about the problem and then taking questions from the audience.

Break-out sessions will be available for individuals who wish to discuss their personal situation with one of the panel's experts.

"We're focusing primarily on veterans and the fact so many of them are self-medicating with drugs and alcohol," said Beth Meade, managing director of the Canton Community Foundation.

The idea for this seminar was born at last fall's annual veterans summit. After that summit, CCF commissioned a needs assessment, sending some 5,000 surveys out to the community to determine where the problems were.

The results of those surveys were examined by a 25-member panel that included representatives from Growth Works, the Canton-based substance abuse and chemical dependency services provider, the Canton Police Department and others. The panel determined the top issues such a seminar should examine.

"One of the things that came to the forefront was the huge opioid addiction coming into the Plymouth-Canton community," Meade said. "That was reinforced by both Growth Works and the Canton Police Department."

According to Growth Works' Brian Spitsbergen, the Ply-

mouth-Canton area is not only seeing a problem among young people ages 18-25, but also among the older folks, ages 50-55, many of whom have been introduced to drugs while being treated for medical issues.

"The younger users will often turn to drugs like heroin," Spitsbergen said. "The older folks don't typically move into heroin, but they stick to pills. They just keep upping the ante until they're seeking multiple doctors to write them prescriptions."

Spitsbergen said he hopes the seminar will raise awareness of these issues and help people struggling with drug abuse and addiction find a way to get the help they need.

"Opioids are really good at taking away the pain," he said. "We hope to raise awareness that, when you get exposed to certain kinds of trauma, it can draw you into addiction. If there are specific ways we can be supportive, we can get people some help. Addiction as a whole is taking people down and quickly, so we want to look at next steps to get people the help they need right away."

The panel will include Spitsbergen; Canton Police Department Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink; Lt. Mike Steckel of the CPD; Canton Fire Department Paramedic Bernie Brosnan; Christina Darrow of the Northville-based organization Legal Help for Veterans; Jack Holmes, veterans treatment coordinator for the 51st District Court in Waterford; Heather Cochran, a staff psychologist and the PTSD substance abuse disorder specialist at the Ann Arbor VA Healthcare Center; and Dr. Sam Wedes, a clinical psychologist from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Meade pointed out that it's not just drug addicts the panel is designed to help.

"It's for anyone suffering from PTSD of any kind," she said. "We've got a really good panel of experts who are going to be in the room. A lot of experts are telling us they're so happy we're doing this. This is such a need in our area and it's good to be addressing it."

Registration is required for the seminar, being sponsored exclusively by Community Financial Credit Union. To register, go to www.cantonfoundation.org or call Meade at 734-455-4095.

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MADELEINE R. 91, of Farmington Hills, passed away Friday, April 14, 2017. She is survived by her loving children, James (Esther), Gary (Donna), Ralph, and David (Judi); her cherished grandchildren, Noel, Paul, Andy, Michael, Jeff, Laura, Casey; and great-grandchildren, William and Elizabeth. Sadly, Madeleine was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, William (d. 2012). Visitation Saturday, April 22, from 12 p.m. until the Rosary and time of remembrances at 2 p.m., at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Inc., 23720 Farmington Road (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes are suggested to Angela Hospice. heeney-sundquist.com



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CARING

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each way for the SMART bus to day care — and two cigars.

Why I often doubted the Alzheimer's diagnosis is because he was up and dressed before me. He made his bed and had hung up his clothes. He made himself a cup of coffee, grabbed the dollar bills and his cigars and stood outside waiting for his bus. After dinner, he would get up, collect the dishes and starting putting them in the dishwasher and scrubbing

the pots and pans.

I also bought a landline phone with huge numbers and rehearsed with him how to use it, so I could call him if I was running late. I left him phone numbers of friends to call while I worked if he needed anything. Friends were a godsend. They, too, incorporated my dad into their lives. And he knew who they were and loved them as part of his family.

And the one thing we stuck to was telling each other the truth. I had no qualms telling my dad he was driving me crazy. And he did the same. I

also told him the truth when he would ask where my mom was or my older brother, who died in 1988.

Doctors had told me to just change the subject when he asked a question they believed the answer would be upsetting. But my logic and my loyalty told me my father had always expected the truth from me. And when our roles reversed, I believed he still deserved the truth and I was there to help him work with it.

We had some rough times. I still had sleepless nights. But we also had good times and plenty of laughs. I always described my dad as a

Walter Matthau with a cigar hanging out of his mouth. My dad was with me for seven years. And through that time, we together developed ways to cope — with each other.

We would like to hear from you, our readers, who are family caregivers. Tell us what methods or tips you have to cope with your family member. Or tell us of a problem you might be having as a caregiver. Please send your brief story to jmaliszewski@hometownlife.com. We accept photos, too, as jpg format attachments in the email. And thank you for sharing.

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Salem's Gage Moyers (left) turns a double play Monday, while Livonia Franklin's Kolby Dewhirst is out at second base.

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

Patriots' day: Late rally nips Rocks

Montie's second straight walk-off hit lifts Franklin

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Salem held a 4-2 lead and needed only three more outs Monday to secure a KLAA varsity boys baseball win over host Livonia Franklin. Well, apparently, Jon Montie

and the Patriots had the Rocks right where they wanted them. For the second game in a row, the senior delivered a walk-off hit as Franklin rallied for a 5-4 victory.

The bottom of the seventh began innocently enough, with the first Franklin batter being retired. But then Salem junior relief pitcher Ryan Lambrix couldn't find home plate, plunking Kyle Wollam and Collin

Metzler with inside pitches to give the Patriots some hope.

Kolby Dewhirst then tied the game with a line-drive triple to right field and Montie grounded a base hit to left to bring home the winning run and improve Franklin's record to 8-2.

"I got to give credit to Dewey," Montie said. "He hit the triple to score the two runs and set me up for it."

"We never give up until it's over. We're a comeback kind of team."

Montie is no stranger to late heroics. On Saturday, in the second game of a twinbill against West Bloomfield, he roped a grand slam to right field in the bottom of the seventh to give the Pats a 7-3 win. "I liked the grand slam a

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USA HOCKEY



Chelsie Husband poses behind her video replay board before the April 7 Women's Worlds gold medal hockey game between the U.S. and Canada.

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'WORLD'S' VIEW

Tim Smith
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The international women's hockey world — including a sellout crowd inside USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth — waited nervously during the third period of Women's Worlds gold medal game between the U.S. and Canada.

Referees skated over to the penalty box, slipped on headsets and peered at nearby monitors. Did Canada score a power-play goal to tie the all-important contest at 2-2 or not? The ruling on the ice April 7 was that the puck didn't

Canton's Chelsie Husband enjoyed goal judge duties during IIHF Women's World Championship in Plymouth

cross the goal line.

From her station on the press box roof, high above the ice surface, video replay goal judge Chelsie Husband of Canton peered at the images on a small screen.

Moments later, officials and the anxious crowd had the answer.

"It just made it over the line," said Husband, who graduated from Canton

High School and worked a similar job for the now-defunct Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. "It was one of the hardest calls I ever had to do, being a goal judge. It put them into overtime."

With Husband's confirmation of the Canada goal, the mood went from anxiousness to nervousness for the rest of the evening, with the difference be-

tween gold or silver merely one push of the goal judge's button away.

"It was exciting," the 24-year-old Husband said with a laugh.

All's well that ends well, however, at least for the American side.

Team USA, a team including defenseman and North Farmington High School graduate Megan Keller, won 3-2 in overtime on a goal by captain Hilary Knight.

"I was excited when Canada tied it up, because it became really interest-

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Plymouth, Salem win Park bragging rights

Tim Smith
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During the fall and winter at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, talk among track and field athletes invariably turns to the annual Bolger-Mangan City Meet.

The meet pits Canton, Plymouth and Salem against one

another for the ultimate in Park bragging rights.

"The city meet is always one of the most important meets on our schedule," said Ricky Styes, who is a teacher at Salem but varsity girls track and field coach at Plymouth. "Our student-athletes attend classes with kids from both of the other schools that attend

this meet and I really feel that this is a great motivator for them to perform their very best."

April 13 was the latest Bolger-Mangan meet at P-CEP and Styes' Wildcats had a banner day, tallying 79 points to prevail over Salem (65) and Can-

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth's Joyelle Washington hands the baton to relay teammate Reghan Draper during the Bolger-Mangan meet.

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PATRIOTS

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little bit better,” Montie said with a laugh. “But whatever does the job, I’m happy with.” Dewhirst went 2-for-4 and drove in three runs, while Wolam also had two hits, scored twice and drove in one. For Salem (1-5), the late Franklin rally spoiled a strong effort by starting pitcher Erich Payne, who went six innings and scattered four hits, giving up just two runs. At the plate, the Rocks collected 13 hits. Leading the way were Luke Hindt (3-for-4), Trevor Genaw (2-for-4, run, RBI), Sean McCormack (2-for-4) and Jake Seipenko (2-for-4, RBI). Salem went up 2-0 in the first inning, with Genaw and Seipenko singling in runs. Leading off the inning with a double was Carlton Harper.

Franklin got one run right back, but the Rocks then regained a two-run edge (3-1) in the second and tacked on a run in the fourth.

But Salem head coach John Wright lamented the inability to cash in on scoring chances. The Rocks left 14 runners on base, several in scoring position.

“We’ve got some good ability; I’d bet we had 10-plus hits today,” Wright said. “But we’ve got to be able to knock that run in from second. I think everybody is looking for someone else to do it instead of them doing it. Until that happens, these things are going to happen.”

Franklin head coach Matt Fournier said his team was able to keep Salem close enough to have a chance. A solid relief outing by Richie Garcia, who took over in the third from starter Montie, was the biggest factor.

“Jon didn’t have his ‘A’ game on the mound,” Fournier said. “Richie came in and settled it down and gave us an opportunity to be in the game.”

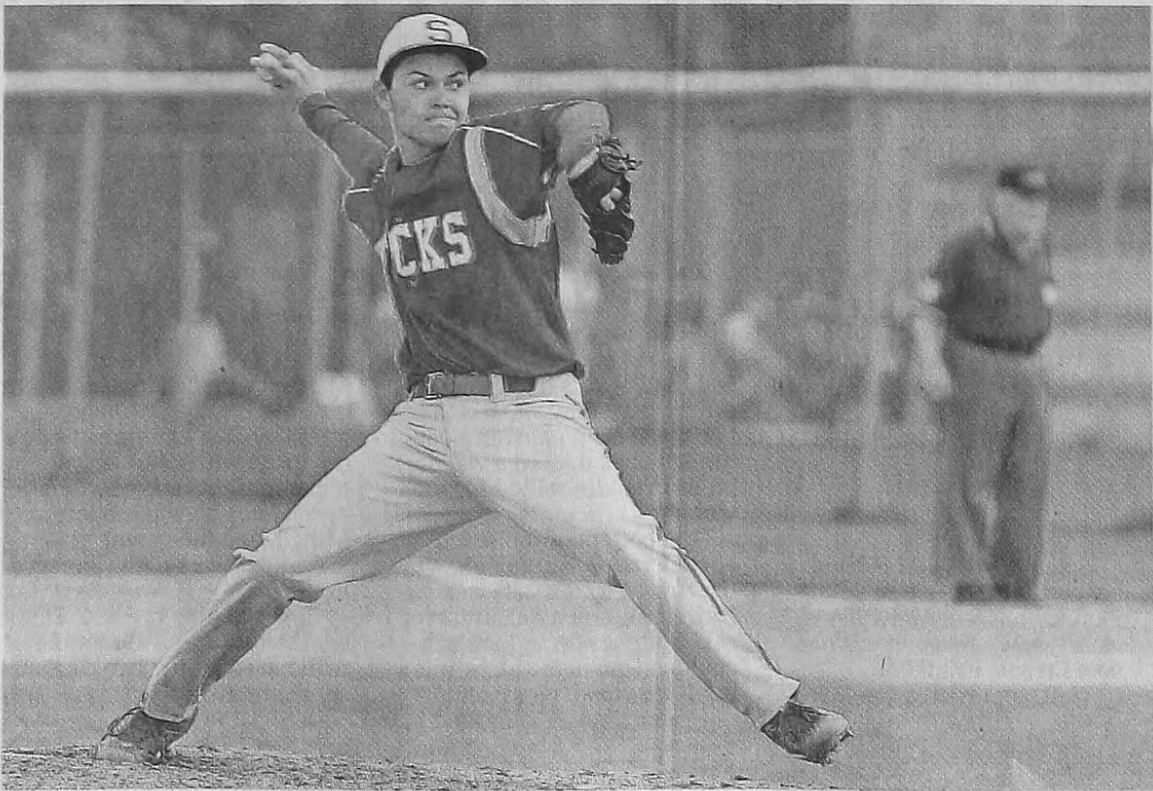
Fournier said his team is heeding his message to “minimize when we have the opportunity to minimize, eliminate the big inning” by opponents.

On Saturday against West Bloomfield, the Patriots took a similar route to take Game 2 (Franklin mercied the Lakers 16-1 in the opener).

Metzler walked with the bases loaded to make it a 3-3 game and Montie followed with his winning grand slam.

But Fournier said that surge wouldn’t have happened without the bottom of the order coming through to get it started. Howie Whitaker walked, Johnny DiPonio singled and Wollam “put down a phenomenal bunt” for a single that loaded the bases for Montie.

“We’ve said it from the get-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Delivering a pitch Monday for Salem is Erich Payne, who left with the lead after six innings against the Patriots.

go, we’re a decent hitting team,” Fournier said. “We haven’t hit our stride yet, but we show pretty good discipline at the plate at different times and we think we have enough arms to keep us in games.”

Salem softball rolls

It only took four innings Monday for visiting Salem to dispatch Livonia Franklin as the Rocks rolled to a 16-0 victory.

Pitcher Maddy Rosiewicz was a thorn in the Patriots’ side in the circle and at the plate. Rosiewicz threw a perfect game, retiring all 12 Franklin batters she saw. She also helped her own cause by going 4-for-4, including a home run in the second inning.

The Rocks got things going with 11 runs in the first inning and followed up with two runs (both on homers) in the second. Starting the second with a blast over the fence in center field was Emily Stewart (2-for-3, four RBIs) and Rosiewicz followed two batters later with her homer.

Salem then tacked on three runs in the fourth, with RBI hits in succession by Rosiewicz, Morgan Overatis (2-for-3) and Aubrey Whipple.

“We were just hitting the ball really well,” Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said. “The girls had a lot of power in their swings today. They really stepped up and got the runs early and just kept the pressure on.”

Kristin Mihalic and Hailey Dechalk both went 2-for-3 for Salem (3-1 overall).

According to Franklin head coach Brittany Grys, whose team fell to 2-2, it was one of

those days.

“Salem came out rocking and crushing the ball, hitting it in gaps,” Grys said. “There wasn’t much that we could do as far as where the ball was being hit.

“The girls played with a lot of heart. They kept their heads up.”

More baseball

STEVENSON 6-10, WLC 5-0: Livonia Stevenson swept both ends of Saturday’s doubleheader against visiting Walled Lake Central, upping the Spartans’ record to 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA.

Leading the way in Game 1 was Danny Morris (3-for-3, three RBIs), while Chris Tanderys (2-for-4) and George Ferguson (2-for-3) both scored two runs. Also helping the cause were Jacob Way (1-for-3, two runs) and Bobby Cavin (1-for-3, RBI).

Tanderys delivered the winning run with a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the eighth, to give the win to relief pitcher Brandon Posky.

A six-run second inning put the nightcap firmly in Stevenson’s victory column, as the Spartans made the most of nine hits.

ENotching two hits each were Tanderys (three runs), Ferguson (two runs) and Cavin (three RBIs). Picking up the win was starter Connor Beck, who threw three hitless innings.

ALLEN PARK 5, WAYNE 4: A base hit in the bottom of the seventh made Wayne Memorial’s Malik Lewis a tough-luck loser Monday. Lewis pitched a complete game.

Devin Puckett enjoyed a 3-for-4 day at the plate for the

Zebras (2-8), with Justin Johnson going 2-for-4.

PINCKNEY 10-8, REDFORD UNION 8-5: On Saturday, Redford Union (2-2) dropped both ends of a non-conference doubleheader against the visiting Pirates (2-1).

RU starter Brendan Kerkhof (0-1) took the loss in the first game, while Jacob Gagnon (1-1) suffered the setback in the second game.

Bobby Dixon had a two-run single, while Jackson Allison added an RBI single in the nightcap for RU.

“I’m proud of how hard our kids played against a very good and deep Pinckney team,” RU coach Bob Miller Jr. said. “They never gave up or gave in.”

SALINE 13-15, PLYMOUTH 3-10: The Wildcats took it on the chin twice Saturday against Saline.

More softball

NORTHVILLE 13-2, SALEM 7-10: After falling in the opener Saturday, Salem bounced back to split the doubleheader behind Morgan Overaitis (3-for-3, home run, two doubles, four RBIs), Caroline Miller (3-for-4, two doubles) and Hailey Dechalk (3-for-4).

Helping the cause with two doubles was Jordan Hazel, while Maddy Rosiewicz went 2-for-4.

Overaitis pitched the win, giving up eight hits.

In the opener, Kristin Mihalic drove in six runs for the Rocks with two home runs and a single. Rosiewicz also homered.

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JUDGE

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ing,” Husband said. “I was happy the U.S. won. I wasn’t jumping up and down. I smiled though.”

Husband said she was recruited for the Women’s Worlds almost by accident.

“I was directing and producing for one of the games for USA Hockey and I ran into (broadcaster) Pete Krupsky, who told me the position was open,” Husband said. “I couldn’t do it for the whole week, but I managed to do it for a few days.”

The camera angle she stayed glued to throughout the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women’s World Championship was above one of the goals.

Glad to return

Nobody sat in booths behind the nets, where goal judges historically have been stationed.

“There’s cameras that point straight down at the net,” Husband said.

Husband knew Krupsky from her time working the Whalers games, during which she was a Schoolcraft College student.

“I did it for about six years with the Plymouth Whalers,” Husband said. “So it was really great that I could come back.

“They had updated equipment and I was really excited to try out the new equipment, because it’s all HD now and up to date. I was just glad I could be part of the experience.”

Now it’s on to other projects, although she wouldn’t mind future gigs at USA Hockey Arena.

Later this spring, Husband will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in broadcast and cinema art. Last year, she produced a feature film titled “Married on a Monday” and she currently is producing and directing a public access series for Madonna, “Celebrate Michigan.”

“I was just glad I could experience that (the Women’s Worlds),” she said. “It was such a huge event. I felt very special to be picked for it. I was very honored that I could do it.”

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ton (27).

In the boys race, Salem finished first with 77 points, well ahead of Canton (54.5) and Plymouth (46.5).

“Yesterday was a total team win,” Styes said. “We needed to score points in all aspects of the meet to pull this one out. We had a lot of girls PR or run their fastest times of the season.

“Our seniors performed really well yesterday. In the hurdles, Kayla Dudek and Alison Range stepped up and took second and third, respectively, in both races. The score was really close toward the end of the meet and Annie Bonds clinched the win for us when she won the 3,200.”

Bonds finished in 11:50.04.

There were other strong performers for Plymouth, including Natalie Janke (second in the pole vault) and Erin Bradley (who spearheaded the 400-meter relay).

Cream of the crop

And then there was Ryen Draper.

“We can’t say enough about how well Ryen Draper did ... in the sprints,” Styes said. “She was the most talented girl on the track yesterday and her performances really illustrated that.

“We are hoping this senior leadership will help lead us in our big meets later in the season.”

Draper prevailed in the 100-meter dash (12.27), 200 dash (24.94) and 400 dash (57.82).

Other Plymouth wins were picked up by Emily Caragay (pole vault with a 10-foot, 6-inch jump, ahead of Janke’s 10-0), Paige Sanders (long

jump) and three out of four relay teams (only in the 3,200 relay did the Wildcats come up short, trailing Salem).

The victorious relay teams for Plymouth included: Bradley, Sanders, Faith Washington and Reghan Draper (400, 50.40); Joyelle Washington, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper and Ryen Draper (800, 1:43.44); and Ana White, Kayla Dudek, Reghan Draper, Faith Washington (1,600, 4:20.91).

Salem took first in the 3,200 relay, with the quartet of Alyssa Knight, Madison Grant, Hannah Jeffress and Erin McCann finishing with a time of 10:14.47.

“I was really impressed with how well the Salem team performed yesterday,” Styes said. “They pushed us right to the brink a couple of times, which made for a very exciting competition.

“Salem coach Pat Ignagni does a great job coaching the Salem girls, so I wasn’t really surprised that they performed so well yesterday.”

Individual wins for the Rocks were secured by Hallie Younglas (1,600 run), Makayla Ward (high jump), Haven Es-sien (100 and 300 hurdles), Lyniah Wilson (shot put) and Rachel Lepper (discus).

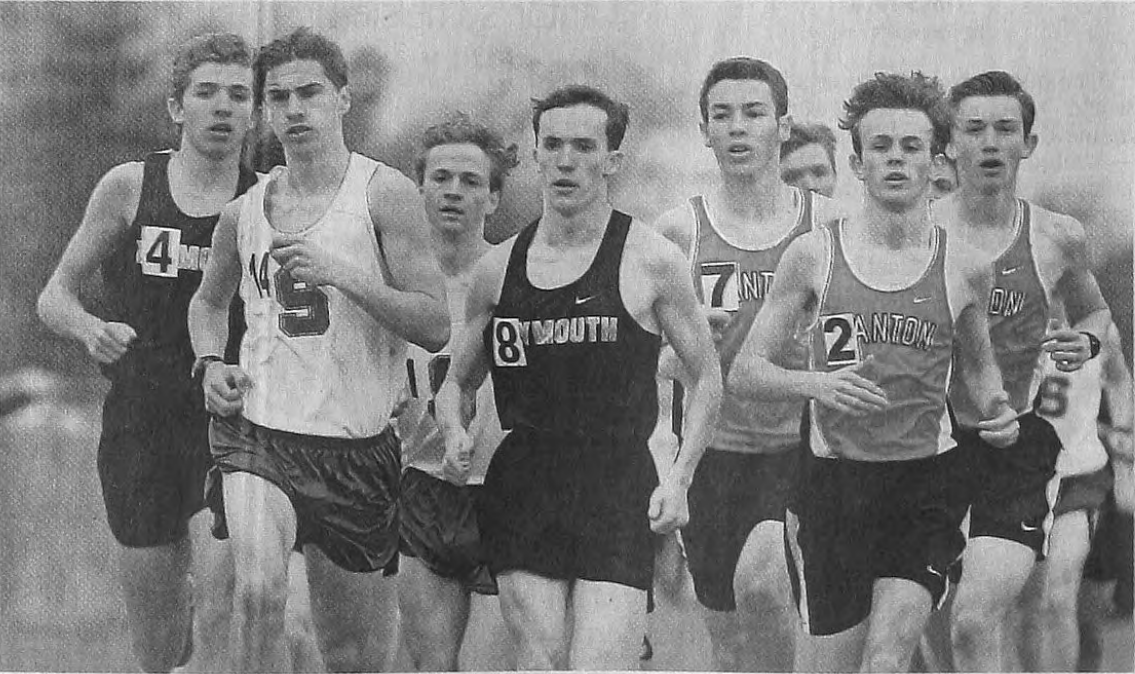
The lone first-place finish for Canton was by Carmen Bruchnak in the 800 run. She posted a time of 2:31.59.

Boys recap

On the boys side of the competition, the Rocks enjoyed a comfortable lead over Canton, with multiple wins turned in by Alex Howie (shot put and discus) and Cameron Grace (high jump, long jump).

Also finishing first was Andrew Davis in the 100 dash, plus he was part of Salem’s 1-2-3 finish in the 200 dash.

Winning the 200 with a time of 22.81 was Mason Phillips,



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Plymouth, Canton and Salem runners compete April 13 during the Bolger-Mangan meet.

followed by teammates Davis (22.91) and VerShawn Patrick (23.49).

Derek Skaff won the 800 for Salem, finishing in 2:08.2.

For the Chiefs, hurdler Jemal Vaunado was outstanding again. He took first in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles, with respective times of 15.96 and 40.41.

Canton’s other wins were logged by Caleb Moraw (400 dash) and Andrew Koenigs-knecht (pole vault).

The Chiefs also prevailed in the 400- and 1,600-meter relays.

A bright spot for Plymouth was Ethan Byrnes, who won in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs.

Also placing first for the Wildcats was Jacob Steward (800 run) and the 800-meter relay.

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Running at a smooth pace during the Park track and field meet is Plymouth’s Ryen Draper.

STEPPING TO THE PLATE

Sigma Pi chapter hits homer for HAVEN

Wayne State University fraternity holds softball tourney to raise money, awareness to fight domestic abuse, sexual assault

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There were plenty of smiles, hugs and base hits Saturday, April 8, at Inglenook Park in Southfield as Sigma Pi fraternity held its second annual "No Place Like Home" charity softball game.

But bubbling beneath the surface is something going in across all of society that is dark and serious — domestic abuse and sexual assault. That's why Sigma Pi's Gamma Omega chapter (Wayne State University) is earmarking proceeds to the HAVEN Foundation to help victims or raise awareness to put a dent in potentially dangerous situations moving forward.

Taking their cuts and crossing home plate on four fields were some 90 players, from several WSU fraternities and sororities (such as Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta and Alpha Epsilon Phi) as well as other Michigan Sigma Pi chapters, including Lawrence Technological University's Zeta Omicrons.

It was estimated that more than \$2,000 would be generated from the event.

Let's help fix it

"This stuff is going on every day in every community," said WSU Sigma Pi pledge Nicola DePalma of Plymouth. "This is something that is going to need to be fixed. Any small part we can play, especially if it means we get to have fun and play softball, I'm happy to."

DePalma, a 2016 Canton High School graduate, didn't play Saturday as he is still going through the process of becoming an active member of Gamma Omega. But he headed up concessions, helping sell hot dogs, pop and chips to raise dollars for HAVEN.

The 18-year-old stressed that, although the image of fraternities and sororities isn't always accurately portrayed, the softball event again underscores how passionate those organizations are about helping people.

"Gamma Omega Sigma Pi is probably the most diverse group of guys I've ever met, which really didn't fit what I had in mind for a fraternity," DePalma said. "When I came to

college, I had to plans on joining one and just the people I've met have influenced me so much. At this point it's making me a better person, which is really what it's about.

"I feel people think of fraternities as just this 'Party and do whatever you want' kind of thing. And it really is about personal betterment and bettering your community. I feel if people got to know that, there wouldn't be such a negative stereotype for it."

According to Gamma Omega's Jared Hoehing, it remains important for the chapter to stay involved and affecting positive change through events such as "No Place Like Home."

"We searched a long time to find an event we could put on every year and kind of be our thing," Hoehing said. "And we really just struck gold

with this. It's proven to be successful. Opening day (for the Detroit Tigers) was yesterday, so everyone is now really into baseball. And softball is just a hop, skip and a jump away from baseball.

"People love (the event), people support it and the money goes to the HAVEN Foundation, which is just doing wonderful things."

Wanted to help

HAVEN also is the national philanthropy for Sigma Pi, which is headquartered in Vincennes, Ind.

"They (other chapters) do their own events to raise money for HAVEN and ours happens to be a softball tournament," Hoehing said. "I'm hoping a couple thousand dollars can be earned out of this, (coming) from sponsors, the pay to play fees.

"Obviously, we have a couple expenses on our end that it (money) goes to. But we don't keep any of the profits. Anything that isn't used to rent the fields or actually put on the event will go directly to HAVEN."

One of the important pieces to the puzzle in putting on the softball tourney was finding a suitable location, one that was centrally located. The always trustworthy network between Sigma Pi chapters earned a big assist in pulling it off, said Gamma Omega's Jeff Brohl of Grosse Ile.



Wayne State University's Sigma Pi chapter celebrates after Saturday's successful benefit softball tournament at Inglenook Park in Southfield.

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ABOUT HAVEN

What: HAVEN is Oakland County's only comprehensive program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. HAVEN provides shelter, counseling, advocacy and educational programming to nearly 30,000 people each year.

Foundation: The HAVEN Foundation exists to raise charitable dollars, which fund prevention and treatment programs offered by HAVEN to curtail domestic violence and sexual assault.

Support: A 24-hour helpline is available at 248-334-1274, with a toll-free crisis line at 877-922-1274.

Info: Go to www.haven-oakland.org.

A Sigma Pi member working for Southfield's Parks and Recreation Department proved invaluable to the cause.

"I talked to a LTU brother and he contacted an Oakland (University) alumni," Brohl said. "It cost \$100 for the four fields for six hours."

Brohl noted that the Wayne State chapter wants "No Place Like Home" to become an annual event.

"This is the second year we've done it; we just wanted to continue on," Brohl said. "We got this place because last year's wasn't an ideal location. We just wanted to help out any way we can with our national philanthropy. We thought softball ... everybody's been excited about softball."

Event's a winner

All indications were the tournament was a home run.

"We have been raising money for it for years now and this is just another way to do it," said WSU Sigma Pi member Bilao Hammoud of Dearborn Heights. "Last year, we came up with this idea and everyone loved it. It took off and we figured, why not do it again?"

"The enthusiasm is great. I

couldn't be happier with how people feel about this whole thing. The turnout's actually really nice."

According to Wayne State Sigma Pi sweetheart Devon Abbey, a member of WSU's Kappa Delta sorority, all participants paid \$25 to play and received a T-shirt, along with all the softball fun and camaraderie.

"Last year, the weather was not quite as nice. It was about 30 degrees and raining," said Abbey, 21, an alum of Royal Oak High School. "But this year, the weather is so much nicer. The gentleman that we got registration for fields is an alum and we got a great deal."

"Hopefully every year, if not here, we'll have it somewhere in the greater metro Detroit area. We extended invitations to all the Sigma Pi chapters from Grand Valley to Saginaw (Valley) to here. There are people from all over."

Madison Rotar, 19, of Harrison Township and a member of the Wayne State Delta Zeta chapter, was thrilled to participate.

"We're playing for a great cause," Rotar said. "It's fun to play softball. I played softball

in high school and it's nice to relive my glory days."

Helping each other

Rotar emphasized that Wayne State fraternities and sororities attempt to help each other out with philanthropic efforts.

"We have a tight Greek system, with only four sororities and four fraternities, so we all have to support each other for our philanthropies," Rotar said. "At each philanthropy, there's always a presence of each chapter. It's great to see different chapters come out."

"It's really important to support causes like (HAVEN). Everyone's causes are so important, but I think HAVEN hits home to a lot of people. ... I know people are affected with situations like that."

The successful event also helped take a little bit of the sting out of what has been a difficult year for the Wayne State Sigma Pi chapter.

At the end of 2015-16, the fraternity was forced out of its longtime house on Virginia Park, north of campus, because the landlord sold the property.

This year, without a house, the chapter has held meetings and other events at the WSU student union. Efforts continue to find a new home.

"It's tough motivating our guys," Brohl said. "Everybody's kind of lethargic now that we don't have a house or anything to look forward to. So I think this event definitely helps us come together as one."

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PREP ROUNDUP

Plymouth boys lacrosse team scores big in win

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Plymouth's varsity boys lacrosse team showed it can climb out of early trouble and put a big hurt on rivals in a hurry with Saturday's 14-7 victory over visiting Huron Valley.

The Wildcats fell behind 2-0, but coach Ray Miller huddled the squad for a timeout message that hit the mark. Four unanswered goals followed the break and Plymouth was in control to improve to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

"Lacrosse is a game of runs," Miller said. "They came out with the first two goals of the game and we responded with a four-goal run of our own, which was the turning point in momentum of the game for us."

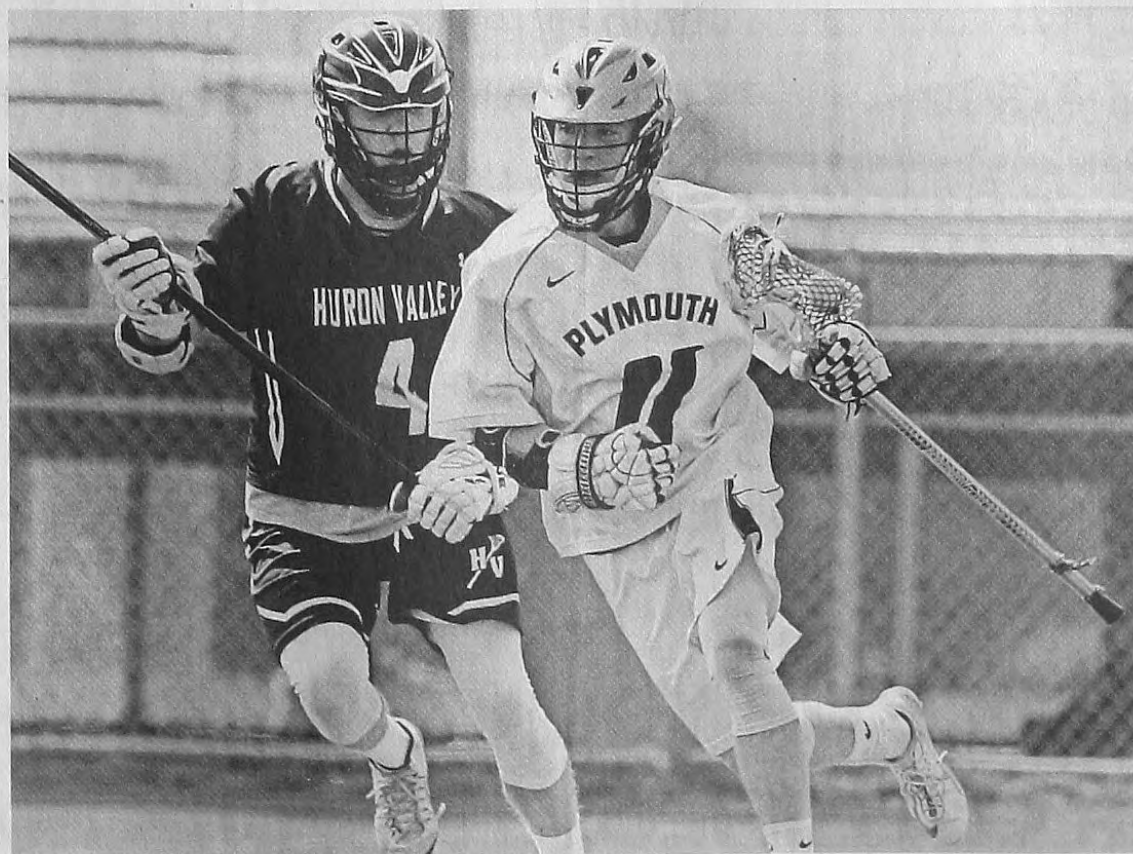
"I was proud of how the boys gathered themselves back together and how they played the rest of the game."

Leading the Plymouth surge was senior attackman Zach Gallaher, who tallied two goals and five assists.

Others with multiple points were senior midfielder Nolan Ouellette (three goals, assist), senior attackman Jack Balch (goal, two assists), sophomore midfielder Carson Miller (two goals, assist) and freshman attackman Ethan Rottell (two goals, assist).

Helping the cause with single goals were senior midfielder Blake Varner, sophomore midfielder Ian Gozdzor, junior defenseman Charlie Shaver and freshman attackman Harrison Albano (who scored his first varsity goal after being brought up from the JV).

Making eight stops for the



A standout for Plymouth on Saturday against Huron Valley was senior Zach Gallaher (right).

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win was sophomore goalie Blake Nowicki.

"Overall, it felt good ... being able to put 14 goals in the back of their net out of 37 shots," Miller said. "Friday we had 38 shots and were only able to put in seven goals against Saline. It was great to see our team burying their chances today."

CC 16, COUNTRY DAY 5: Novi Detroit Catholic Central's varsity boys lacrosse team (6-1)

entered its nine-day spring break with a four-game winning streak following a 16-5 non-league triumph April 11 at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (4-4).

Senior captain Brennan Kamish led the way with six goals, while senior midfielder Nick Capatina added seven points.

A day earlier, CC improved to 3-0 in the Catholic League with an 18-2 win over Univer-

sity of Detroit-Jesuit.

CC returns to action at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Macomb Community College to face host Warren DeLaSalle.

GOOD START FOR N'VILLE: The Mustangs opened up the boys lacrosse season with a 3-1 record. After losing 12-9 to Hartland on April 11, Northville (3-1) bounced back with a 10-8 win over Belleville on April 12, followed by a 9-4 triumph Saturday over Troy Athens.

Girls soccer

FORDSON 4, REDFORD UNION 1: Cassidy Sandelin scored the lone goal Monday, from Maggie Osowski, as Redford Union (0-3, 0-1) lost a Western Wayne Athletic Conference game against host Dearborn Fordson.

RU goalkeeper Mia Sopko had 14 saves in a losing cause.

DEARBORN 10, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Goalkeeper Allison Lay made nine saves in a losing cause Monday night as Livonia Clarenceville (0-3, 0-1) fell to the host Pioneers (4-2, 3-0) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference match.

Dearborn scored all 10 goals in the first half to end the game on a mercy.

"We came out really slow and unfocused," Clarenceville coach Amanda Truitt said. "We had a hard time focusing on the little things that would make the big difference in the game and it ultimately led to more shots against us. We started stepping it up toward the end of the half, seeing leadership from Allie Snage, Myla Hoskins and Yumeko Sakamoto."

Girls tennis

RU WINS SWEEP: Abby and Sarah Bishop both won third set super-breakers at Nos. 2 and 3 singles April 13 as host Redford Union blanked Western Wayne Athletic Conference foe Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 8-0.

Haley Hebner also won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 singles, while the No. 2 doubles team of Sarina Anderson and Isis James also prevailed, 6-0, 6-0.

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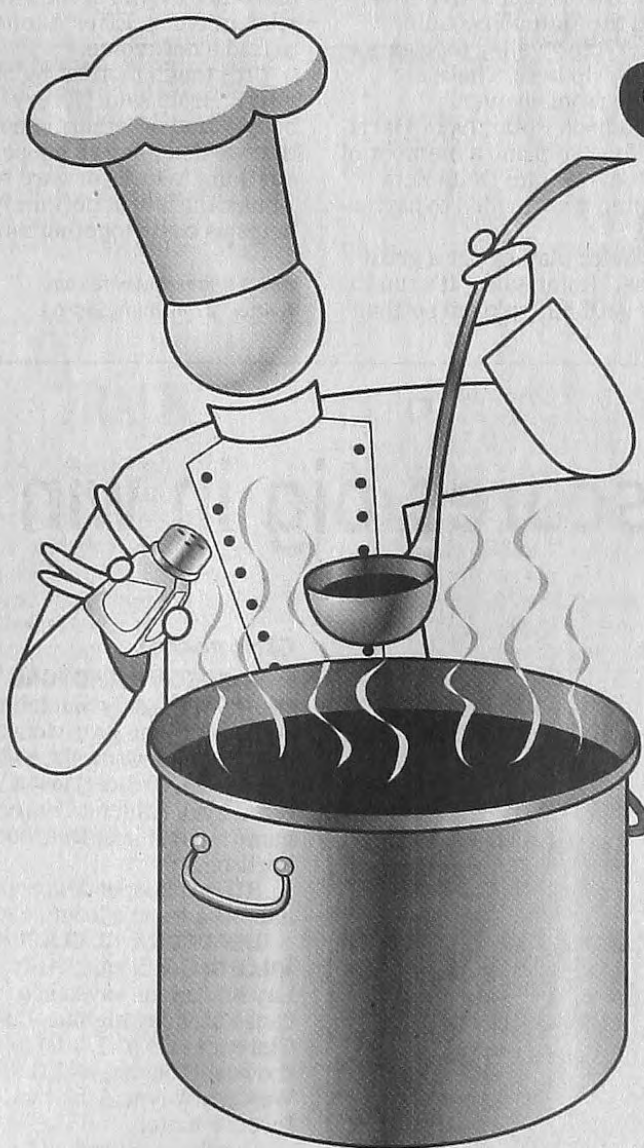
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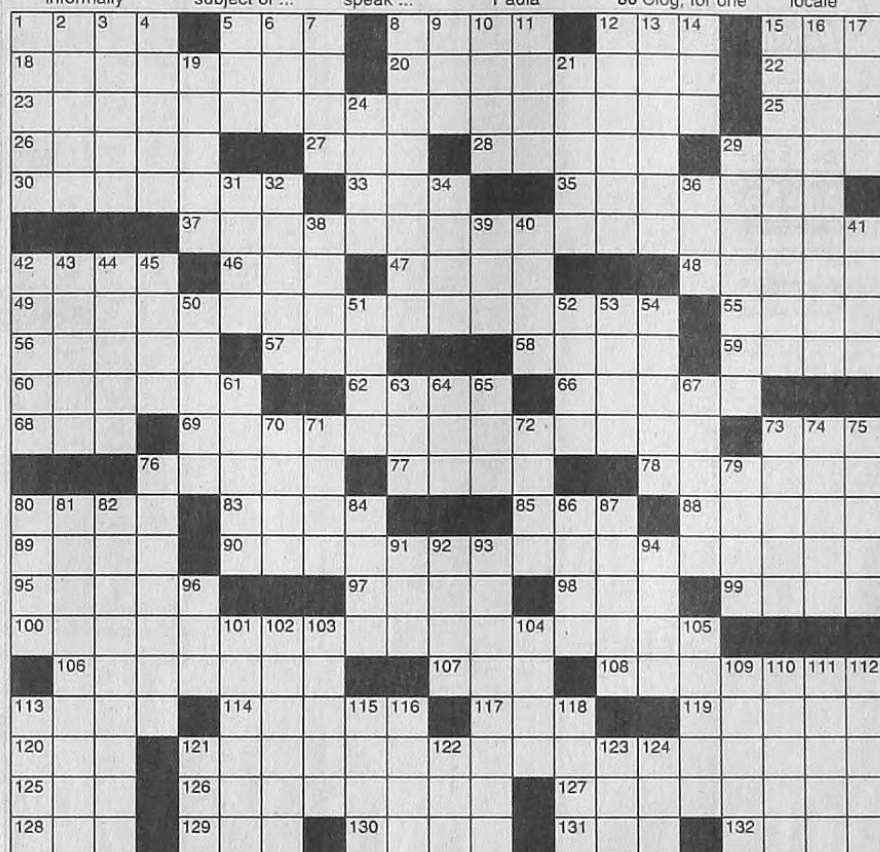
49 Riddle, part 3
55 Part of a list
56 Thing pulled by a milker
57 Prefix with floeey
58 Mexican moola
59 Desertlike
60 Little tyke
62 Animal pen
66 "— a loss for words"
68 Bar drink
69 Riddle, part 4
73 To the — power
76 Replay mode, briefly
77 Sandy color
78 Crotchety
80 Runaway GI
83 Seized auto, e.g.
85 Ending for count
88 Made less harsh
89 Good score in diving
90 Riddle, part 5
95 Lauder of fragrances
97 James of "Slither"
98 "How pretty!"
99 "On the subject of ..."

100 End of the riddle
106 Inhale
107 "— Bravo"
108 50-50 chances
113 Barren
114 Pottery, e.g.
117 Trident, e.g.
119 The Evil One
120 Pig — poke
121 Riddle's answer
125 VIP on the Hill, Abbr.
126 Move to a new post
131 Put in words
128 Equine critter
129 Get a total
130 Hefty volume
131 Put in words
132 Got hold of

11 Little mountain lake
12 Spiritual goal of Zen Buddhism
13 Hunted, with "on"
14 Lung-filling stuff
15 Inspire with foolish passion
16 Cry uncle
17 The "H" or "O" of H2O
19 Stuff room
21 Footrace a little over 3.1 mi. long
24 Rice-sized pasta
29 Hatchet man's roster
31 — one (zip)
32 Kiss noise
34 Chinese statesman — Xiaoping
36 Chow mein additive, for short
38 Immaculate
39 Co. board member
40 At the apex
41 J.D. Salinger heroine
42 Actress Innes
43 Vocalist Paula

44 Evade slyly
45 Litigious one
50 Fishing net
51 Black-and-white whale
52 Figure skater Johnny
53 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
54 Lover of Juliet
61 "American Beauty" actress Birch
63 Ending for Gator
64 Big name in SUVs
65 Cochlea locale
67 Madison Ave. solicitor
70 Future sign
71 Ray of —
72 Feels regret over
73 Ibis' homes
74 Fido's prize
75 Prefix with carbon
76 Rained pellets of ice
79 Probe org.
80 From the top
81 Pulled chicken leftovers?
82 Ottawa natives
84 Start of a fairy tale
86 Clog, for one

87 Oilcan part
91 Rove
92 Lion's home
93 Native resident
94 Extremely, informally
96 Greek vowel
101 Hanked
102 Bobbin stuff
103 NHL's Toronto Maple —
104 Time piece?
105 Optional SAT part
109 Egypt's Anwar
110 In — (as yet unborn)
111 — diet (trendy regimen)
112 Act stealthily
113 Big name in credit cards
115 Lickety-split
116 The Magi, e.g.
118 Fanzines, say
121 Musical syllable
122 "Grand Hotel" studio
123 Big inits. for hunters
124 With 12-Across, mud wrap locale



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				3				
		2		8		5		
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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INSTRUMENTAL SONGBOOK
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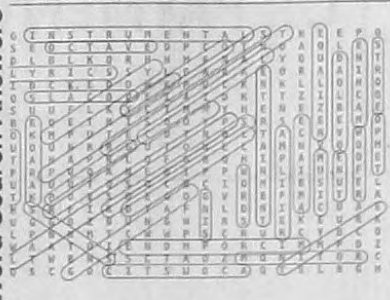
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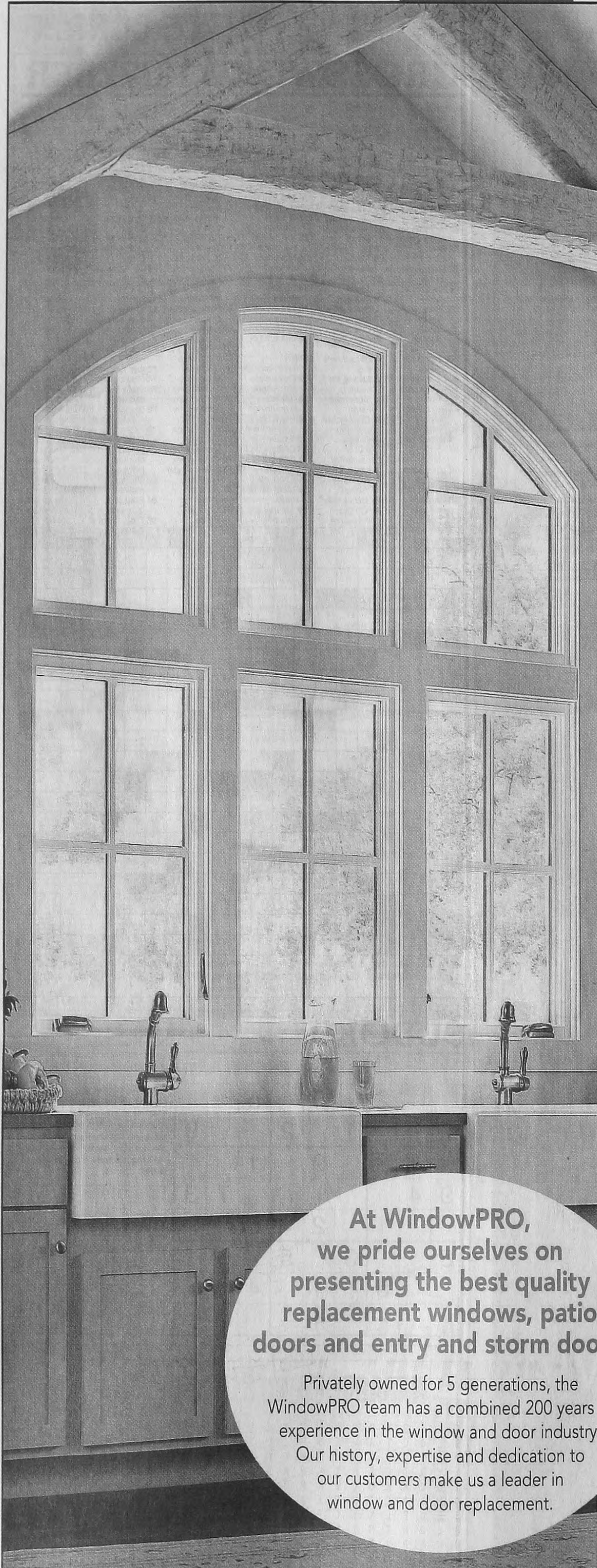
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Crossword Answers

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ACREAGES	ONSAFARI	NUT		
WHENTHESONGWRITER	FRO			
ERNST	ORI	ENVOY	HARM	
RETAINS	ZED	EREMITE		
COMPOSEDAKID	STUNE			
LADS	TAU	UNIT	GLADS	
ABOUTACROPGROWER	ITEM			
UDDER	KER	PESO	SERE	
RUGRAT	CAGE	IAMAT		
ALE	WHOHADMARRIED	NTH		
SLOMO	ECRU	ORNER		
AWOL	REPO	ESS	EASED	
NINE	ANENGLISHPO	STAR		
ESTEE	CAAN	OOH	ASTO	
WHAT	TITLED	IDHEUSE		
BREATHE	RIO	TOSSUPS		
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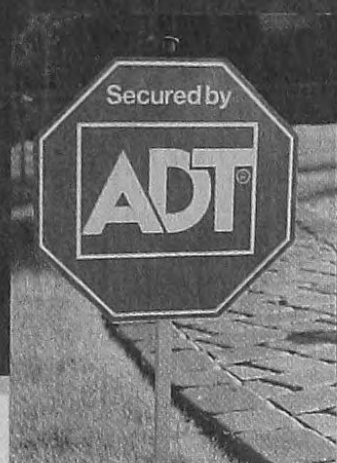
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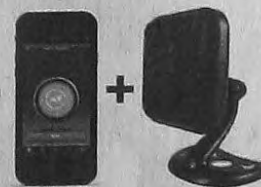
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