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## Canton home vacancies plummet

Supervisor describes local market as 'red hot'

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Canton's housing market has become so strong that buyers are in fierce competition amidst a shrinking inventory of homes, local officials say.

"The biggest issue is there's still not enough homes for buyers," said Bartley Patterson, vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic real estate agency in Canton. "Just a few years back, we had 500 homes on the market in Canton, alone."

That number has shrunk to just over 200 homes.

"It's tougher to find a house," Patterson said. "The inventory is limited and the price is up. It's a seller's market."

Moreover, Canton officials say the foreclosure crisis of just a few years back has become mostly a bitter memory, with the number of vacant homes shrinking from 394 in 2010 to just 44 this year.

"It's highly indicative of the strength of the economy and it shows how the housing market has stabilized in the Canton community," township Supervisor Pat Williams said. "New and existing homes are

not staying on the market long at all.

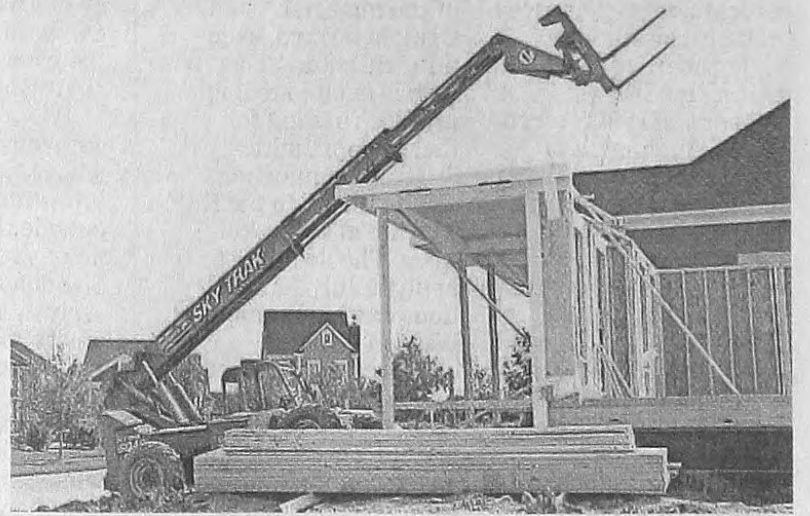
"The Canton housing market is red hot right now," he added.

As a result, the Canton Township Board of Trustees was expected to decide Tuesday whether to repeal a seven-year-old ordinance that forced owners to register vacant, foreclosed properties. It was a way local officials could try to keep track of then-burgeoning problems such as blight and enforce maintenance of vacant homes.

"It served its purpose," Williams said.

Property owners will no

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Canton's housing market has been described as "red hot" by township Supervisor Pat Williams.

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Caps fly as Canton graduates celebrate at their graduation ceremony Sunday at Eastern Michigan University. For more photos from the Plymouth-Canton graduations, turn to pages A6-7 and online at hometownlife.com.

## Report: Closed bridge needs replacing

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An engineering firm has concluded the historic Lilley Road bridge in Canton, closed April 20 amid safety concerns, cannot be saved, a Wayne County spokeswoman said Monday.

"The recommendation is to replace the bridge," said Kaye Byrd, director of communications for the Wayne County Department of Public Services.

That's the conclusion of Great Lakes Engineering Group, the firm hired by Wayne County to inspect the bridge, on Lilley north of Michigan Avenue, and issue an opinion.

It wasn't known early this week when the county might move with a plan of action.

Canton historians had hoped the bridge, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999 for the way it was designed and built, could be repaired, though they acknowledged its poor condition.

The inspection report points to major flaws in the bridge, Byrd said.

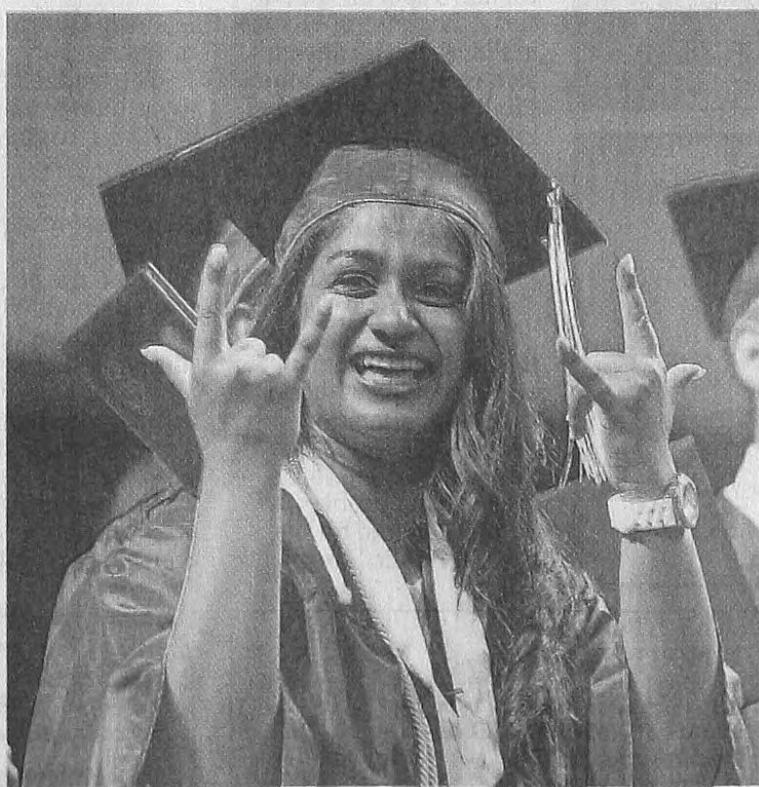
"It is believed to not be able to hold heavy traffic," she said.

Byrd cited the problems:

- » The concrete deck is badly deteriorated.
- » The steel parts that support the bridge are too weak to accommodate heavy traffic.
- » The bridge's abutment — like a concrete pedestal that supports the steel beams —

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# EEF accepting applications for classroom grants

The Educational Excellence Foundation, serving the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, seeks applicants for its Classroom Enhancement Grants for teachers in the District. P-CCS teachers are encouraged to apply for grants that provide innovative educational experiences in their classrooms.

For more than 30 years, the EEF has been supporting P-CCS teachers by funding classroom experiences they are longing for, but are not possible with limited state resources. Since 2000, the generosity of donors has allowed the EEF to fund more than \$357,000 in Classroom Enhancement Grants to students in pre-kindergarten through high school. In the past two years, more than \$76,000 was directed to classroom activities in all 23

schools in the district.

"Classroom Enhancement Grants give P-CCS teachers the ability to provide state-of-the-art learning experiences that not only engage students, but often present information in a way that can help them develop a more comprehensive understanding of the material," said Gretchen Ward, executive director. "The EEF is excited to help provide funding for these opportunities."

Grant applications can be found on the EEF website at [eefforkids.org](http://eefforkids.org). The deadline to apply is July 14. Questions can be directed to Ward at [gretchen.ward@pccsk12.com](mailto:gretchen.ward@pccsk12.com).

The Educational Excellence Foundation is a 501(c)3 community-based nonprofit organization established to support educators and students in P-CCS.

## CANTON

### Mom ticketed after leaving young sons in hot car

A 37-year-old mother left her two sons, ages 4 and 5, strapped inside a hot vehicle while she was returning merchandise to a retail store, Canton police say.

The boys did not appear seriously harmed, though a time line in a police report indicated they were in the Acura MDX for 21 minutes in 88-degree weather. The car was not running and the front windows were slightly rolled down.

Police received a call Saturday from a woman who noticed the children after a car alarm went off outside the Kohl's department store, near Ford and Sheldon roads. Police arrived and located the mother as she was returning to the vehicle shortly after 8 p.m.

She told police she left the children in the car while she was returning merchandise. She said she encountered a long line of customers inside the store.

The mother told police she left the children alone because they were tired from an earlier stop at the Canton IKEA store. The police report indicated the boys were sweating, but did not appear seriously harmed.

Police said the National Weather Service was reporting the temperature at 88 degrees. Police issued the woman a ticket for child neglect. She will have to appear in 35th District Court.

### Walmart self-groper

Three women shopping in the Walmart store

## CRIME WATCH

on Michigan Avenue told police a man was watching them as he put his hand inside his pants and masturbated, according to a police report.

The suspect was leaving the store as police arrived shortly before 11:30 p.m. Saturday, prompting a brief chase that ended with his capture. The report indicated he was facing charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing police.

The women, shopping together, told police the suspect followed them around the store and put his hand in his pants, apparently to masturbate, though he never exposed himself, the report said.

Police were talking with the women outside the store when one of them noticed the suspect leaving. He climbed over a fence and ran into a wooded area, but officers caught up with him and arrested him.

### School knife

Police went to Canton High School amid reports a 17-year-old male student brought a knife to school and threatened two girls, both 17, a report said.

Police took the boy into custody, ticketed him for possession of a dangerous weapon and released him to his mother.

Police went to the school shortly before 1 p.m. Friday after one girl said the boy threatened to stab her and another girl. She said he had sent a text to the other girl revealing he had a knife.

The boy admitted to police he had a knife that he carried for protection. The report described it as a steak knife with a blade just short of six inches.

The boy's mother told police he is a good child.

Police warned him not to have contact with the two girls.

### Hit and run

A motorist drove the wrong way on Michigan Avenue while fleeing the scene of an accident he caused, a report said.

No serious injuries were reported as the incident unfolded about 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

A police report said the man was driving southbound on Lotz Road when he struck a vehicle in front of him driven by a 25-year-old Canton woman, who had stopped for a red light. He was described as a white man in his 20s with brown hair. The man fled the wrong way on Michigan Avenue, then pulled into a gas station and returned to the avenue traveling in the right direction, the report said.

Police had not located the hit-and-run driver.

## PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

### Suspicious visitor

A 41-year-old man notified police of a suspicious situation after he saw a woman lying down in his yard on Pinehill Drive, near Hillcrest, about 3:45 p.m. June 4. He told police the woman appeared to be having trouble standing.

The woman had moved on by the time police arrived, but they found her nearby and noticed she appeared flushed, was shaking and having trouble standing. It appeared she had been drinking alcohol, the report said.

Paramedics took the woman to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for

treatment.

### Harassing calls

A Plymouth teen told police he has been getting harassing phone calls for about a year from callers whose voices sound computer-generated, a report said.

The 17-year-old male went to the Plymouth Township police station June 5 to report the calls. He told police he didn't recognize the voices or the phone numbers.

Police tried calling the numbers and got a recording that they had been disconnected. The report indicated the calls could be made from a downloaded app or website whose numbers are difficult to trace.

Police advised the teen to ignore the calls or consider getting a new phone number.

### Rowdy party

Police went to the scene of a graduation party and warned the hosts to quiet down after the celebration became unruly, a report said.

A woman and her husband were hosting the party for her son when her ex-husband — the boy's father — showed up, ultimately leading to a confrontation, the report said.

The ex-husband was supposed to have gone to a store to get some party supplies but didn't, leading to an argument. That, in turn, led to a dispute between the woman's husband and ex-husband.

The ex-husband was asked to leave the party. Police warned the hosts to keep the party under control.

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## BRIDGE

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also has deteriorated. Byrd said the next step will be for Wayne County to develop an action plan for the bridge.

The bridge, described as a 90-foot, camel-back, pony truss bridge made of concrete and steel, earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places for its design, said Gregg King, Canton facilities supervisor and liaison to the Canton



CANTON TOWNSHIP  
An engineering firm has recommended this Lilley Road bridge in Canton be replaced.

Historic District Commission.

The bridge has had more than one home. It was originally build

in 1923 on Telegraph, near Warren Road, but was moved when it was deemed unsuitable as Telegraph was being

widened. It became the Lilley Road bridge in Canton in 1933.

It cost just under \$21,000 when it was built — undoubtedly a fraction of what any replacement cost would be.

The closure has disrupted traffic patterns for Canton residents who live in nearby subdivisions, forcing motorists to gain access from Michigan Avenue to the south and Palmer Road to the north.

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longer have to register vacant homes with the township, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said, and enforcement of any problems will be handled by the Canton Public Safety

Department's ordinance officers.

When the ordinance was adopted, Williams said, it allowed building inspectors to work alongside ordinance officers to address problems often associated with foreclosures.

Now, he said, ordinance officers "are very capable of handling it as

a normal business flow."

Not only are existing homes selling, but Faas has said Canton issued 506 new housing permits last year — the best year in a decade. While tapering off some, Canton still is projecting steady construction of hundreds of homes each year for the foreseeable future.

In February, Canton

Assessor Doug Shaw said local property values continue to increase as Canton remains a desirable community.

"Canton Township has the highest amount of growth in Wayne County," Shaw said.

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# Relay walkers strive to stomp out cancer

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Matthew Baker has always liked the junior bacon cheeseburger, chili and fries at Wendy's.

So when, at the age of 13 he was diagnosed with cancer, the eighth-grader was determined not only to beat the odds, but to not be denied his favorite meal because he was being treated.

More than 15 years later, Baker has come through at the other end. Baker, who was the motivational speaker at Saturday's Wayne-Westland American Cancer Society Relay for Life, still loves his Wendy's.

"I was determined I was going to beat (cancer) and I was determined I was going to live life my way," Baker told a gathering of hundreds at Saturday's Relay in Central City Park. "If it weren't for the American Cancer Society, I wouldn't be able to say I've been cancer-free for 15 years. Today, we're walking not just for my cancer. We're walking for everybody's cancer."

Baker was one of more than 300 walkers, including more than 70 survivors, to walk the new-look track at Central City Park, which event leader Carol Nelius said had been reorganized to make sure everyone got a chance to visit all the teams.

"The biggest change was the layout ... we're all together now," Nelius said. "It was kind of sparse (before). We're closer location-wise. This will bring us closer to continue our fight against cancer."

With 27 teams and hundreds of walkers, many of them repeat



Survivors — organizers were expecting more than 70 — carry the banner as the 2017 Wayne-Westland Relay for Life gets underway.

BRAD KADRICH

participants, American Cancer Society community manager Megan Schaper said the Wayne-Westland community was continuing what she said has always been strong support.

"The Wayne-Westland community has great retention," Schaper said. "It speaks to the family feel of this event and it speaks to the communities' commitment to Relay."

Westland City Council President Jim Godbout said Saturday the Wayne-Westland relay events over the years has raised "more than a million dollars."

But Schaper said the Relay for Life isn't only



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Westland Mayor William Wild welcomes the crowd to the Wayne-Westland Relay for Life, as Westland City Council President Jim Godbout and Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe wait their turn to speak.

about the money.

"It's not only a fundraising event to create a world free of cancer," Schaper said. "It's also about a community rallying together to make a

life-saving change. The whole idea is to bring cancer to its knees."

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American Cancer Society community manager Megan Schaper gets the crowd excited at the start of the relay.



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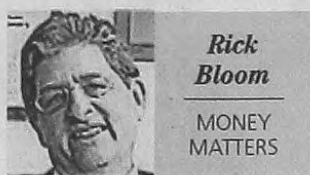
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# Passengers have few rights in regards to airline overbooking

Over the past few weeks, there have been a number of stories in the news about airlines overbooking flights. Most of us have probably seen videos of passengers literally being dragged from the plane. The question I had was, what rights, if any, do we have as passengers? I thought I would do some research and share it with you.

First, you should know that, contrary to what many people think, airlines are allowed to overbook flights and nothing in the law prevents this. In fact, it seems over the last few years, overbooking has become the norm. Unfortunately, the airlines hold all the power when it comes to who gets bumped from a flight and there's nothing



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

we can do to guarantee that we do not get bumped. As passengers, our only right deals with the compensation airlines must pay us if we are involuntarily bumped.

Although there's no way to guarantee that you won't be bumped, there are some things you can do to lessen your risk. Each airline has its own rules as to who gets bumped. In general, airlines do not bump people who have status with them. That is why you see experienced travelers try to fly the same airline as often as they

can, because it builds their status with that airline. In addition, you lessen your risk of being bumped if you check in early and get a seat assignment. These things won't guarantee that you won't get bumped, but they do lessen the risk.

When a flight is overbooked, first the airline must ask for volunteers. In fact, the great majority of people who are bumped from a flight are volunteers. To entice volunteers, the airlines are free to offer any type of compensation they choose. Typically, airlines offer vouchers, free meals and, in many situations, cash. When they seek volunteers, it's important to recognize that you, as a passenger, can negotiate for a better deal. For passengers who

have flexibility, volunteering to be bumped can be very profitable. In fact, there are a fair number of passengers who intentionally book flights, hoping they will be bumped. When they seek volunteers, always remember the first offer from the airline is always a low-ball offer; don't hesitate to negotiate a better deal.

In many unfortunate situations, the airlines do not have enough volunteers and involuntarily bump people. Although you don't have a right not to be bumped, there is minimum compensation that they must offer you if you are involuntarily bumped. The compensation depends upon whether you are on a domestic or international flight and how long you are

inconvenienced. In addition, if you are involuntarily bumped, you do not have to accept vouchers. You have a right to either cash or a check. However, if you voluntarily decide to give up your seat, the airline can give you a voucher. If you do accept a voucher, you should check the expiration date. Many people who are voluntarily bumped end up never using their voucher because they expired. For those who do not fly a lot, receiving a voucher when you are bumped may not be such a great thing.

It is important to realize that we do not have rights when it comes to being bumped, even if we have already boarded the plane. If someone from the flight crew tells you

that you must exit the plane, it is in your best interest not to cause a commotion. If you do cause a disturbance, there could be criminal charges brought against you and that's certainly not something you would want.

The bottom line: we don't have many rights when it comes to airplanes. Unfortunately, it is what it is. If we are going to fly, it is important to know our rights or, when it comes to airlines, our lack of rights.

Good luck!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Muslims treated with kid gloves

I recently had to chuckle (although while gagging on my saliva) when I heard the news about a Little Caesars in Dearborn which caused some fuss by serving up some non-halal pizza. Now the offended Muslim is suing the company for millions for putting pork on his pizza. Sometimes all this political correct mollycoddling of Muslim perplexes me to the point that I want to climb onto the house-top and shout to the top of my lungs "Ah! Aha! Allah! Allah fudge bar! and "Ali, Ali ups 'n' free!"

I mean really, maybe Muslim should come with a label that reads "Please handle with PC kid-gloves." Meanwhile, Muslim terrorists are killing people in England, yet it's supposed to be a crying shame that some

poor smuck got a pizza with bacon!

It wasn't too long after 9/11 when the initial shock, sorrow and temporary political unity waned away that I noticed the liberal media thinking it was more important to focus on not offending Muslim rather than recognizing the threat that they could present. We couldn't single out Arab males at the airports and so we had to subject everyone's grandparents to strip-searches — how asinine. Our last couldn't even bring himself to say one untoward word about Muslims.

Even though most Muslim are peaceful, the Koran and Mohammad actually teach death to the infidel. The peaceful, modern version of Islam is a heresy. Anyway, it's a false religion, regardless of the interpretation. Allah isn't Jesuiah Yaweh

of the Bible. They should just accept the revelation of the Bible — you don't see Jews and Christians lopping off heads in the name of religion!

Americans with European roots don't fear or hate Muslim or suffer from Islamicphobia, however, they're expected to go out of their way to accommodate Muslim cultural practices as Muslims establish mini Caliphates within America rather than assimilating: Veils, the burkini, foot basins in men's rooms, mosques built in your 'hood, etc. Meanwhile, Christians are slaughtered in Muslim nations! Here in America, the only group in which it isn't politically incorrect to discriminate against is Christians! Christian bakeries are sued by 'inappropriate clientele', etc.

Political correctness objects to a travel ban that would keep us safer. The wars in the Middle East drag on forever as we're expected to use precision bombing when we should be carpet-bombing them into oblivion!

Leo Weber  
Livonia

### Part-time legislators wrong answer

Plutocracy is a "a country or society governed by the wealthy." The Clean Michigan Government petition being circulated would put a constitutional amendment on the ballot that if enacted would establish Michigan as a plutocratic state adversely influenced by lobbyists and special interests with an inexperienced group making our laws.

If passed the amendment would limit Michigan legislators to one 90-day session per year and cut lawmaker pay in half to about \$31,000 annually while maintain-

ing current term limits of six years. How many average citizens interested in running could get a three-month furlough two consecutive years from your employer so that you could serve a term as a legislator? Very few, I would guess. Likewise, how many deem yourself qualified and could afford to quit a full-time job for a three-month gig for \$31,000/year for a couple of years? Again, very few.

Who will be available to run for office? Those who are independently wealthy. I wonder whose interests a body of lawmakers who were all wealthy would pursue?

Under the new law lawmakers would gain so little experience on the job to really learn the job even if elected to multiple terms. In that case from whom do lawmakers learn the ropes? Lobbyists who are around to advance special interests or in other words those representing the corporations and wealthiest 1%.

The Michigan GOP-controlled legislative branch who owe their dominance to shameless gerrymandering have delivered little more than large tax cuts to businesses and corporations since 2011. Meanwhile the roads are still mess and getting worse and education continues a downward spiral intentionally wounded by GOP backed cuts to funding.

One can understand public frustration with our lawmakers and a public desire to punish them. Fact is that you will be making the situation far worse if you fall for the Clean Michigan Government amendment. Government will become even less responsive to public will than it already is and more of a tool of

the wealthy and corporations.

The solution is not to change the rules handing those who hope to further rig the system the opportunity, but to vote out GOP office holders who have since 2011 controlled all levers of the state government and failed in solving few if any of our problems.

Mitch Smith  
Canton

### Many supported sales

Armed Forces weekend and American Legion Poppy Days were a great success for American Legion Post 346. Thank you to Busch's Market for allowing our members to offer poppies to their customers, they were very generous. Thank you also to the many drivers and passers-by who donated to our Post members offering poppies on the streets of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Thank you to Walk Gajewski for allowing us to sell hot dogs and Coney dogs at the opening day of the Farmington Farmer's Market. Thanks also goes to Zack Peterlin, Busch's Market and Wright Design Card Co. for donations of both supplies and funds to allow our Coney dog booth to open. The Farmer's Market patrons were also very generous toward our veterans in making Poppy Days donations.

Farmington, you showed your hearts to our veterans on Armed Forces day, God bless America.

Art Mikkola  
Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346

### Kids benefit from help

The 2017 Greater Plymouth Service Project at

the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex on May 13, was a resounding success. We package well over 500,000 vitamin fortified kid meals or 250,000 adult meals. This second annual event for the Kids Coalition Against Hunger supports local food pantries as well as worldwide anti-hunger initiatives, sending packaged dried food around the world and close to home to feed hungry neighbors and friends.

The Steering Committee is grateful to the 1,500-some volunteers who gathered that Saturday at PARC to assemble and weigh meals. The Committee tips its collective hat to the George and Mary Smith Trust for its \$25,000 donation and to NorthRidge Church for its \$15,000 donation.

Other key donors include: Plymouth A.M. Rotary, Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, Kiwanis Foundation, Kiwanis Youth Service Committee, Plymouth Lions Foundation, Community Foundation of Plymouth, GEM Asset Management, National Block, Community Financial Credit Union, Jim Vermeulen Jr., Lou LaRiche, Hines Park Lincoln, Eagles for Children, DUL Foundation (Fox Hills Golf Course and Clips & Clamps), Linda Siegrist, Mickey and Judy Patrick, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, MBERR Foundation Charitable Trust and may others.

Without these and the many other generous supporters, our project would not have come to fruition. The Steering Committee has begun work for the May 12, 2018, Greater Plymouth Service Project to benefit Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Please come and join us that day for service combined with fellowship and fun.

Nick Schultz  
Greater Plymouth Service Project 2017 chair

### Band enhanced graduation

I attended the Plymouth High School graduation, and it was a well-organized and moving ceremony. One group I would like to thank in particular are the PCEP bands. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors from the Symphony Band, Chamber Winds and Wind Ensemble play for all three PCEP ceremonies. They leave the high school at 8:15 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. This is nearly a 12-hour day and right before final exams. Thanks so much band members and directors for providing beautiful live music for all PCEP graduates!

Nancy Levy  
Plymouth

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**Madonna hosting elder abuse conference**

The Aging Studies Department at Madonna University is hosting the Elder Abuse Has No Borders Conference, which was developed by the Coordinated Community Response Coalition of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties. The conference features an expert panel discussion of elder abuse issues and guest speakers from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, PACE Southeast Michigan and the U.S. Postal Service.

The conference is set for 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, in the Franciscan Center. Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:30 a.m., and the last session ends at 2:30 p.m. A boxed lunch is included. Register for \$30 for just admission or \$35 for admission and Continuing Education Units. Register at <http://bit.ly/2rLYo2x>

The CCRC mission is to build, strengthen and sustain partnerships to promote coordinated strategic responses to victims of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation while ensuring victim safety and confidentiality.

**Building Better Relationships**

Learning how to build, rebuild or let go of relationships will be the subject of a talk by clinical psychologist and Wayne State University adjunct faculty member Bernie Les, Ph.D., from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Livonia's Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway.

The presentation will focus on the five root causes of relationship difficulties and how to repair, preserve and enhance this essential part of being human.

Dr. Adrian Shermeta, an internal medicine/geriatric physician, is hosting this event and will introduce Les, who has offices in Northville and Birmingham. Shermeta is an affiliated physician with MDVIP, which is sponsoring the program. MDVIP is a national network of more than 900 primary care physicians focused on prevention and personalized health care. Shermeta has offices at 37675 Pembroke in Livonia.

Refreshments and snacks will be served and seating is limited. To reserve, call 734-779-1000.

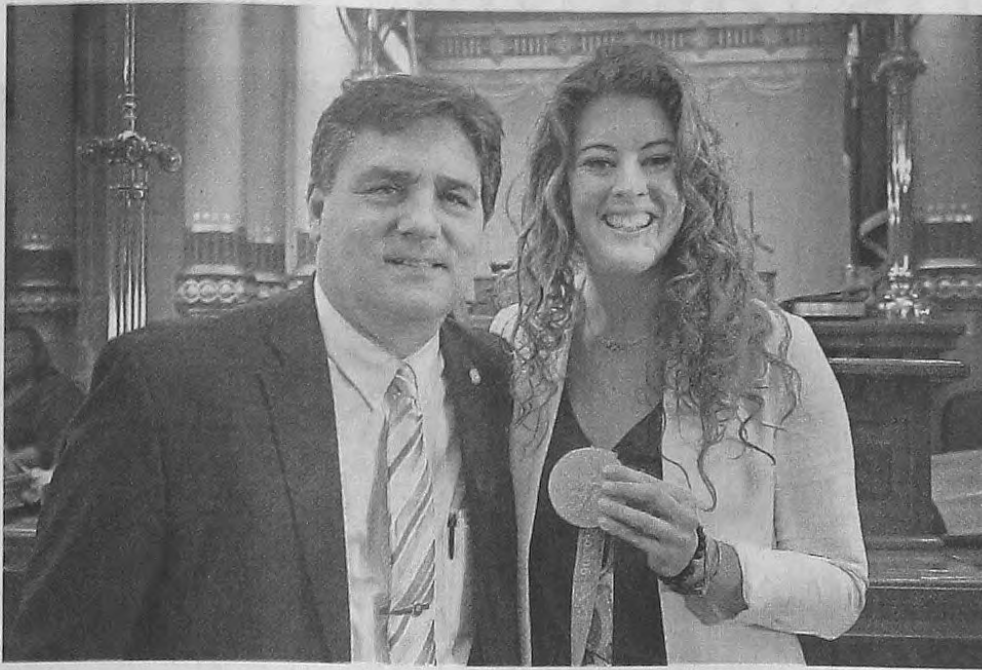
**Summer reading program**

Readers of all ages will be inspired to learn more about how they can make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of others this summer as the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland presents "Build a Better World" during its Summer Reading program. The Kick Off Event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 17, during which participants will pick up their reading logs, along with the kids enjoying a craft, face painting, games, light refreshments and more. Everything associated with Summer Reading is free.

From Saturday, June 17 through Saturday, July 29 the library will have programs, prizes, story-times and more. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or visit [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org)

**Lost Voices of Trafficked Kids**

Join the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., 8-10 p.m. Saturday, June



**Olympian visits Capitol floor**

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, welcomed Olympic gold medal winner Allison Schmitt to the Michigan Capitol as a special floor guest during a recent session in honor of her many Olympic accomplishments. Raised in Canton, she was also joined by her parents Ralph and Gail Schmitt.

17, for an evening of music and to provide hope and healing for a child. Proceeds from the concert will fund programs to enable young victims of trafficking and other at-risk children here in Michigan find their voices through the power of music and songwriting.

Lost Voices founder Mike Ball, along with renowned artists Kitty Donohoe, Jen Cass and others, will share their songs and experiences working with the children. There will also be a silent auction and merchandise for sale. Suggested donations are \$15 at the door.

To learn more or make a donation, visit [www.lostvoices.org/](http://www.lostvoices.org/)

**Pancake breakfast**

The Canton Lions Club Charity Pancake Breakfast at Liberty Fest is set for 7 a.m. to noon June 17.

The annual breakfast includes pancakes, sausages, juice or coffee. There is a charge of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

For more information, contact Bill Van Winkle 734 254-9404 or [govbill1@wowway.com](mailto:govbill1@wowway.com).

**Passport to Safety event**

Whether parents want to educate their children about bike, water, fire or computer safety, they can find it all at Livonia's Passport to Safety event, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Livonia police and fire stations, 15050 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile.

The annual summer event brings together safety experts to teach families about a variety of safety issues in a fun and educational setting. At the event, children will visit nine safety stations to learn about important topics and have their safety passports stamped.

Passport to Safety was

co-founded by the Livonia Police Department, the Livonia Fire Department and Allstate agency owner Cheryl Bowler of Livonia.

Safety stations include:

» Auto — Families can take a stand against distracted driving by placing a blue thumbprint on an Allstate X the TXT pledge banner as a pledge not to text and drive.

» Bike — Children will receive free bicycle helmets and will be fitted by trained professionals.

» Fire — Families will receive toy firefighter helmets and learn "stop, drop and roll" fire safety training.

» 9-1-1 — 9-1-1 operators will teach children the basics of making an emergency call.

» Internet safety — The Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit will teach cyber bullying prevention and internet safety.

» Choking — Experts will train children on dangerous chemicals to avoid and show them how to respond to a choking situation.

Parents can learn more about the event at [www.livoniapassporttosafety.com](http://www.livoniapassporttosafety.com). Admission is free.

**Young opera singers at Liberty Fest**

Canton's International Festival returns to Heritage Park from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 17, during Canton's 26th annual Liberty Fest. One of the many featured performances slated to take place at 12:30 p.m. during the International Festival is a special appearance by soprano Ryan Blankenburg and tenor Darius Dillard, presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

Canton's Liberty Fest is a three-day community festival featuring two stages of live entertainment and family fun for all ages. Festival-goers

are encouraged to enjoy a variety of cultures from around the world, who will be showcased June 17. Featured cultures include China, India, Italy, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Tahiti, the United States, Native American, African American and Hawaiian/Polynesian.

For more information, visit [www.cantonvillage.com](http://www.cantonvillage.com) or call 734-394-5300.

**Rep. Noble office hour**

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth will host an open office hour from 5-6 p.m. Monday, June 19, at the Northville Library in Meeting Room B, 212 W. Cady St. in Northville.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at 517-373-3816 or email [JeffNoble@house.mi.gov](mailto:JeffNoble@house.mi.gov).

**DIA speaker coming to Wayne**

The Wayne Historical Society is hosting a behind-the-scenes look into the Detroit Institute of Art with a program called "Cows at the Opera and other Museum Mysteries." The public is invited to the Wayne Historical Museum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, to hear DIA speaker Dolly Bondarian, who will give a talk and a slide presentation.

The historical society is celebrating Art in the City of Wayne with the Wayne Main Street Program called DIA, Inside/Out. The museum is located at One Towne Square in Downtown Wayne. There is no charge to attend; donations are appreciated.

**St. Mary Mercy programs**

» **Fitness for older adults**

MercyElite Sports Performance, St. Mary Mercy Livonia's sports performance training facility, is offering fit-

ness programs for older adults. Senior Fit and Senior Cross Training classes will begin June 19 and will be held twice a week for five weeks.

Free Senior Fit classes will take place Monday and Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10-10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to noon. The classes are designed to teach seniors how to improve their fitness by increasing their level of physical activity in a group setting, while learning exercise strategies that can be performed at home safely.

The Senior Cross Training class, which costs \$75 per participant, will take place Monday and Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The program is created for seniors wanting to advance their level of exercise.

All classes will be held at MercyElite, 13245 Newburgh Road in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-8240.

» **Tai Chi for adults with arthritis**

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer a general exercise program and Tai Chi classes for adults living with arthritis and other related diseases. Classes will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, from June 27 through Aug. 25. The general Exercise Program will take place from 10-10:55 a.m. and Tai Chi classes from 11 a.m. to noon. Both will be held in the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The exercise program costs \$80 and the Tai Chi class costs \$48.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call 734-655-1310.

**Inspire Theatre presents 'Death by Design'**

Take a murder mystery, combine it with a farcical comedic script, and add in rapid fire dialogue and you have Inspire Theatre's latest offering, "Death by Design."

The cast includes IT regulars Betty Berryman of Canton, Mark Sopchak and Jazzmin Sharara of Dearborn, Linda Trygg and Mikele Dollani of Westland, and newcomers Deangelo Lemmons of Inkster and Sonya Artman of Plymouth. Providing production support is Rebecca Farner and Wendy Hardy of Westland and Livonia respectively.

"Death by Design" opened June 9 and runs for three weekends, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$16 and available at [inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com](http://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com). Inspire Theatre is in the former WLND building on Warren Road. For more in-

formation, call 734-751-7057.

**Plymouths host joint shred event**

The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a shred day for all residents of both communities from 9 a.m. to noon (or until trucks are filled) Saturday, June 24, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Shred Legal will be providing the on-site shredding services. Plymouth Township will host another joint shred event in the fall.

Paper to be shredded shall be limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can make multiple trips throughout the morning, however. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed.

Residents participating must also provide proof of city or township residence which can be done with a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill, or property tax bill.

Michigan Mobile Hard Drive Shredding will also be on-site to securely dispose of old and unused hard drives.

For more information, email [shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us)

**Free Violin Workshop**

The Little Stars Foundation is offering a free violin workshop starting July 19 for children ages 6-13. The registration deadline is June 24. To register, email [tlsf@thelittlestars.org](mailto:tlsf@thelittlestars.org).

This is the ninth consecutive year that TLSF has been providing free music workshops for local children. This introductory level workshop is aimed at introducing music and specifically violin to young children. The four-week-long workshop will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building Meeting Room.

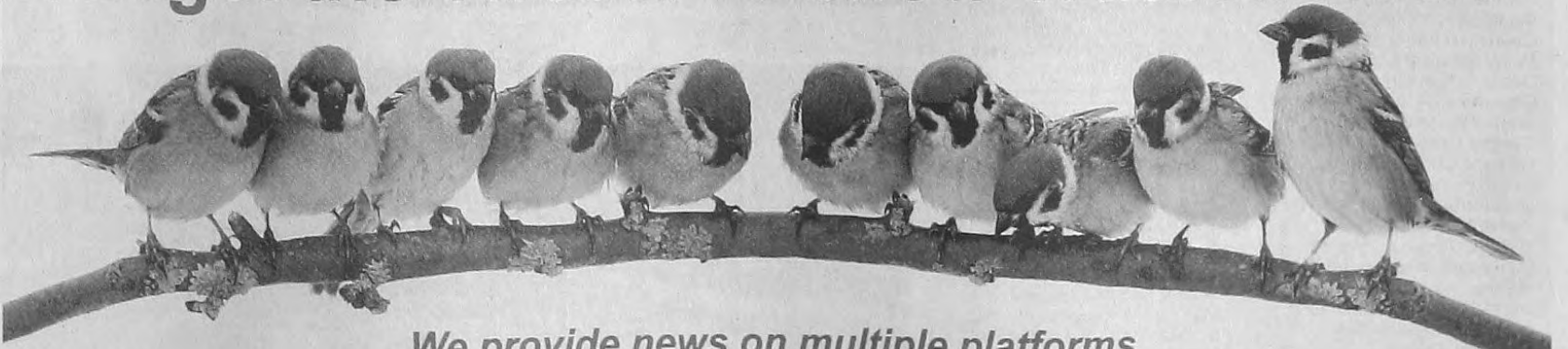
No previous violin experience is required; however, returning students are welcome to attend again to further improve their skill. Participants can perform violin music with current TLSF members in the end of the workshop. Students must provide their own violin.

The Little Stars Foundation is a nonprofit youth organization whose mission is to help local children and seniors. For more information, go to [www.thelittlestars.org](http://www.thelittlestars.org).

**Church yard sale**

Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman Road in Livonia, will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 8. A space with table is \$15. A space without table is \$10. Tables are limited. For more information, call 734-765-1827.

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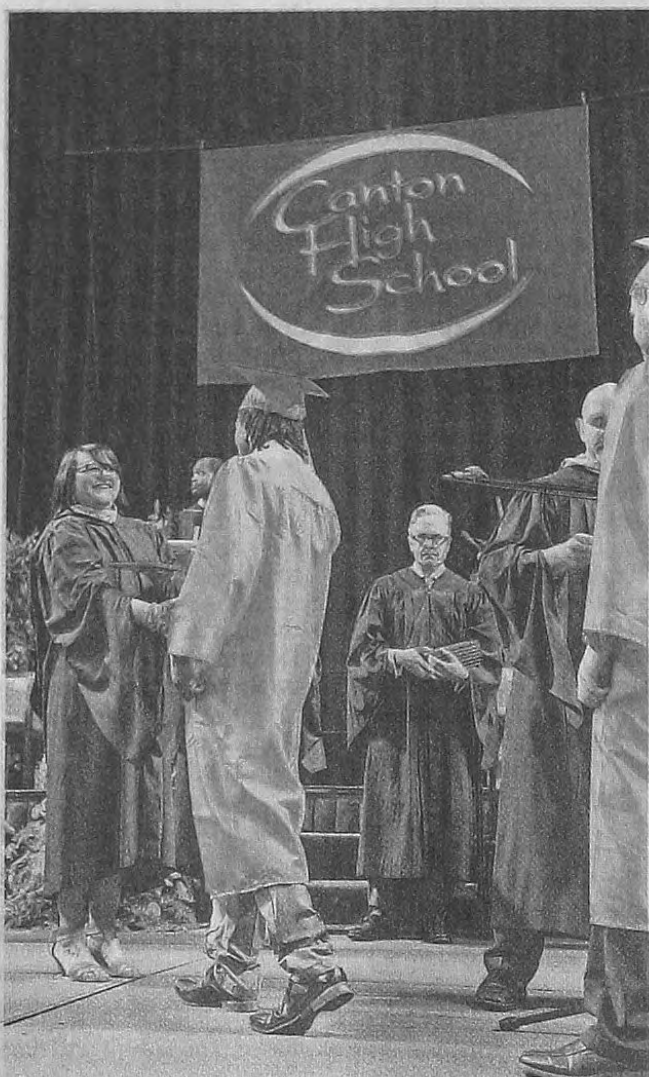


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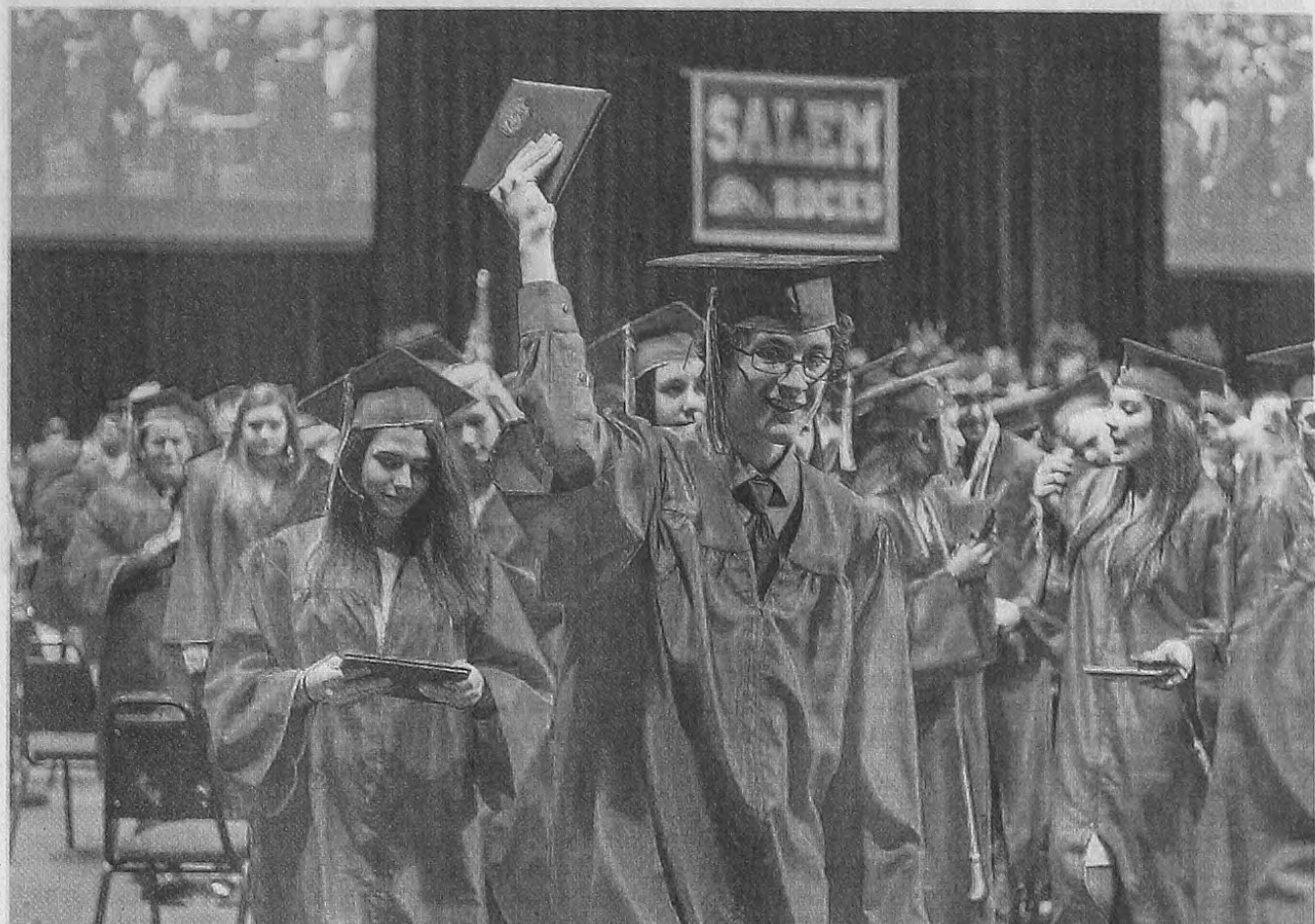


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Glenn, June 11, 2017 age 88 of Livonia. Loving husband of the late Dorothy, and the late Mary Lou. Beloved partner of Doris Sands. Cherished father of Bob (Sharon) and Julie (Mark) McCammon, and step-father of Jeff Even. Proud grandfather of Collin McCammon, and Emma McCammon. Dear brother of Lorene Crepps. The family will gather with friends Thursday 10 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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**Nunn**



Robert Larry 83, died Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the memory care facility at Meadow Lake Village in Meridian, Idaho, following a protracted struggle with Lewy body dementia, a type of progressive dementia. He leaves his wife of 57 years, Lynn (Buckner) Nunn; his daughter, Janet Gonzalez (Rafael) of Boise, Idaho; his son, Christopher Nunn, of Tawas, Michigan; five grandchildren: Robert and Maria Gonzalez, Ryan Kasky and Alaina and Jayme Nunn. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Patricia Green. Born on January 7, 1934 and raised in his beloved Michigan, the son of Robert and Vera "Babe" (Kennedy) Nunn, he was a lifelong resident of southeast Michigan; most recently, the Bloomfield area, until he moved to Idaho in October 2015. Larry had a passion for nature, travel, and photography. His gardens were well known far and wide. His road trips, and later, air trips, took him and Lynn literally around the globe. The house was filled with artwork and photographs from their travels. Although he loved his travels and the places he visited, he always came back to Michigan, which remained in his heart forever as his home. A memorial service will be held on August 19th, at 11 a.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Troy, Michigan, where he served as an usher (and lent a hand to many a church improvement project) for nearly 25 years.

**Chamberlain**



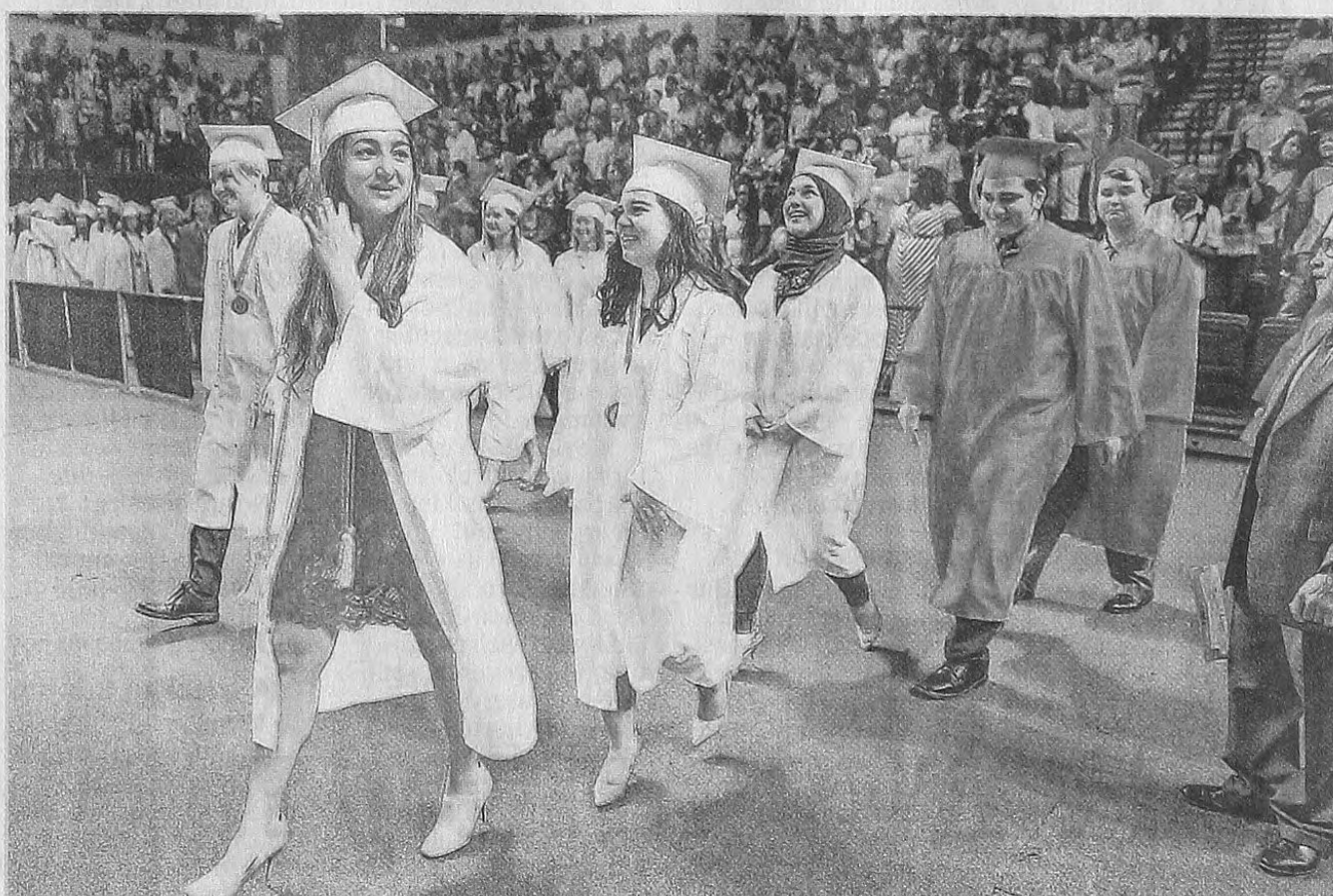
Donald age 94, passed away May 28, 2017. Loving husband of Ethelind Thomas and the late Ellen Chamberlain. Cherished father of Christine (Andy Stewart) Spencer, Deborah (David) Underwood, Chip (Angel) Chamberlain, Brent (Rhneea) Chamberlain, Cynthia Russell, Diana (Dale) LaBumbard, and Rebecca (John) Peters. Devoted grandfather of William, Kelly, Samantha, Gavin, Erick, Meraya, Jessica, Matthew, and Daniel and great grandfather of Dylan and Nathan. Caring uncle of Martha Styles and many other nieces and nephews. Donald retired from General Motors after over 40 years of dedication. He was an avid golfer who loved nature and enjoyed people. He will be dearly missed. A gathering will take place at 9:30am until time of Memorial Service at 10:00am on Saturday, June 24th at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Memorial Contributions may be made to Kindred Hospice and Cure Alzheimer's Fund in his name.

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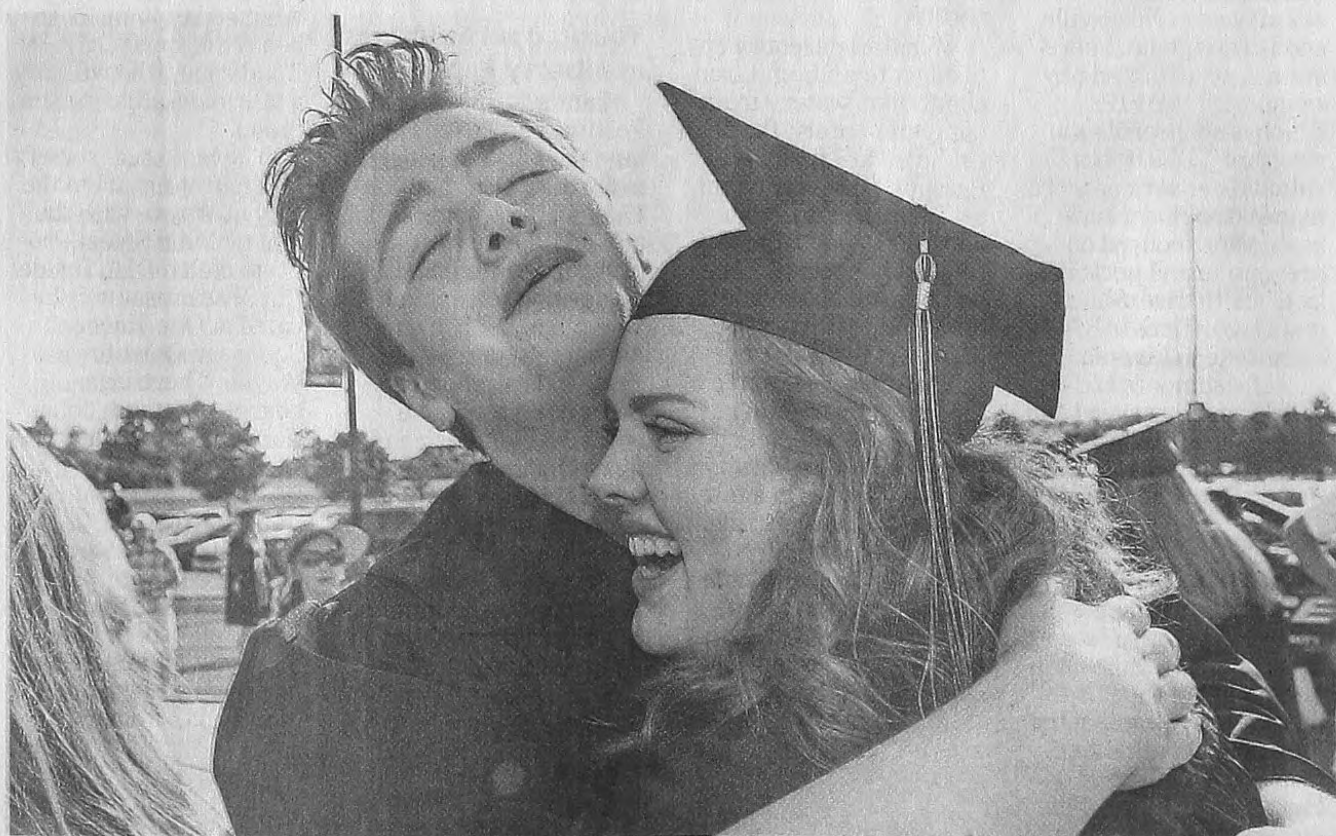
Betty S. age 93, of Novi, died June 8, 2017. Beloved mother of Barbara Walker and Patricia (Arka) Shanks and the late Mary Lee Diaz Cortez; loving grandmother of Stephen Walker and Ann (Shawn) McIntyre; great grandmother of Dylan McIntyre. Memorial Service Saturday, June 17, 11 am (gathering 10:30 am), at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimers Association. Arrangements entrusted to Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. [heeneey-sundquist.com](http://heeneey-sundquist.com)

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Canton High School Class of 2017 members enter the arena.

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Dalton Barthold and Plymouth graduate Jenna Lyddon celebrate.

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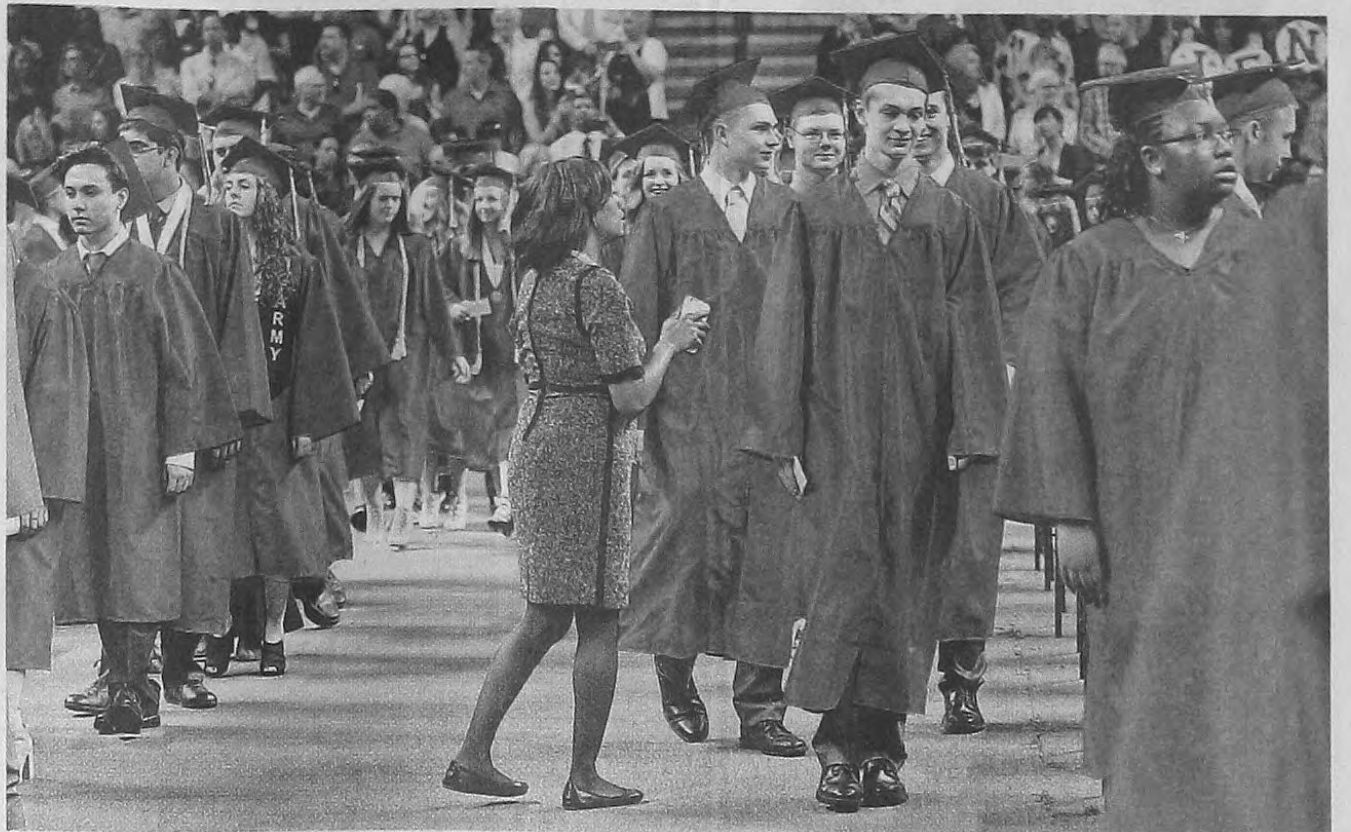
The three P-CEP high schools hold graduation at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. This view is Plymouth High School's ceremony.

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# P-CEP grads take life's next step

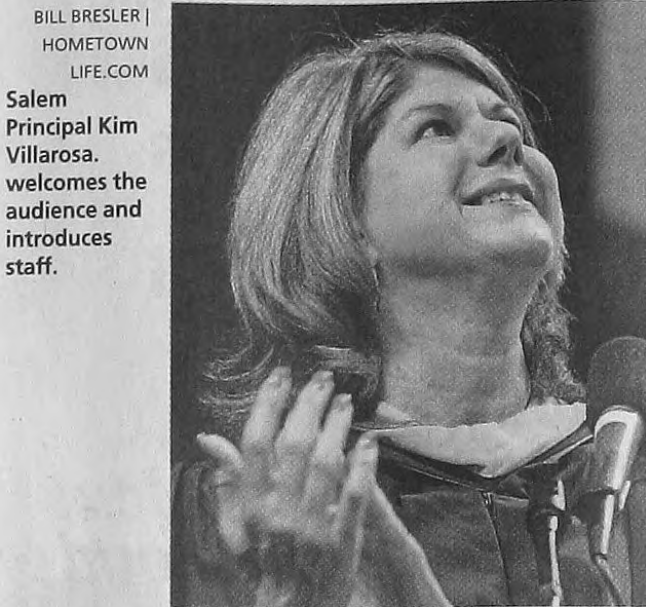


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Plymouth Principal Cheri Steckel introduces faculty and staff.



Salem High School processional.

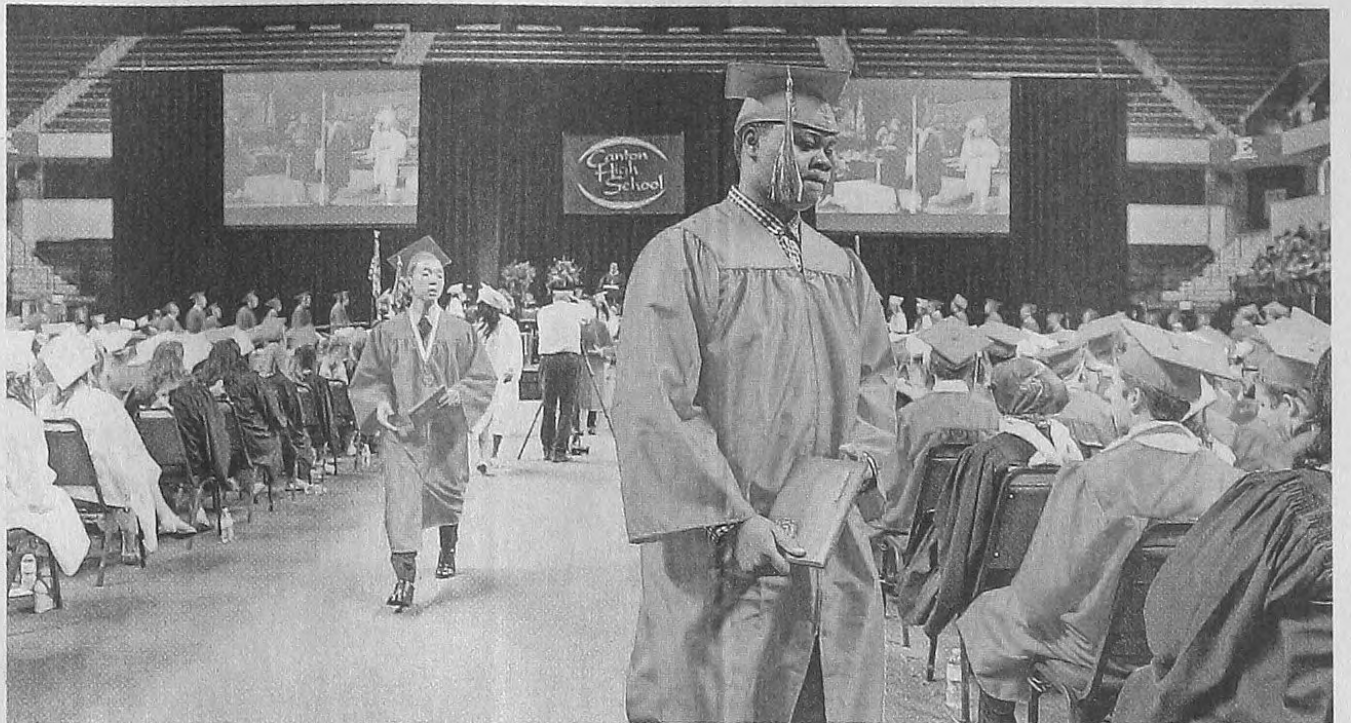
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Salem Principal Kim Villarosa welcomes the audience and introduces staff.



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Principal Kim Villarosa noted that many in the audience graduated from Salem and asked those graduates to stand. These are two of the many in the audience, proud to still be Salem Rocks.

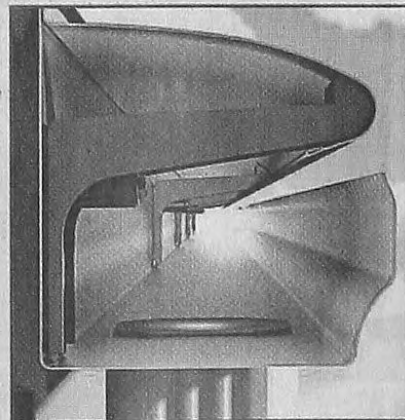
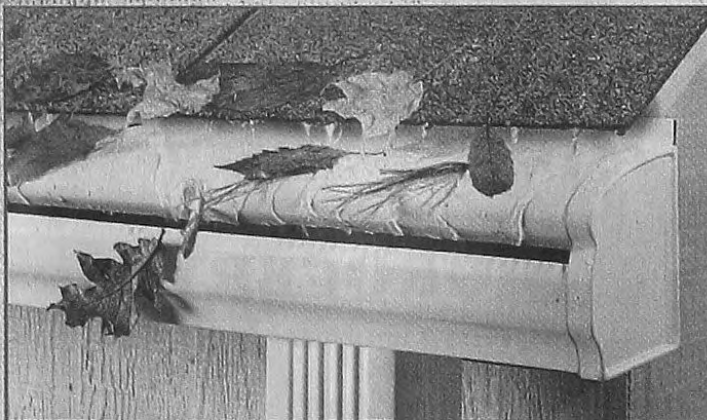


They walked in as senior students and walked back to their seats as graduates of Canton High School.

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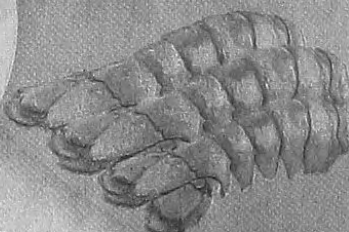
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BOYS GOLF FINALS

## All-state duo spark 'Cats' third-place finish

Plymouth seniors Kapke second, Boczar fifth at Forest Akers West

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Before the Division 1 boys golf state finals began, Plymouth senior Jack Boczar said the realistic goal for the Wildcats would be to finish as the top public school team — behind defending champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Boczar, senior teammate Justin Kapke, head coach Dan Young and the rest of the Wildcats nearly accomplished that feat Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University's par-72 Forest Akers West.

The Shamrocks did repeat as state champions, with a 36-hole tally of 581. Also eclips-

ing 600 strokes for two days was Grosse Pointe South (298-299—597).

But Plymouth finished right behind those squads with 304-306—610, good for third out of 18 teams.

"Our guys were unbelievable," Young said. "They competed like champions. CC has an incredible team and, in a normal year, Grosse Pointe South walks away with the trophy, after two days under 300."

"So I couldn't be more happy for this group. We were in the final pairing on the last day of high school golf."

They also had two individual all-state players to cap it

off.

**A career best**

Kapke nearly won the individual championship with 70-72—142. He was tied for the lead after day one, but wound up just three strokes behind Catholic Central's Sean Niles.

Boczar, who was last year's D1 runner-up, tied for fifth with 74-74—148.

"Jack (was) runner up last year, Kapke (was) runner up this year," Young said. "These two have been great competitors and they know how to work."

"Justin played some of his

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Plymouth seniors Justin Kapke (left) and Jack Boczar were all-state finishers at the D1 boys golf state finals. Kapke was the runner-up, while Boczar tied for fifth place.

BASEBALL REGIONALS

## Plymouth postseason grinds to halt

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After a thrilling win over Canton in the Division 1 district final, the Plymouth Wildcats never got going at Saturday's Dearborn Edsel Ford-hosted baseball regional.

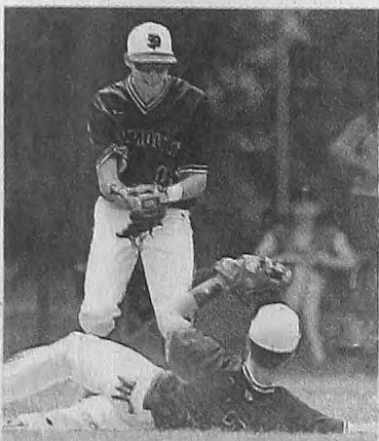
Falling behind early, 4-0, Plymouth's postseason run ended with a 6-2 loss to eventual regional champion Temperance Bedford.

"We weren't as sharp as we wanted to be today, but you have to give credit to Bedford's starting pitcher for taking it to us the whole game," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. "Our hits were scattered and we really didn't put much pressure on him until the sixth and seventh innings."

The Wildcats had one final comeback opportunity, loading the bases in the bottom of the seventh.

But a double play quickly ended any dreams of repeating the previous weekend's dramatic, extra-inning triumph over the KLAA champion Chiefs.

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Sliding to make a nice catch for Plymouth during the D1 regional semifinal is senior Jake MacBrien (bottom). Cheering him on is Anthony Sharkas.

GIRLS SOCCER REGIONALS



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Plymouth freshman Elle McCaslin (right) and Saline's Bella Petrock track down the bouncing ball Friday at Dearborn.

## STUNG IN SHOOTOUT

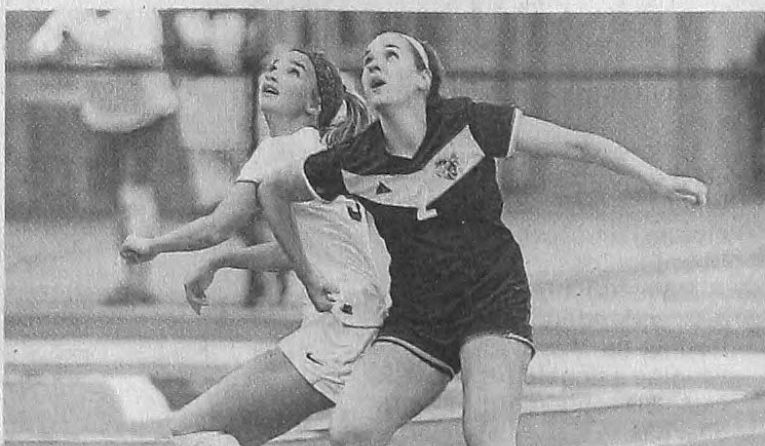
Plymouth edged by Saline PKs after all-out battle in regional final

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Two girls soccer teams literally left it all out on the field Friday night, with bodies flying all over the turf field at Dearborn High School.

But after 100 minutes of hammer-and-tong action, with the Division 1 regional championship hanging in the balance, it came down to a crossbar and a post.

Both teams went 3-for-3 in the first three rounds of the penalty-kick shootout that followed two 10-minute overtime periods.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Vying for position and possession are Plymouth senior forward Lexi White (left) and Saline's Tate Robison.

Unfortunately for Plymouth, its fourth attempt banged off the crossbar and Saline's Eve Davis went top-right corner against Wildcats goalkeeper Rebecca Przybylo.

Plymouth's Sidney Breach then hit the left post and the Hornets (19-3-1) had a 1-0 victory and a trip to the D1 semifinal at Spring Arbor University.

"Not the best way to lose, but I'm very proud of this team for making it to regional finals," Plymouth junior Hailey Melnick said. "This is my

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SOFTBALL REGIONALS

## Monroe pins extra-inning loss on Wildcats

Plymouth's postseason hopes foiled in regional final

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Another outstanding season for Plymouth's softball team fell one clutch hit shy of continuing into the season's final week.

The No. 3-ranked Wildcats

lost 2-1 in nine innings to Monroe in Saturday's Division 1 regional final at Dearborn Edsel Ford. Junior pitcher Jenny Bressler threw another excellent game, but the Trojans held Plymouth's offense in check most of the way.

"We played hard through nine innings and Jenny Bressler pitched a great game and kept the game within reach for us," Plymouth head coach Lauren Evans said. "We were just one play, one hit away

from breaking things open.

"I give credit to Monroe. Their pitcher kept us guessing with her change and her defense made plays behind her."

Evans lamented that her team didn't get to finish its championship quest, but she praised her squad for having another great year. Plymouth shared the KLAA South Division championship and won



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth senior Gina Barber holds up the ball as the Monroe runner is called out during Saturday's D1 regional final.

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## SUMMER CAMPS AND CLINICS

### Plymouth football

Plymouth Wildcats football coach Mike Sawchuk and his staff are hosting sessions 6-8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 11-13, for youngsters between ages 6-14.

Sessions will take place at the Plymouth junior varsity football field (entrance off Beck Road, south of Joy Road).

Those ages 6-8 will receive an overall introduction to football; kids ages 9-14 will work on offensive or defensive skills.

"Players will be taught the basic fundamentals of the game of football during each camp, the Plymouth way," read the information flier about the program. "Drills and demonstrations will be used to teach the proper techniques of throwing, blocking, receiving and tackling."

All campers will receive a Plymouth Football T-shirt.

Cost to sign up is \$50 if pre-registered by June 16 and \$60 after. Make checks payable to Plymouth Football and send to Plymouth High School Football, Attn: Coach Mike Sawchuk, 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

### Stevenson football

Livonia Stevenson is holding high school and youth football camps, both at the Stevenson football field.

The high school camp (fee \$60) runs 3-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 19-22. It will help students "learn and develop skills to help them become more successful during their freshman, junior varsity or varsity seasons."

The youth camp (fee \$10) runs 6:30-8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, July 24-25, and helps youngsters entering grades 3-8. The camp will help kids of all levels learn both offensive and defensive skills.

Questions should be sent to [rmicalle@livoniapublic-schools.org](mailto:rmicalle@livoniapublic-schools.org) or 248-514-7557.

### Franklin future stars

Livonia Franklin's baseball staff, led by head coach Matt Fournier, will hold the future stars summer baseball camp from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 26-29.

Cost to sign up is \$70 and each camper receives a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Friday, June 23.

Make checks payable to Franklin High School and send to Matt Fournier, Franklin Baseball Camp, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Inquiries also can be made by email to [mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us](mailto:mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us) or phone 734-968-0499. Also go to [franklinpatriotsbaseball.com](http://franklinpatriotsbaseball.com).

The camp is for boys and girls exiting grades 2-8 and will focus on "sport specific skills."

Sessions will take place on the Franklin varsity baseball field or, in the event of rain, the Franklin Field House.

### Livonia Unified soccer

Youth soccer players should consider signing up for the 2017 Livonia Unified Soccer Camp, set for 9-11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, June 26-29.

Cost is \$70; checks should be made payable to Livonia Churchill High School.

Boys and girls are welcome to sign up; the camp is for those entering grades 3-9 and players will be divided by age and skill level.

Camp directors are Livonia Churchill boys soccer coach Matt Grodzicki, Stevenson boys and girls coach Ken Shingledecker; and current players Nick Atwood and Kelly Capocchia.

Any questions, contact Grodzicki at [megrodzicki@yahoo.com](mailto:megrodzicki@yahoo.com).

### Livonia Blue gymnastics

Gymnasts ages 11 and up are invited to sign up for the 2017 Livonia Blue gymnastics summer camp at Churchill High School.

The three-week camps are June 19-22, July 10-13 and Aug. 7-10.

Cost is \$75 for one week; \$135 for two weeks; \$185 for three weeks.

Submit questions to coach Lisa Broomfield at [MissLisa621@yahoo.com](mailto:MissLisa621@yahoo.com) or 734-765-5439.

The program provides the chance for youngsters to "practice and showcase their skills" and receive instruction on conditioning, flexibility, individual skills and team building.

## GOLF

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best golf of his career this weekend."

They had strong support from freshman Ian Smith (80-81—161), senior Joe Fontana (80-83—163) and senior Matt Decker (84-79—163).

Plymouth enjoyed its best showing at the state finals since 2013, when the Wildcats finished second.

### Special group

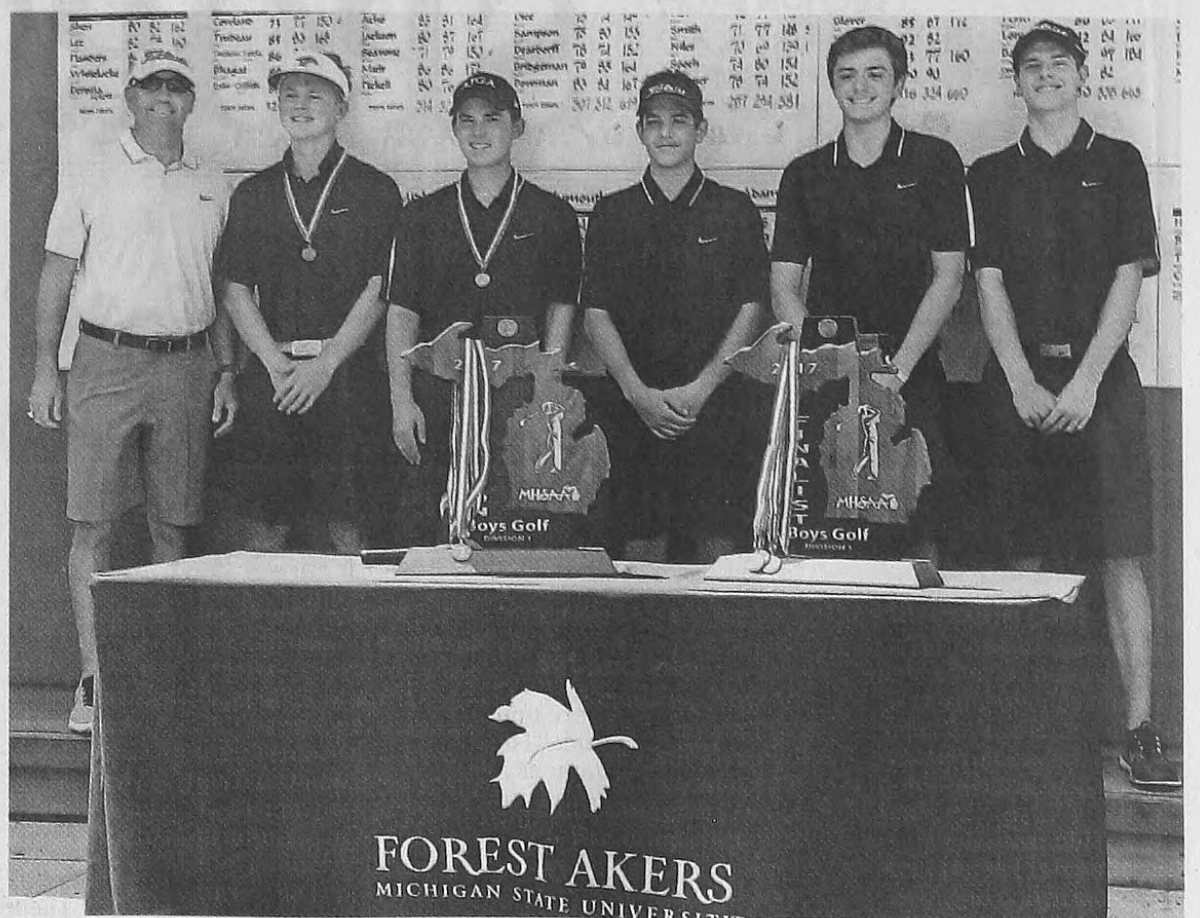
Young had high praise for all of his golfers, particularly Kapke (who will play at Albion College) and Boczar, slated to golf at Division I University of Toledo.

"Jack has been our No. 1 for three years; that is hard to do," Young said. "Always having to be low (scorer) for us. He has become so tough over the years and I believe he will be a strong contributor at Toledo right away."

"Freshman Ian Smith was a big surprise for us this season. He can score; has a great feel around the greens."

"Senior Joe Fontana was again very consistent for us. Good leader and someone we could count on. Matt Decker finished very strong for us. He was another senior who gave us leadership and consistent play."

The veteran coach called his seniors a "special" group, but the entire team "won at the highest level. Our goal was to be public school champs



Plymouth finished third at the Division 1 boys golf state finals, June 9-10 at Forest Akers West in East Lansing. From left are coach Dan Young, Jack Boczar, Justin Kapke, Ian Smith, Joe Fontana and Matt Decker.

this weekend. We ended up No. 2. Pretty darn good."

Also enjoying success at the state meet was Canton standout senior Suhas Potluri, who registered 83-78—161.

"He played very well both days," Canton coach Tom Alles said. "He drove the ball beautifully both days. He handled the speed of the greens with

skill, having very few three-putts."

"His play in the championship was a fitting conclusion to an outstanding high school career. Suhas will play golf at Lawrence Tech in the fall."

Petzak finished with all-state honors, tying for eighth with 73-77—150.

Catholic Central was led by medalist Niles (70-69—139) and Canton native James Piot (72-74—146).

Other Shamrocks included Ben Smith (71-77—148), Dyllan Skinner (78-74-152) and Sean Sooch (74-80—154).

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## SOFTBALL

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the district for the third consecutive year.

"We had a great season and I don't want to take anything away from that," Evans said. "To accomplish what these girls did throughout the year and three-peating districts is no easy task. I am very proud of all the student-athletes and their accomplishments on and off the field."

Plymouth will now shift gears and begin working to prepare for the 2018 season, when Bressler, Whitney Holden and Jessica Tucci will be seniors.

Other key contributors back next year include Kiersten Metz, Haley Gagnon and Arielle Bartholomew (who will be juniors) and Angela Schmidt, Alexis D'Alexander and Sophia Dibbles (who will be sophomores).

But the disappointing loss ended the Plymouth careers of Gina Barber, Mikayla Rose, Kelly Gryniewicz and Rachel Kristian, who all just graduated.

"We are going to miss our



Getting set to throw out a Monroe batter is Plymouth's Haley Gagnon.

seniors," Evans said. "I know, however, that the core athletes we have coming back are going to be hungry to make a run next year."

"My goal as a coach this off-season is to help all the athletes get mentally tougher and develop the drive to want the ball in their hands late in the game, something I think I could have done a better job of this year."

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Delivering a pitch during Saturday's D1 regional final at Dearborn Edsel Ford is Plymouth's Jenny Bressler.

## BASEBALL

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Combining their pitching efforts, to no avail, were seniors Brenden Lacorato (four innings) and Josh Janovsky (three innings).

Plymouth managed seven hits, with junior Evan Good leading the way with two. Ripping a double for the Wildcats was sophomore Anthony Sharkas.

Despite the loss, Crain praised the mettle and make-up of his team.

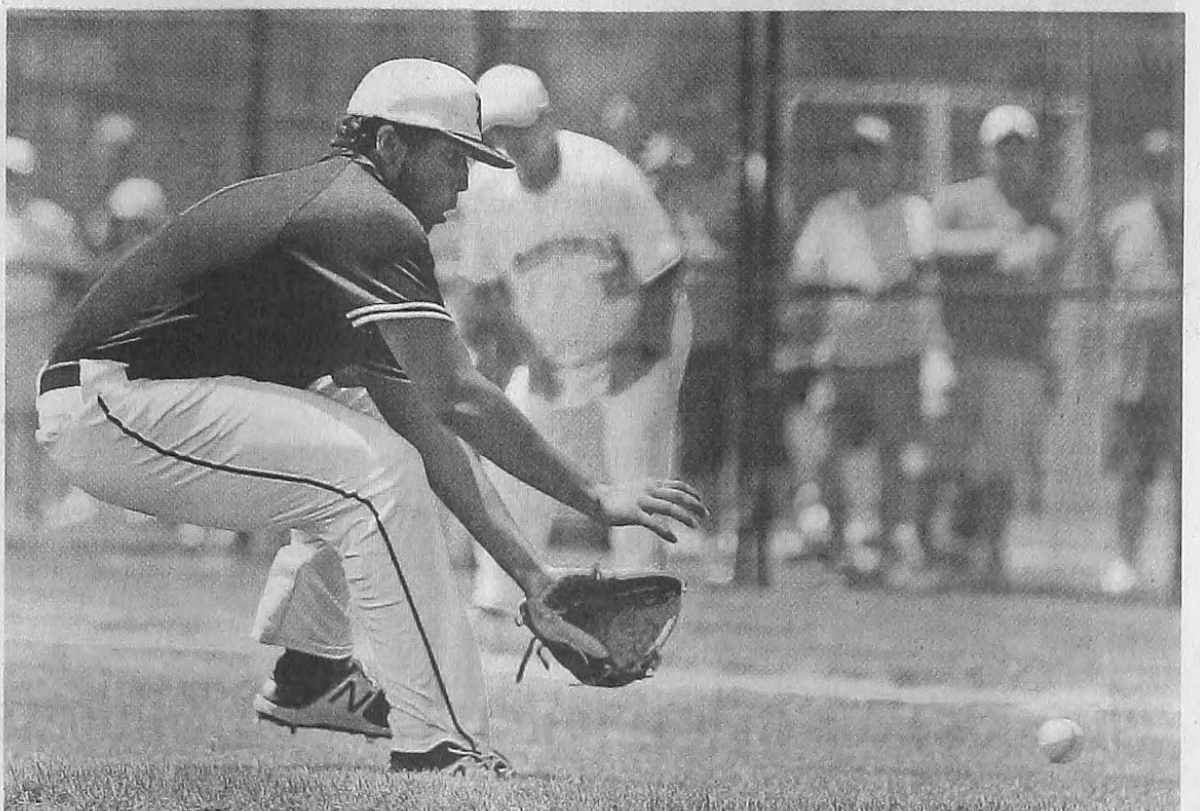
"It is always tough when a year comes to an end," Crain said. "Our senior group has been nothing short of spectacular when it comes to character, play and leadership."

"These young men led us through significant injuries to key players in our lineup."

Perhaps the biggest injury was suffered early in the season by senior pitcher Mike Matovina.

"I'm proud of the boys and look forward to continuing to build what our seniors started," Crain said. "We expect to win and this senior class as well as the three classes before them have set the bar high for the program."

In addition to Matovina,



Trying to field a grounder Saturday is Plymouth senior Brenden Lacorato.

Lacorato and Janovsky, other seniors moving on from the Wildcats include Nik Patel, Jake MacBrien, Mike Wischer, David Zylka, Max Marco and Austin Scheffer.

**ROYAL OAK SHRINE 5, PCA 3:** In a Division 4 regional semifinal at Ottawa Lake

Whiteford, Plymouth Christian Academy made a bid to knock off undefeated Shrine, but fell short. Shrine went on to win the regional championship.

**EAST-WEST CLASSIC:** Livonia Franklin pitcher-infielder Kolby Dewhirst and Livonia Stevenson pitcher-outfielder Branden Posky were named to play Tuesday, June 20, at Comerica Park in the

Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Classic. Dewhirst will be the first Franklin player to compete in the prestigious event. Both Dewhirst and Posky will play for the East All-Star team. Observerland will be represented on the East coaching staff, too, with the selection of Canton's Mark Blomshield and Lutheran High Westland's Kevin Wade.

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BOYS LACROSSE FINALS

# Shamrocks again stopped short of title

Brother Rice knocks off Catholic Central for 13th straight championship

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Same teams. Same result. Birmingham Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central met for the fourth straight year with the Division 1 boys lacrosse state championship on the line. And, like the previous three meetings, it was the Warriors again claiming state bragging rights.

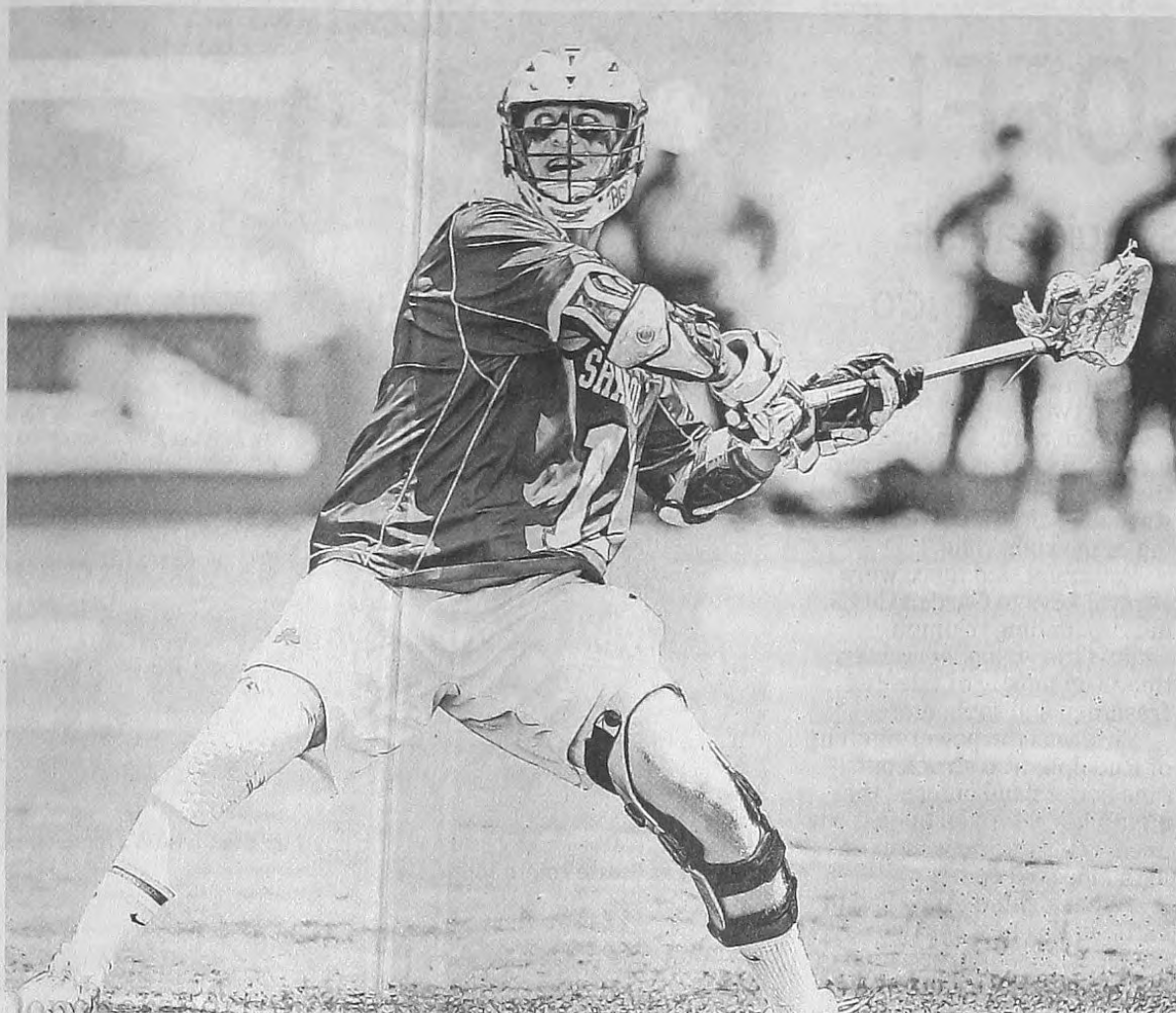
But it certainly wasn't easy. In their closest title game yet, Brother Rice survived to post an 8-7 victory and claim its 13th consecutive MHSAA state championship Saturday at Parker Middle School in Howell. With the game tied 7-7, Warriors junior attack Cameron Gould scored the game winner with 4:27 remaining in the fourth quarter on a low hard shot, with an assist from senior attack Nick Dudley.

"The streak is a huge deal and no one wants to break the chain," said Gould, a first-year varsity player who finished with four goals. "But at the same time, I'm overwhelmed with emotion and I'm very happy for my team."

"When I got the (game winner), I was excited and really pumped," he added. "I was confident the whole game and I was hitting my shots. I knew I had to step up for my team. It was probably my best game of the season and I'm really happy."

**Tough loss for Shamrocks**

Although the one-goal outcome was the closest in the



Catholic Central forward Peter Thompson scored twice in the Division 1 state championship game Saturday against Brother Rice.

history of their title game series, it did not make it any easier for head coach Dave Wilson and the Shamrocks to digest. CC lost by a goal to Rice in overtime during the regular season and by five goals in the Catholic League championship game.

"This is probably the worst feeling we've had," said Wilson, whose team finished with a 15-6 record. "If you would have told me we would hold them to eight goals, I would have said we probably would have won the game."

"We just didn't have the ball a whole lot. I thought our defense was great, but when we had our offensive opportunities, we didn't make the most of them," he added. "We just needed one more play. If we can make it, we're probably going into overtime. There was no fear and they wanted to win. They were just driven by ambition."

The hotly-contested game featured five lead changes and four ties.

The Shamrocks opened the scoring when Peter Thompson

hit the back of the net a minute into the game. Rice rallied and led 5-3 at the half.

CC came out strong in the third quarter, scoring the first three goals to grab a 6-5 lead. Rice scored two of the next three goals to end the quarter and the teams entered the pivotal fourth quarter tied at 7-7. The Warriors did have a goal called back at the end of the third quarter, when it was ruled the ball entered the net after time expired.

The teams ramped up the defense in the fourth quarter,



DAVE DONOHER

Catholic Central forward Ethan Pattinson (middle) attempts to slip through a pair of Brother Rice defenders during the Division 1 state championship game.

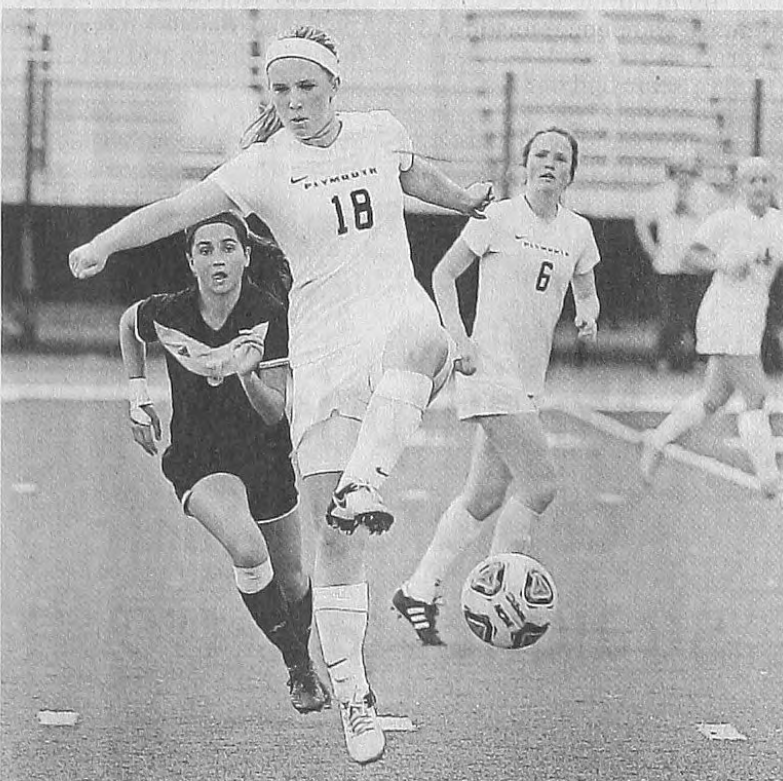
with CC's all-America goalie Hunter Braun making two big saves early. Gould finally broke the deadlock and it stood up, as CC's final shot by senior co-captain Brennan Kamish was stopped by Rice goalie Teddy Lievois with 10 seconds left.

CC's goal scorers were Thompson and Kamish, with two each, and Ryan Sullivan, Joey Kamish and Nick Capatina with one.

Senior midfielder Jack Kelly scored three times and senior Daniel Reaume accounted for Rice's other goals.

"It was awesome to have Cam step up for us," said Brother Rice head coach Ajay Chawla, whose team ended with a 20-4 record. "Every year, we somehow have somebody else step up, a younger guy, down the stretch. Cam's shooting was on. He got hurt there in the third and came back. I can't talk enough about how great these guys were today."

"Every year it gets a little tougher," he added. "Whether we win by one or we win by 10, it's a win and I'll take it."



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Dribbling around a Saline player Friday night is Plymouth's Morgan Gooden (front). At right for the Wildcats is Rivers Smyth.



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Rachel Rubio, one of two Plymouth seniors, chases the ball Friday night against Saline.

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first year making it this far. And to go down to PKs just shows we played a great team out there and I'd like to congratulate them.

"It's definitely a tough loss. We held our own through the whole game and overtime and, unfortunately, we did go to PKs."

**On her game**

A major reason the Wildcats weren't the ones celebrating was the goalkeeping of Annika Udrys, who sprawled, slid and dove to get in front of a handful of well-struck Plymouth shots during regulation and overtime.

"Oh, absolutely," Udrys, a junior, said when asked if she had just played her best game of the season. "This was a huge game for us and we knew it would be a tough game and I just wanted to help my team out as much as I could."

Veteran Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich agreed with the

assessment that the Wildcats and Hornets were two squads who got after it all night long.

"It was tough, just a tough game," Neschich said. "They did a lot of good things. It could have gone either way."

Sophomore forward Kenna White, meanwhile, lamented not being able to finish "a lot of great opportunities. But it was a great season."

The Wildcats were victimized by an offside call in the first half that negated an apparent chip-in goal by sophomore Eve Davis. Several other times, it was Udrys who frustrated them.

**Coming close**

With about 30 minutes to go in the second half, hard-nosed freshman forward Elle McCaslin was tripped making a charge down the right wing to set up a corner kick.

Melnick, who scored Plymouth's lone goal June 7 in the 1-0 regional semifinal win over Novi, took the corner kick and the ball bounced into the middle of the box, where sophomore Rivers Smyth blasted a shot headed inside the left post.

But Udrys dove to her right and somehow got in front of the shot.

Also active and outstanding between the pipes was Plymouth sophomore keeper Rebecca Przybylo, who did not allow a goal during three post-season games (prior to Friday's shootout).

Saline took a corner kick late in the second half and Przybylo jumped into traffic to punch the ball out of trouble.

The Hornets came close to scoring with approximately three minutes to go in the second half. A throw-in by Maeve Skelly resulted in a scrum and the ball trickled behind Przybylo — but she was able to remain calm and reached out to corral it.

With under two minutes left

in regulation, the Wildcats suffered a serious blow to their chances when senior forward and captain Lexi White went down with an apparent leg injury. She was carted off the field and did not return.

"(The injury to White) was definitely hard, because she's one of our seniors and we only have two seniors," Melnick said.

Plymouth had the better chances during the first overtime, with Melnick's direct kick from 33 yards snagged by the acrobatic Udrys.

With time about to end in the first OT, junior forward Karishma Nair hustled to get to a ball before it bounced out of play and sent a crossing feed to McCaslin.

The subsequent header just

missed the far post.

"Both (McCaslin) and Kenna (White) did a really good job out there tonight," Neschich said. "We got a lot of kids who play hard. It's a tough pill to swallow, losing in PKs."

Neschich praised Lexi White for having "a great season, a great career. She was a four-year varsity player and captain of the team."

The second senior, Rachel Rubio, was "fantastic" all season, Neschich said. "She really stepped up her game this season. It was a great season for the team. These kids really did well."

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## SOFTBALL REGIONALS

# WHAT A WALK-OFF!

Garden City wins regional title on three-run homer by Ascencio

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Standing on second base in the bottom of the eighth, with her team trailing 3-1 during Saturday's Division 1 softball regional final, Garden City senior Brittany Radtke made eye contact with the batter — senior Alicia Ascencio.

"I was sitting at second and I was looking at Alicia. She's a good friend of mine," Radtke said. "I just thought, 'Come on, bud, this is your time.'"

Was it ever. With two on base and one out against Grosse Pointe North junior pitcher Rebecca Alway, Ascencio drilled a no-doubt three-run homer over the fence in left-center to give the Cougars a dramatic, walk-off 4-3 victory.

"It's kind of just a Garden City thing. We just never give up until the last out is made," Ascencio said. "Our motto is, 'We believe' and, so yeah, we believe."

Ascencio noted she wasn't particularly looking to go deep, with Radtke (who led off the rally with a single to center) and senior Alea Montgomery (who also singled) representing the tying runs.

"I always think base hit when I go up," said Ascencio, who now has six homers this season. "And if it happens to go out, so be it."

## Rematch set

Garden City (28-12) won the regional for the second year in a row and was scheduled Tuesday to face Macomb Dakota at Wayne State University in a D1 quarterfinal. It is a rematch of last year, when the Cougars fell short.

"I give the girls all the credit; they deserved it," Patterson said shortly before getting doused with a bucket of water on the field at regional host Grosse Pointe South. "They've

worked awful hard, especially the last two weeks.

"We've really bonded the last two weeks as a group and they probably played their best softball of the year. We're peaking at the right time."

Patterson said there were several keys to Garden City's heart-pounding triumph against the young Norsemen (made up mostly of talented freshmen and sophomores).

First was the power pitching of Rudolph, who struck out nine batters and entered the eighth having given up just one unearned run. She wound up with nine strikeouts.

"What a game. April had to battle in this heat for two games and just did outstanding," Patterson said, referring to the earlier 9-0 win over Detroit Western International (Rudolph went the first six innings in that one, with sophomore Aubrey Boston finishing).

## Just crazy

According to Rudolph, she dug deep to get out of a couple of jams.

"It was just because I knew it was a really important game and I wanted to win it for us," Rudolph said. "I had a bad throw in the (second) inning (that resulted in a run) and I wanted to come back and show it for my team how hard we work for this."

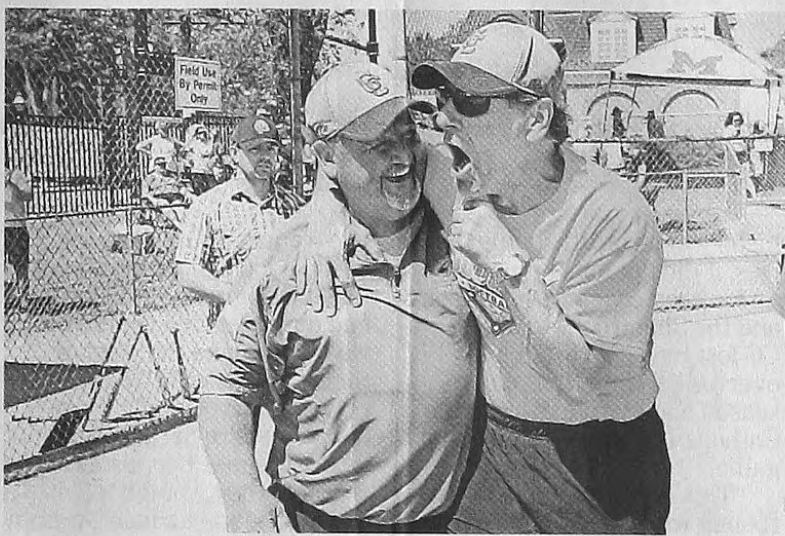
That miscue followed one by North that led to a Garden City run in the first. Montgomery walked and came all the way around to score when Ascencio's single to left was misplayed.

There also was Garden City's never-get-down mentality after a tough break gave North its first lead of the day in the top of the eighth.

Evelyn Zacharias doubled to open the inning and stayed there as Rudolph struck out two of the next three batters.



Garden City softball hero Alicia Ascencio holds up the Division 1 regional trophy during the Cougars' celebration Saturday at Grosse Pointe South. TOM BEAUDOIN



Garden City head coach Barry Patterson (left) and assistant coach Chuck Drewicz share a post-victory moment. TOM BEAUDOIN

Patterson issued an intentional pass to Alway as he wanted no part of the slugger — who was robbed of an extra-base hit in the first when center fielder Radtke made an excellent grab in front of the fence.

Rudolph then walked Rachel Liagre to fill the bases and Caitlyn Knorp sent a fly ball to right-center that could have ended the rally.

Instead, Radtke and right

fielder Montgomery (who made several nifty grabs earlier) converged on the ball, only to have it glance off a glove, enabling two runs to score.

"Neither of us were confident we were going to get there," Radtke said. "So we made a seam and our reach wasn't enough."

The Norsemen could not tack on any more damage, however.

"I thought, 'Just hold them so they can't score any more (in top eighth) and then maybe we'll get some big swings' and it turned out to happen that way," Rudolph said. "It's crazy."

## Getting it started

Down 3-1 with potentially three outs left in their season, the Cougars displayed their trademark grit.

On the first pitch, Radtke ripped a sharp grounder past a diving North shortstop.

"That's the key here. Any mistakes we've made, we've really worked hard at putting stuff behind us," Patterson said. "We always say, 'Leave it out there, go get the next one.'"

"It's pressure to come up in that last inning and get that lead-off hit. That made a big difference, it gave us a shot."

Natalie Billings lined out and Montgomery (two runs) reached when her looper fell between Norsemen infielders.

Then came the hit heard all the way back to Middlebelt Road.

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## GIRLS TENNIS

## Country Day defends state crown

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Detroit Country Day's girls tennis team proved worthy of its season-long No. 1 ranking.

The Yellowjackets dominated the Division 3 state tournament June 2-3 at Kalamazoo College by winning seven of the eight flights and scoring 39 points. Grand Rapids Christian was second with 23 points, while arch-rival Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood was third with 16 points.

It was the same team finish as last year's state meet. The only exception was the three teams were separated by a mere two points as DCD posted 32 points and third-place CK registered 30. Country Day was 26 points better than the Cranes this year.

"We were No. 1 all year, which was very exciting for us," said DCD head coach Jessica Stencel, whose team captured the program's 11th state title. "I don't think at the beginning of the year we expected to dominate as much as we did. When we swept regionals is when we got the confidence that we were most likely going to win states."

"We were near perfect. We wanted to be perfect so badly, but it is very hard to do. We showed up as a team and I think that makes a big difference. We were the only team that warmed up all together and for a lengthy amount of time."

"We took every match very seriously and understood everyone wanted to beat us. We knew we had to play our best at every position and I think we did."

## A singles sweep

Country Day, a veteran team with 10 returning starters but just two seniors, swept the four singles flights to live up to its top-seeded billing.

Sophomore Monique Karoub, who won at No. 2 singles last year, returned to win at No. 1 this spring. Karoub dropped just five games in four matches, defeating Imlay City's Grace Whitney in the title match, 6-0, 6-1.

"Monique is an amazing tennis player and even a better leader on the team. She leads by example and shows hard work and a good attitude pay off," Stencel said. "She took states so seriously and knew every match mattered, so after she won she would jump right to the next match and cheer for whoever was on the court. As a sophomore, that is pretty impressive leadership."

Senior Sadina Fadel showed similar strength in winning No. 2 singles. Last year's state champ at No. 3 singles, Fadel moved up a flight and lost just four games in four matches. Fadel stopped Grand Rapids Christian's Mckenzie Moorhead for the championship by straight set scores of 6-0, 6-3.

"Sadina is a two-time captain and the entire team adores her," Stencel said. "She is going to be a hard one to lose because of her ability to bring the team together and her play on the court. She has had the least amount of losses, I think, in school history. She was undefeated this year and didn't lose a set."

DCD's other two singles winners were freshman Nina Khaghany (No. 3) and Alexis Nardicchio (No. 4). Like their

two higher singles counterparts, neither player dropped a set. Khaghany got past Grand Rapids Christian's Maria Poortenga by identical 6-2 scores, while Nardicchio defeated Grand Rapids Christian's Emily Schellenboom, 6-2, 6-3.

"We are so lucky to have them. Nina and Alexis are great girls on and off the court," Stencel said. "Winning states for them was everything and it showed when they each won their final match."

DCD's three winning doubles teams were sisters Sasha and Elle Hartje (No. 1), Heather Zimmerman and Tara Rahmani (No. 2) and Jenna Lee and Maya Nassif (No. 4).

The Hartjes — senior Sasha and sophomore Elle — lost just two games in four matches. In the finals, they defeated CK's junior duo of Kate Cao and Amelia Smith, 6-2, 6-0. Sasha Hartje was a state champ at No. 1 singles last year and Elle won at No. 1 doubles last year.

At No. 2 doubles, Zimmerman and Rahmani also defeated a Cranbrook Kingswood team — Mackenzie Beckett and Sloan Wysocki — in a straight finals, 6-4, 6-0. Lee, a junior who played No. 4 singles last season, and Nassif lost just six games in their four matches, topping the Grand Rapids Christian duo of Maya Barbee and Anna Cole in the No. 4 finals, 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 3 doubles, Cranbrook Kingswood's second-seeded team of Frances Dube and Ava Harb spoiled DCD's perfect tournament with a victory over the tandem of junior Chloe Ward and sophomore Ruhi Nayak. Dube and Harb won in a tough three-setter, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-2.

## BOYS GOLF FINALS

## No surprise: CC captures third straight state crown

Keith Dunlap  
Detroit Free Press

Novi Detroit Catholic Central won another boys golf state championship Saturday — and it wasn't surprising.

The Shamrocks continued their dominant run by posting a 16-shot victory in the MHSAA Division 1 finals at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing.

It's the third consecutive title for the Shamrocks, who had three players finish in the top five.

Detroit CC shot 6-over 294 Saturday and finished 5-over 581 for the tournament.

Grosse Pointe South (597) was runner-up at 21-over, while Plymouth (610) was third, followed by Clarkston (619) and Rockford (622).

Oakland University signee Sean Niles led the way for CC, finishing as individual champion with a two-day score of 5-under 139 (70-69), one shot ahead of Plymouth senior Justin Kapke (70-70).

"It is a strategy course," said Niles, a senior who was also regional medalist at Dunham Hills. "You are basically doing all you can to keep it in the fairway. It's a placement course. That is all it is."

Seniors James Piot (Michigan State signee) and Ben Smith (Georgia Tech) were other CC players in the top

five. Piot was fourth at 146 (72-74) and Smith was fifth at 148 (71-77).

CC's fourth scorer was senior Dyllan Skinner, who finished with 78-74—152, while senior Sean Sooch rounded out the five-player contingent with 74-80—154.

CC coach Mike Anderson said the seed for his program's dominance the past three years came at the 2014 state tournament, when the Shamrocks finished one shot behind state champion Swartz Creek.

"That was a tough pill to swallow and they responded," Anderson said. "They looked toward that as something they didn't want to happen again and it didn't."

On Friday, the Shamrocks overcame a shaky start to shoot 1-under 287 to open an 11-stroke lead over Grosse Pointe South.

"It's been an incredible year," Anderson said. "Today was a little different in the sense we got off to the worst start we've had all season. At one point, we were 8-over par, but shot 9-under on the back nine, so we got those back."

"We had some tough holes at the start, didn't play them well. We did talk about it before the round, talked some strategy for them, but it turned out to be all talk. We didn't get through those holes well."

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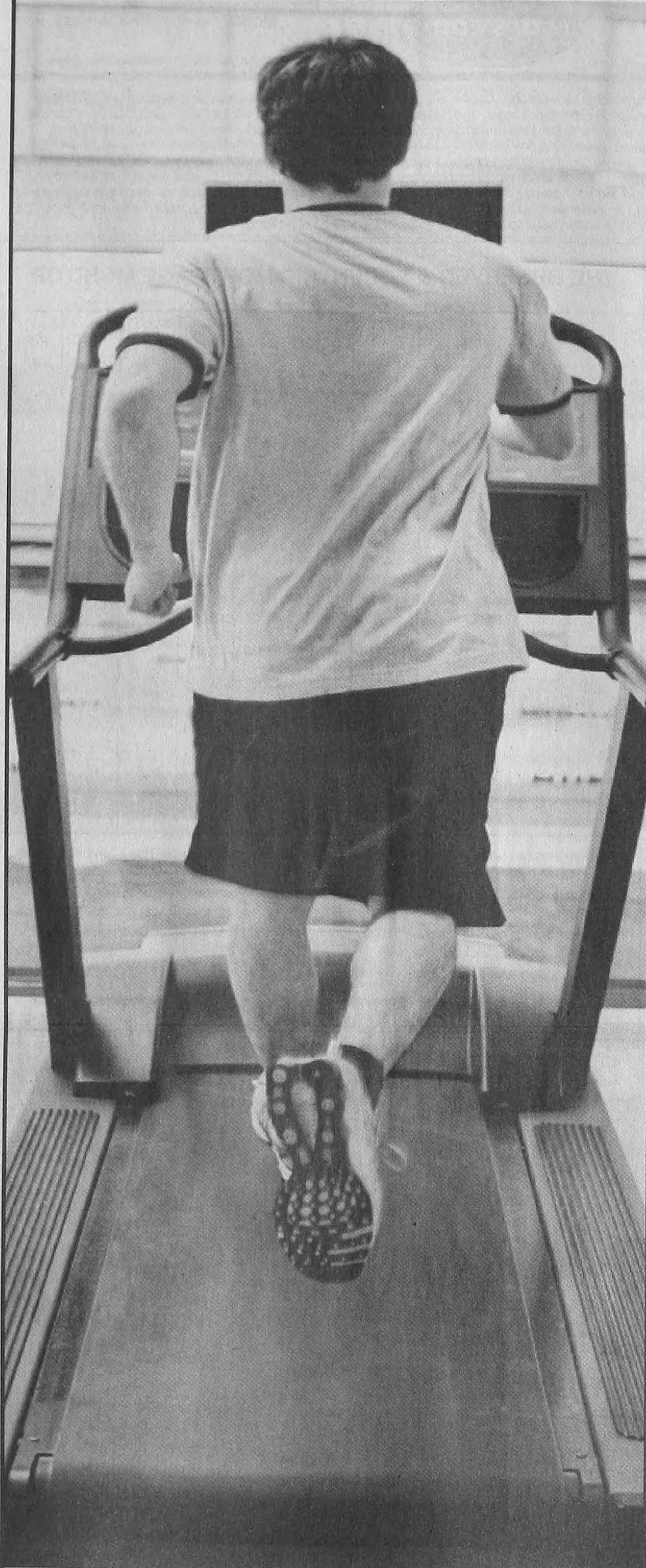
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### SUDOKU

	4		6					2
		1		4		5		
	7							1
			8		2			3
	9							6
4			3		7			
	3							9
		6		7		8		
	5				1			3

Here's How It Works:  
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!

2	9	9	1	8	4	7	5	6
5	6	7	3	7	6	9	1	2
1	6	7	9	2	5	4	3	8
6	9	1	5	7	9	3	2	4
8	9	2	1	5	4	1	3	6
3	8	7	2	4	7	3	9	1
4	3	6	2	5	3	8	2	7
6	9	1	7	4	9	5	8	3
2	7	1	8	3	2	9	4	5

### FIREWORKS WORD SEARCH

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B	U	M	K	T	Y	O	B	P	E	R	A	U	Y	L	O	N	N	C	Y	H	
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E	F	A	N	P	Y	T	P	S	P	A	R	K	L	E	R	S	A	I	W		
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P	A	R	A	D	E	I	L	R	O	N	K	O	T	A	N	T	H	E	M		
B	A	R	G	E	M	K	E	Y	T	Y	I	K	B	Y	U	B	A	N	G		
O	V	M	H	P	O	W	D	E	R	S	V	I	L	I	G	H	T	S	N		
C	I	G	P	U	H	D	P	C	I	N	H	C	E	T	O	R	Y	P	T		

#### WORDS

- AERIAL
- ANTHEM
- AWESOME
- BANG
- BARGE
- BARRAGE
- BOOM
- CELEBRATION
- COMET
- CROWD
- DISPLAY
- DISTANCE
- EFFECTS
- EXPLOSION
- FIREWORKS
- FOUNTAIN
- FUSE
- LIGHTS
- MORTAR
- PARADE
- PEONY
- POWDER
- PUNK
- PYROTECHNIC
- REPEATER
- REPORT
- REVERBERATE
- ROCKET
- SHELL
- SNAPS
- SOUND
- SPARKLE
- SPARKLERS
- STARS
- STROBE
- TELECAST

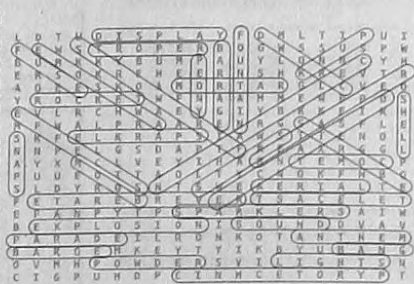
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

#### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

**Crossword Answers**

BEATEN	FOLK	OFA	BGOSH
LAREDO	SLUE	IRIM	ENDUE
ATTAIN	YEARS	SAGO	LOJINS
SUPREME	COURT	JUSTICES	
EPA	ETH	IER	RECIES
DANTE	ESCIR	CLES	OFHELL
SEA	INN	OOP	ISEE
MYTHOLOGICAL	MUSES	CAV	
COHEN	FYI	YET	AFORE
AMI	EUR	MIEN	ARGONNE
ROOMS	ONAC	LUE	BOARD
ALDENTE	OREL	SYD	IBM
CARRE	DOI	USS	INDIA
ERA	BASEBALL	POSITIONS	
RUTS	RUG	EAU	ASK
BEETHOVENS	SYMPHONIES		
REM	NEO	OMG	HST
THEY	ARE	ALL	SETS
AHEAD	ARROGANT	MAORIS	
KAFKA	VET	TRIE	ENRAPT
ANTSY	ISO	TADA	ZSAZSA

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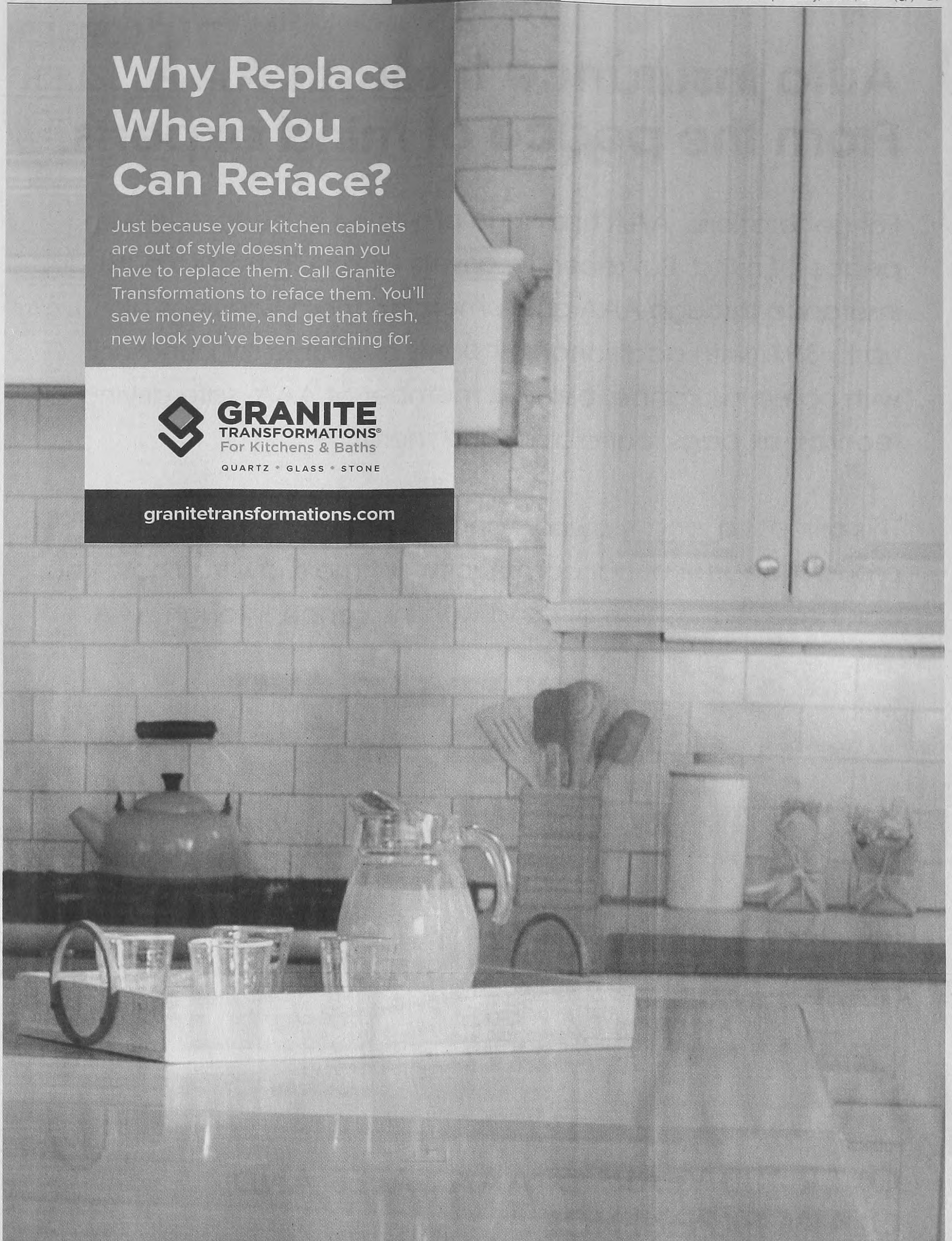
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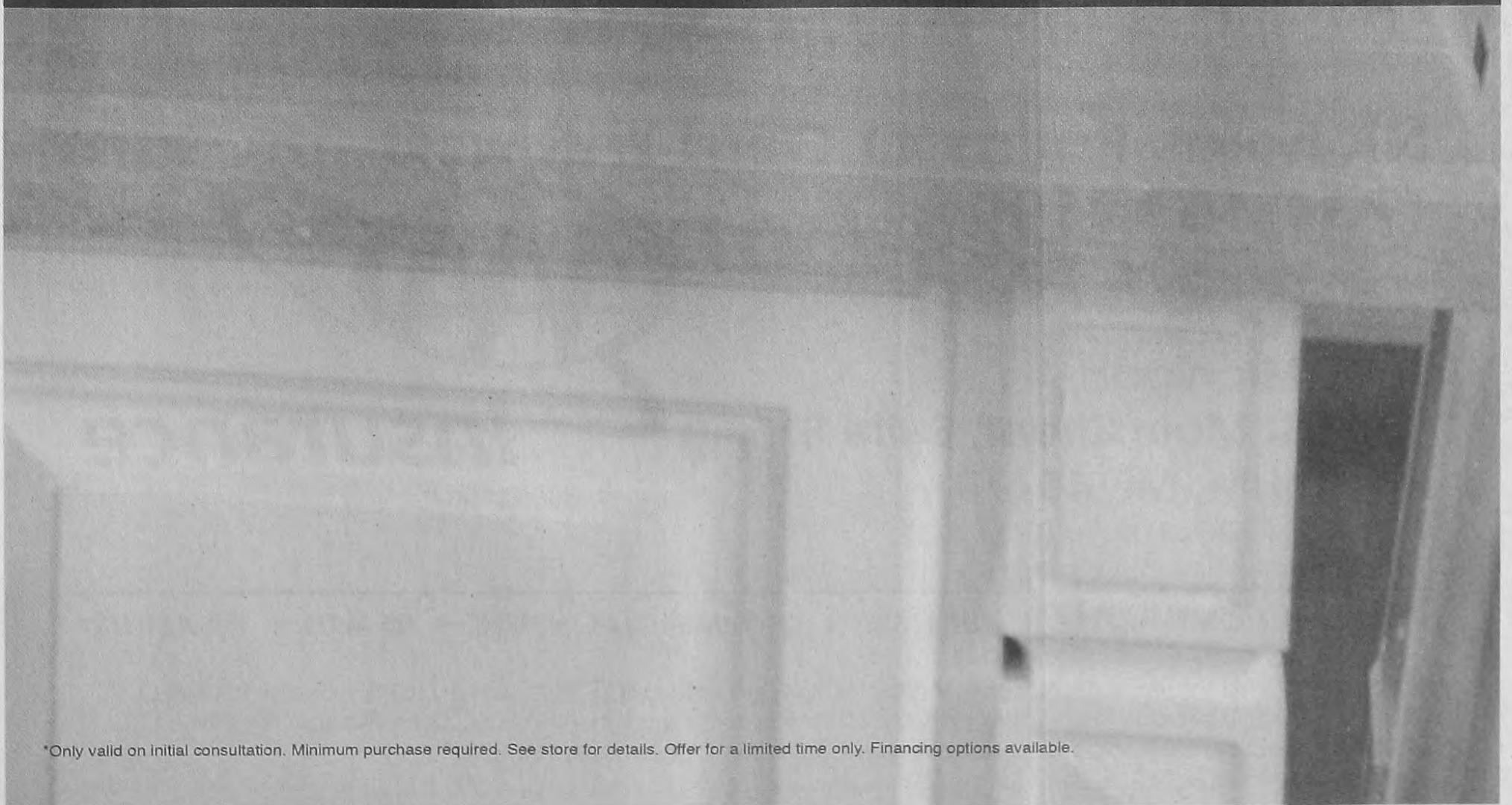
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