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Jane and Richard Keenan of Old Glory Flags on Plymouth in Livonia hope to generate a massive flag-raising salute - and help out our troops - during Canton's upcoming Liberty Fest.

Saluting the troops

Sense of debt lifts his effort to raise 15,000 flags

Bus driver arrested for drunken driving

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Irvin Hines was supposed to drive a busload of Canton Charter Academy fourth-graders on a field trip to northern Michigan early Tuesday morning. Instead, Canton police officers carted the 46-year-old Detroit resident to jail after he allegedly showed up at the school drunk.

Hines was scheduled to drive one of two buses from Wilmac Tours Inc. that was going to take about 75 students to Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes and then Mackinac Island. Canton resident Sheri Drennan, who dropped off her 11-



Hines

year-old son at the academy, which is located at Ford and Ridge roads, said Hines showed up nearly an hour late. When he did arrive around 3:45 a.m., his behavior alarmed teachers, parents and students who were preparing for the trip.

Drennan said Hines was argumentative and was throwing luggage into the bus's storage area. "When he finally showed up, he was

really rude with people and acted like he didn't want to be there," she said. "He

walked by me, and I thought I smelled alcohol, but you think of course not. But one of the teachers also smelled it and called the police."

According to Canton Police Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, the legal blood-alcohol level for operating a commercial vehicle in Michigan is 0.04. He said when officers administered a Breathalyzer test to Hines, he registered a blood-alcohol of 0.11, which is nearly three times the legal limit.

Hines was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in 35th District Court on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, PLEASE SEE DRIVER, A2

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Richard Keenan has never really considered himself a patriot. But he does consider himself darn lucky.

Keenan, who owns Old Glory Flags in Livonia, tried to get Canton into the Guinness World Book of Records by having the largest flag-raising event in the world at Canton's Liberty Fest in June. Instead, he'll settle for helping out and saluting the troops serving our nation.

'I've always considered myself such a lucky guy," said Keenan, who lives in Canton.

Born into a good family, and having the skills, education and drive to make his

career as a certified public accountant, and eventually as a vice president at Comcast, he left his former vocation a couple of years ago to buy his business. He's had the good fortune to make a nice life, nice family and nice home in Canton. But he's been lucky in other ways, as well.

Now 44, he was too young to have served in the Armed Services during Vietnam, but too old to serve in the current war in Iraq, not that he didn't try.

When Sept. 11 happened, I tried to enlist in the Army, but I was told I was too old," he said. "I tried to argue that I am in better shape than a lot of men in their 20s. but I was told I couldn't enlist. But I can still help."

who have served in the military, and who are serving now, and thought the world record, set right before Liberty Fest's fireworks, would be a fitting tribute. He discussed the idea with Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who embraced it readily.

Originally meant as a fund-raiser for families of wounded or killed servicemen, the event will now collect games and sporting equipment for troops overseas.

Here's how it would work: Local businesses will sponsor the purchase of some 15,000 small flags (which Keenan would buy wholesale, and would not make a single nickel for his business), to be distributed at Liberty Fest.

PLEASE SEE FLAGS, A7

He feels a sense of indebtedness to those

Gas leak shuts Ford during rush hour

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

A ruptured natural gas line near Chili's restaurant caused Canton police and fire officials to close a section of Ford Road Monday afternoon during the peak of the afternoon commute.

According to Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, a construction crew that was doing some road work punctured the line located on the north side of Ford a little before 4 p.m. As a precautionary measure, public safety officials decided to close Ford between Lilley and Haggerty roads, one of the busiest traffic areas in the township.

Rorabacher said the punctured high-pressure distribution line was very loud and "sounded like a jet stalled on the runway." However, he said no businesses were evacuated because a breeze was sufficiently dispersing the gas.

"We decided not to evacuate anyone because it wasn't really a major hazard. As long as that gas can disperse in the open air - there was a bit of breeze blowing - it doesn't pose a major hazard. Still we didn't think people should be driving by the area until the leak was repaired," Rorabacher

Police officers handled traffic control until the road was re-opened shortly after 5 p.m. A MichCon crew shut off the gas and repaired the line.

Rorabacher said traffic was a bit messy during the road closure.

"A lot of the side roads were pretty filled up," he said. "It's, unfortunate this occurred during one of the busiest times of the day."

The construction crew worked for C & D Hughs, Inc., which is based in Charlotte.

Richardson's gives personal service, options for uninsured

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

When Richardson's Super Drugs opened in Canton in 1974, there was only one other drug store in town. Since that time, many pharmacies have sprung up and withered away. All the while. Richardson's has cemented its place as Canton's longest serving drug store.

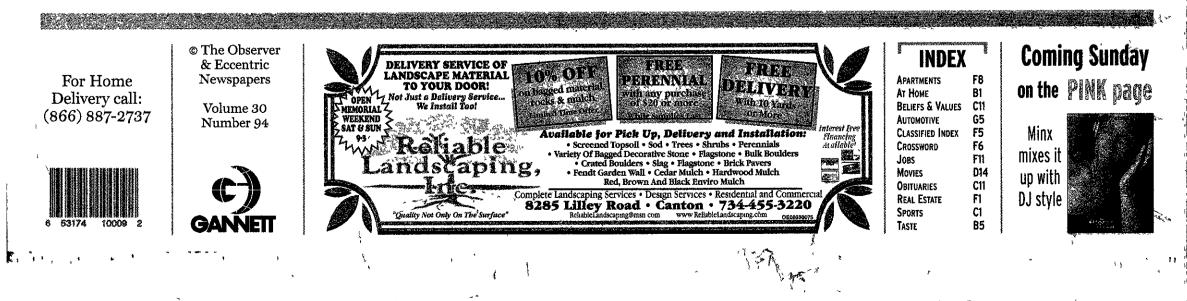
"Other stores have come and gone, but we've survived. And we'll continue to survive all the chains,' said Richardson's manager and pharmacist Tom Eiden, who has been with the independent store since 1978.

Eiden, who lives in Plymouth, is referring to the modern pharmacy landscape, which has changed much since Richardson's opened across the street from its



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Manager Tom Eiden fills prescriptions at Richardson's Drugs, an independent pharmacy that PLEASE SEE STORE, A8 opened in Canton in 1974.



LOCAL NEWS

AROUND CANTON

Veterans service

A memorial service for military veterans will be held 10:45 a.m. on Sunday at the Calvary Baptist Church, located at 43065 Joy in Canton. All veterans groups and the general public are invited to attend the service, which will last about an hour.

For more information, contact Cornelius Van Boven at (734) 453-7629.

Help build a float The Canton Historical

Society is seeking volunteers to build a float for the Liberty Fest parade. Those interested in volunteering for the community activity can participate on the following dates and times:

■ June 10, from 6-9 p.m. June 1, beginning 9 a.m. June 12, from 1-5 p.m. All float building will be done at the Bartlett Travis barn, located at 525 N. Ridge Road. For more information, contact Richard Waldecker at (734) 523-6207.

Nichol promoted

Canton resident Catherine Nichol was recently promoted to sales director with The Pampered Chef, Ltd.

The position is at the first level of management within the Addison, Ill.-based company, which is a direct-selling company that markets kitchen products through in-home cooking demonstrations performed by a sales force of more than 62,000 "kitchen consultants."

As a director, Nichol, who has been with the company for five years, will provide training and support to other consultants, publish a newsletter and organize monthly sales meetings. In addition, she will receive director benefits such as new product samples, additional merchandise discounts and a promotional expense allowance.

For more information, contact Catherine Nichol at (734) 981-4122 or www.pamperedchef.biz/catherinenichol.

Join the Canton Chamber of Commerce for this month's Chamber luncheon, where guest speaker Betsy Kellman of the Anti-Defamation League will present a program on diversity in the workplace. The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., June 1 at Summit on the Park in Canton.

Chamber luncheon

Cost for the luncheon is \$15 per person with reservations, which are required.

Reserve your spot no later than May 27 by calling the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

Memory loss program

Have you ever been faced with the challenge of caring for people who suffer from memory loss? If so, come join Adult Well-Being Services as they provide a program about the many causes of memory loss, how to respond, and how to deal with your stress.

Adult Well-Being Services is a community-based, notfor-profit organization. With the opening of one of the first senior centers in the nation, this helpful agency dates back to 1953. It is dedicated to providing quality services to elders as well as to adults with mental or developmental disabilities, in southeastern Michigan.

The program will be held in two sessions, afternoon and evening, to help accommodate as many peòple as possible. The afternoon sessions will be held on Tuesdays: June 7, 14, and 21 from 1-3 p.m. The evening session will be held on Thursdays: June 16, 23, and 30 from 7-9 p.m. Both sessions will take place in the Pines Room at Summit on the Park.

While this is a free program, donations are gratefully accepted.

Pre-registration is required, by calling the Senior Desk at (734) 394-5485. For more specific information, please feel free to contact Adult Well-



Welcome aboard - again Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. James Ryan congratulates

school board member Tom Wysocki after Wysocki was sworn in for his second term on the Board of Education Tuesday. Wysocki won re-election easily and is interested in serving as board president this year.

Being Services at (313) 359-0736. **Columnist Riley to**

speak

Award-winning Detroit Free Press columnist and author of "Life Lessons: Essays on Parenthood, America, 9/11, and Detroit" Rochelle Riley, speaks at the Library Friends annual Book & Author Luncheon on June 9 at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is being held at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth libraries or by calling one of the individual libraries: Canton, (734) 397-0999; Northville, (248) 349-3020; Novi, (248) 349-0720; or Plymouth, (734) 453-0750. All proceeds from this event are shared equally among the Friends of the Library groups of the participating libraries to support

library activities. Wetlands celebrated

May is American Wetlands Month and the Friends of the Rouge would like local residents to recognize the value of local wetlands. On May 28, Friends of the Rouge "WatchFrogs" will be out in Hines Park on Hines Drive just east of Outer Drive from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. handing out information and talking to people about wetlands. WatchFrogs is Friends of the Rouge's newest program, created to train volunteers to work to protect local wetlands. American Wetlands Month was created in 1991 by the **Environmental Protection** Agency and its partners to educate Americans about the value of wetlands as a national resource. Events are being staged all over the country. More information can be found at http://www.epa.gov/owow/wet-

lands/awm.

Dentist fund helps take a bite out of college costs

The Allen Berman DDS Scholarship Fund has chosen three local high school students to receive \$1,000 each. These are the first awards given by the Berman Scholarship Fund, which received more than 30 nomination letters from across the Plymouth-Canton area.

"The decision was not an easy one," said Berman, a Plymouth dentist. "The number of deserving students in our area is amazing. I am very proud to be able to be able to recognize these young women for their hard work."

The 2005 award recipients are: ■ Jessica Conner of Salem High School - Jessica was nominated by her mother, Mary Conner, who feels "Jessica has worked very hard to make her dreams come true ... she has a gift for working with young children."

Jessica maintains a high GPA while working more than 30 hours a week, and she volunteers in the community. It is Jessica's dream to attend Central Michigan University and earn a degree in education that will allow her to return to Plymouth and teach special education.

Holly Ranta of Salem High School - Holly was nominated by a pastor from her church, St. John Neumann, where she is a youth minister. Holly maintains better than a 3.8 GPA and volunteers for Children's Hospital of Michigan, the Red Cross, Special

DRIVER

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which is a 90-day misdemeanor. He pleaded not guilty Judge Ron Lowe set a \$500 bond, which Hines paid Tuesday and was released. His pretrial date is set for 8:30 a.m. on June 10 at the 35th District Court.

Willie McGee, who owns the Detroit-based Wilmac Tours Inc., said he fired Hines immediately after hearing about the arrest. McGee said he feels badly about the incident and he even sent his own son out to



Olympics and Camp Canton. Holly's personal goal is to become a first- or second-grade teacher.

Rachel Wheeling of Canton High School - Rachel was nominated by her mother, Patricia Wheeling, who feels that Rachel's maturity, level of responsibility and dedication to her education are outstanding. Rachel maintains a high GPA and dreams of attending Central Michigan University and studying physiology. She hopes one day to open her own practice.

The fund was established by Dr. Allen Berman, a Plymouth cosmetic dentist, to help local students defray some of the costs of college expenses. As a young man growing up in Metro Detroit, Berman put himself through school, and he hopes that this assistance will help to ease some of the burden and encourage students to complete their education.

The award may be used toward enrollment fees or tuition expenses at the winner's school of choice. Nominations were open to seniors from the three high schools in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (Canton High School, Plymouth High School and Salem High School) with a GPA of 3.2 or higher, who plan to pursue a college education after completing high school.

Berman's office is located at 9430 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-2200.

drive the bus in place of Hines.

'This was the last straw for him (Hines). He had missed a couple charters in the past, but nothing this serious," McGee said.

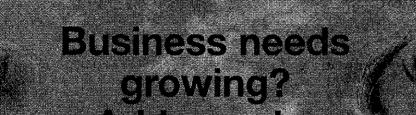
According to McGee, Hines was in his second stint with Wilmac, and had worked for the company for about six months during the latest stint.

Pomorski said Hines didn't have any prior drunken driving arrests.

"He had no priors," Pomorski said. "If he had, we would have charged him as a repeat offender."

Although she said it was terrible incident, Drennan is just glad tragedy was averted.

"It was a pretty scary situation, but at least the teacher called the police and he wasn't able to get on that bus and drive the kids. Who knows what could have happened,"



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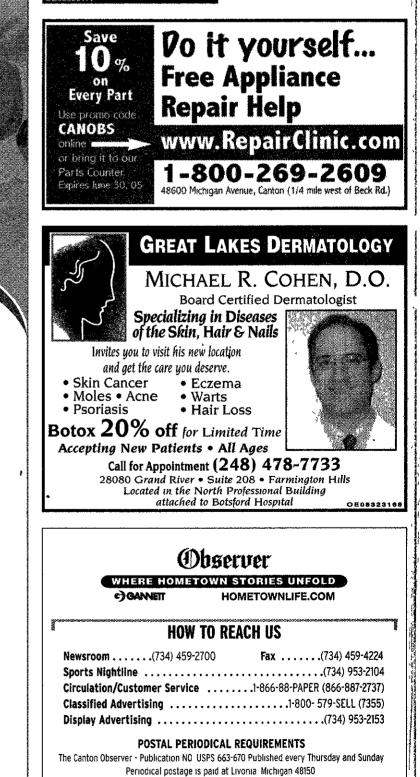
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BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

Despite some whispers

through out the Plymouth

Memorial Day parade is on

thin ice, organizers say the

event is alive and well, and

"Everything is in good

Pawelak of American Legion

Pawelak said this year's

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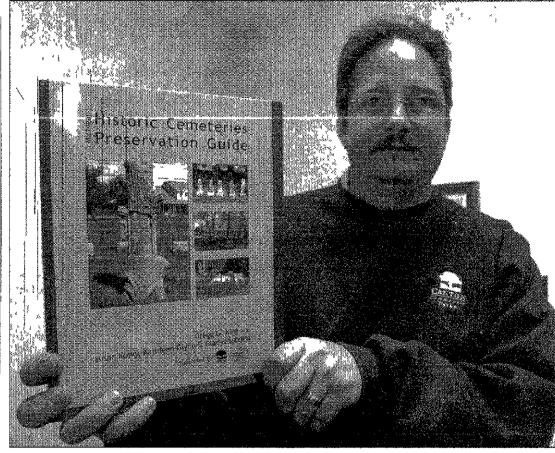
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Gregg King's book, 'Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation' Guide,' has earned the author statewide recognition.

Canton's historic cemetery expert earns statewide recognition

It's not something Gregg King set out to do, but he's become an expert in historic cemeteries. This newfound expertise has earned him the Michigan Guardian Award.

Several years ago, King, who works as a technician for the **Canton Township Parks** Division, was assigned the task of restoring the township's four historic cemeteries. To do the job properly, he realized that he needed more information in order to maintain the historic integrity of the sites. After searching the Internet and

the topic, he became an expert. After doing all his research, he realized there wasn't a concise reference source available for the conservation of Michigan cemeteries. So he wrote one himself.

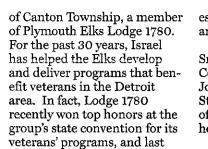
The result of this endeavor, a book called "Michigan Historic **Cemeteries Preservation** Guide," was recently chosen for the Michigan Heritage Guardian Award.

It is unique in that it is the only cemetery conservation book for the state of Michigan.

King has also become involved in creating public vation for other areas of the state. He has coordinated and supervised several "Canton Clean Up Days" when volunteers can help maintain Canton's cemeteries. He has supervised an Eagle Scout project involving surveying the Canton's Downer Cemetery, and will supervise a similar project at another Canton cemetery in the future. He also speaks to historic societies and community groups around the state, sharing his knowledge so that they can use his expertise on their own historic cemeter-

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will celebrate Father's Day throughout the store next month. Bring Dad into Pansian between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, to enjoy spa treatments by Zihr, or sample a wide variety of men's fragrances, or to enjoy special events in the men's department featuring designers Tommy Bahama, Polo and Claiborne.

Shoppers who bring in an old tie to donate can purchase a new one at 20 percent off. This will



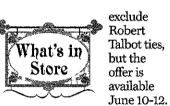
year received second-in-the-

Vets' groups ready for parade

nation distinction. "We collect used clothing, collect deer hides to make leather gloves for hospitalized veterans in wheel chairs, put together social programs and deliver gifts to hospitalized veterans at Christmas time," said Israel. "The whole idea of Memorial Day is to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We owe it to those who came back because they risked their lives, too. These guys risked their lives for our freedom and way of life."

Israel, who also volunteers at the Michigan Veterans Foundation in Detroit, which has 104 beds, said he will make mention of homeless vets "because we owe these guys,

WHAT'S IN STORE



family-friendly shopping event set for June 11 will also include art stations where children can decorate an original Father's Day card. And youngsters under 12 will receive a free gift from Parisian when making Father's

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especially when they're down and out."

Pawelak said Deacon Vince Small of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and his wife, Jody, will be presented a Blue Star flag to hang in the window, of their Farmington Hills home.

"The flag is presented to the mother of a child who is currently in the military," said Pawelak.

The Smalls' youngest son, Joseph, is serving his second tour of duty in Iraq as a communication specialist with the U.S. Army.

Pawelak said he wants to remember those who have given their lives for freedom, including those many don't readily think about.

"The only publicity that comes out is about the military personnel killed in Iraq," said Pawelak. "There are military people throughout the world that die, including in the U.S., and places like Bosnia, the Philippines, Afghanistan and other areas in the world."

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Day purchases.

Dad's interested in a making, an appointment for the Zihr spa, available between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 11, should reserve a space by calling (734) 953-7503.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@oe homecomm.net or call (734) 953-2054





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Canton leads in building permits

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

New condominium and apartment developments in Canton helped make Canton Township a leader last year in total number of building permits issued in Wayne County.

Wayne County led the sevencounty Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' region with 5,858 permits issued.

In Wayne County, Canton led the way with 1,067 new residential building permits in 2004, according to the SEMCOG's annual report, which documents new residential construction in the southeast region by community.

"It sounds so big I have a hard time seeing where it all is," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, adding that the new projects are spread throughout the township. "This last year we've seen a tremendous number of apartments and condos."

Two-thirds of the new residential development in Canton was in condominium form, many along the Geddes Road corridor. Multiple-family permits totaled 600 in 2004. The Uptown apartment development in Cherry Hill Village contributed 150 units.

"They're being well received in Canton," Yack said of the new homes.

Looking at this year, it looks as though single-family homes will be the big contributor to new building permits.

"It's hard to tell what this year will bring," Yack said. "Probably more single-family homes."

Yack said lower interest rates, Canton's central location, wide choices of housing stock and recreation programs are just some of the reasons it has been the place to build.

The school district is apparently another attractive factor, with a majority of Canton children attending Plymouth-Canton schools. This means school officials need to continually keep their eyes open.

"We're watching all these developments and our question is when will these be done and where do we place the children once they're done," said Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton superintendent.

Each new student coming into the district generates \$7,025 in per-pupil funding.

Plans are in the works to build a new elementary school as part of a \$109 million school bond passed last year. Groundbreaking has already taken place at the new site, on

Cherry Hill at Denton. Here is a roundup of some of SEMCOG's data:

In Southeast Michigan last year, 25,362 new residential permits were issued, the largest number since 1998. This marked an 8 percent increase over 2003 figures.

Oakland County was close behind Wayne County for the second time in two years, with 6,434 new units. Macomb County was third with 5,401 units. Wayne County housing activity represented 25 percent of all new housing within the seven-county regions.

Within the region, singlefamily homes accounted for 60 percent of new units, townhouses and condominiums 27 percent and multi-family units 10 percent. In Wayne County, those figures were 52 percent, 32 percent and 14 percent respectively.

Macomb Township in Macomb County (1,086 units) and Canton Township in Wayne County (1,067 units) were the top two communities for total units permitted. The city of Detroit was third for the second consecutive year with 925 new units. Detroit was also the region's leader in demolitions with 2,662 or 66 percent of the region's total.

Program targets auto theft

Officers and investigators from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and 30 other police agencies throughout Metro Detroit have launched a fight against auto theft. Last week, more than 200 officers have been rounding up dozens of suspected car thieves, gathering intelligence and raiding suspected chop shops, Sheriff Warren Evans said Friday.

The four-day sweep, called Operation ACTION (Arresting Car Thieves In Our Neighborhoods), is part of a new effort to disrupt the local auto theft industry, which has caused a recent spike in reported stolen

cars in the area. According to the Auto Theft Prevention Authority of Michigan, car thefts in 2004 were up 31 percent in Macomb County, 23 percent in Oakland and 10 percent in Wayne.

Evans has teamed up with officials from Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties, as well as the Detroit Police and other Wayne County police departments for a massive arrest and intelligence-gathering sweep. During the first three days of the operation, officers picked up 113 suspects who had active warrants for their arrest, recovered 30 stolen vehicles and executed four search warrants.

Rather than just cart suspects directly to jail, however, officers took them to debriefing centers located throughout the region. While there, the suspects were questioned by auto theft investigators and assistant prosecutors who often were successful in obtaining additional information regarding the location of stolen vehicles, other car thieves and active chop shops.

Operation ACTION is one component to a much larger effort to revolutionize how the law enforcement community, especially in Wayne County, deal with car thieves.





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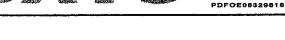


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Humane Society dedicates center Residents of subdivision look for answers from Van Buren officials

BY SUE MASOI STAFF WRITER

An afternoon downpour couldn't dampen the enthusiasm as supporters of the Michigan Humane Society gathered in Westland Sunday to dedicate its new Berman Center for Animal Care.

The new state-of-the-art facility has been named after Bill and Madge Berman of Franklin, longtime MHS supporters and board members who donated \$750,000 to the project.

"We thought what a wonderful thing to do, why wait until you're dead," Madge Berman said. "This place (the old shelter) was a wreck and now we have this beautiful example of the most efficient way to care for animals. I think the surgical suite is as good as Beaumont's."

"It's a huge change," said Michelle Goff, president of the MHS Board of Directors. "The Westland shelter was functional ackslashbut not adequate and now we have this amazing addition to our resources and our ability to meet the needs of the animals."

According to Goff, the society had wanted to build the new shelter for many years and finally decided to go ahead with it even though it had only raised about half of the \$6.9 million needed.

"It was a big step forward in terms of need," she said.

Bob Weiland, chairman of the board, said the expansion started more than 20 years ago when "we had a belief, a thought and a concept. It's an incredible facility."

The original Westland shelter was built in 1971 and expanded in 1985. The new center faces Newburgh just south of Marquette. It triples the sheltering and adoption capacity to 315



Lori Pyle of Garden City plays with CoCo a Shar Pei/Husky mix while touring the Berman Center Sunday.

animals. Cats ready for adoption live in condos where they are able to socialize with other cats. They also have a room with floor-toceiling windows to watch what's going on outside and get used to such house amenities as furniture.

Rather than being stuck in metal cages, the dogs now have large rooms with glass doors and a raised sleeping area. There are more get acquainted rooms and a large classroom for pet education.

The center has 15 heating and cooling zones for disease prevention and flooring that goes several inches up the walls. Poured as a liquid, it provides unique maintenance in terms of disease prevention, said Bob Scraff, chairman of the building and facilities committee.

"It's user friendly for animals, the public and the employees," he said.

"We can see more clients and it gives us the potential to educate more people and a greater potential to reach more people," added Felecia Paladino, a veterinary technician taking guests on a tour through the clinic.

Paladino pointed out the pluses of the expanded treatment area with more hookups for clippers and anesthesia, eight examination rooms and four new surgery suites with tables designed to maintain an animal's temperature during an operation.

"I love it, doesn't it make you want to smile?" she said.

Cal Morgan, MHS executive director, called Celebration Day "a historic day in the history of the Michigan Humane Society."

"We know we can build a beautiful building, but it is merely a tool," he said. "It is a significant platform to take our goal of 100 percent adoption to the next level. Our goal is that by 2010 every animal that comes in here will have a future in life."

Among those he thanked for helping with the facility was the city of Westland and the center's neighbors.

"You never know how they're going to react when you put an animal shelter in their back yard and they reacted wonderfully," he said.

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BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

With dashed hopes of being able to separate from the Van Buren Public Schools district and become part of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, residents of the Central Park South subdivision decided to meet with Van Buren and Canton Township officials to make the most of the situation. At the meeting two weeks

ago were residents from Central Park South, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Van Buren Public Schools spokesman Paul Henning. "We ended in an appropriate

place," Yack said of the meeting. We decided to have a meeting where a great many affected home owners will have an opportunity to identify problems, issues, and shortcomings, and develop strategies for each. It will be done on school turf and will be guided by a facilitator."

Henning said district officials are looking forward to that meeting, which he said will be sometime after June 8, when the school year ends.

At issue are the 1,000 homes located in Canton, but situated within the boundaries of Van Buren Public Schools. Some are also located within Wayne-Westland Public Schools boundaries. Residents from Huntington Place subdivision in southwest Canton this year filed a petition with the state to separate from Van Buren and be included in the Plymouth-Canton district. The Michigan Department of Education denied the petition. Residents of the subdivisions

filed an appeal in February, 2004, citing both the great dis-

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The issue is really that the Van Buren Schools are not in our community. The number of students from my neighborhood that go there is maybe 30 percent. The rest go to private schools. We look to the north and see all these great schools so close to our home.'

Brian Kositz

homeowner, Huntington Place

tance their children have to travel to attend Van Buren schools and poor performance levels of the district. The appeal was denied.

Huntington Place houses some 43 school aged children, but only about 20 attend Van Buren Schools, according to a state of Michigan brief. The rest seek alternative educational options.

Brian Kositz, a homeowner in Huntington Place, built his home in 1995 when it was surrounded by corn and bean fields. His 6year-old son attends All Saints, as will his 3-year-old. He said if his older son attended public school, he would go to Tyler Elementary, which is seven miles from his home, and the bus ride to get there is 45 minutes. All Saints is four miles from the Kositz house.

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Buren Schools are not in our community. The number of students from my neighborhood that go there is maybe 30 percent. The rest go to private schools," he said. "We look to the north and see all these great schools so close to our home. It's such a nice area to live. The center of the township is a mile from us but we're not really part of the community."

Central Park South residents had been waiting for the outcome of Huntington Place's appeal before proceeding, but at a meeting with the Canton Township Board of Trustees, agreed to try to establish dialogue with Van Buren Schools officials to improve the situation from within the district.

Henning said the district is making a concerted effort to reach out to Canton residents living within the district's boundaries. He said most of the new homes in Canton should now be getting the district's newsletter, and he is working with Yack to have board of education meetings shown on Canton's cable channel. In addition, he said the district will try to do a better job updating its Web site.

Henning said the recent meeting with Central Park South residents was productive and a good step towards solving any negative feelings toward the district.

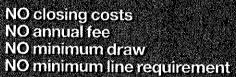
"The meeting went very well. It was very productive and positive. We focused on solutions and left our complaints at the door," Henning said.

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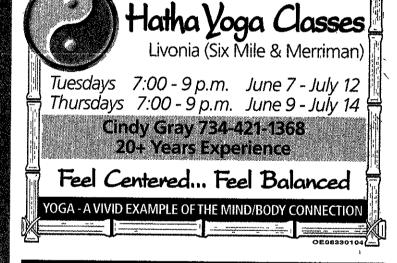
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Bishop Borgess welcomes students, alumni to farewell picnić June 12

BY M.B. DILLON CORRESPONDENT

For 39 successful years, **Bishop Borgess High School** and Academy educated young people, committed to "changing the world, one student at a time." On Sunday, June 12, the **Redford Catholic school will** welcome its 200 students, 13,000-plus graduates, faculty and their families one last time to say goodbye.

The Bishop Borgess Alumni Association will host a free farewell picnic from 1-6 p.m. at the school at 11685 Appleton at Plymouth Road. In March, Detroit Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida announced that Borgess is among 15 schools closing at the end of the school year due to low enrollment and increasing costs.

The picnic will be fun for all ages, according to Maria Staten Bobo, a 1991 graduate and school board member. "It'll be like a big pep rally, with everyone coming together to share memories. We will have face painting, clowns, music and a special farewell ceremony at 3 p.m."

"We are going to acknowl-

edge teachers, past and pres-ent," she said. "Four or five alumni have been selected to speak. They're going to share their experiences of Borgess and what it has meant to

them." "We'll have speakers to highlight each of the eras at Borgess, and a guest speaker for the farewell ceremony honoring the teachers and alumni," said Janice Slomba-Koss, Class of 1978, who is helping with the picnic. "So far, more than 250 people have RSVP'd. We'll have food, and games for the kids. The classrooms will be open, so the memories will still be there."

For reservations (which are requested and encouraged) and more information, call (313) 624-8447 or visit www.borgessalumni.com.

Organizers are asking for help tracking down alumni and letting them know about the picnic, according to 1978 graduate Dominic Sabatini one of nine Sabatini children, eight of whom attended **Bishop Borgess.**

All help is welcome. Donations of time, food, Tshirts and party supplies - not excluding hotdog stands and

moonwalks - are gladly accepted, he said.

A memory booklet is in the making. Camera-ready ads and sponsorship packages will be accepted through Saturday, May 28. Options start with \$15 and \$25 listings for patrons and business cards, extending to \$500 gold sponsorships which will include two fullpage booklet ads; a year-long listing and logo on the Borgess alumni Web site; signs and acknowledgment at the farewell picnic; and special recognition as a gold sponsor at the farewell ceremony. More information is available at the Web site.

Electronic ads may be emailed to BorgessAlumni@aol.com. Proceeds will offset costs of the memory books and the picnic.

Dozens have signed the online guestbook: Russ Duff, who graduated in 1978, left this message: "Hate to see such a great place close. My heart dropped when I read the news."

Linda Zelle, a 1979 graduate, had this to say: "Ahhh. The memories! The back commons, Mr. Brisky... 'You're late AGAIN, Zelle?' Ms. Shreve:

'What a big voice for a little person!' Sister Anne: 'Sit DOWN!' Backwards Day. Mirza Beg: 'It's a wertical line.' Sister Kathleen: 'Como Esta?' The gymnastics team....we shared mats with the wrestlers. Eeewww. Ha ha! I hope to see a lot of familiar faces on the 12th! Go Spartans!'

Leonard Sabatini, Class of '70. asked, "Who can ever forget Father Dunn, our religion teacher and Bible scholar in 1967-69 who always had a famous poem to recite to us at the start of class? He was wounded serving our country and one leg was slightly shorter than the other because of the injury. I wonder if he is still reciting poetry from the pulpit?'

"Sister Karen, our honors math teacher, and all the Felician nuns who helped Borgess grow. The Dominican order was the main order of Borgess religious, but we also owe a great deal to the Felician order too," said Sabatini. The late, beloved Rev. Thomas

McAnoy was principal at Borgess. "Father Mac was a great man, leader, pastor and friend," Sabatini said. "He said Mass each morning in the chapel for some

of us who came extra early to school on some days."

Tina Brama Buscemi, who graduated in 1980, remarked: With the dwindling enrollment and the closing of the feeder schools, this seemed likely to happen. But the years spent there were the best! I hope that I will be able to send my kids (Tori, 5, and Tony 2 1/2), to a co-ed Catholic high school (fingers crossed)."

In the 1970s, Bishop Borgess was Michigan's largest Catholic high school, with nearly 2,000 students. Some highlights include:

Last year, NASA selected Borgess fourth- and fifthgraders - along with students from 18 other schools from across the nation - to participate in an experimental launch at the National Scientific **Balloon Facility at Fort** Sumner, New Mexico.

■ Bishop Borgess teacher Ronald Ferenczi won the **Outstanding Science Educator** Award bestowed by the Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association in 2004.

■ Jerry Abraham, '70, a legendary volleyball coach at Madonna University, was named to the NAIA Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame. Abraham's teams racked up numerous titles at Borgess.

■ In 1995, the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers drafted Shawn Respert, a 1990 graduate who starred at Borgess and Michigan State University.

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Both Maxann Reese, '95, and Aiysha Smith, '97, were named Miss Basketball by the Basketball Coaches' Association of Michigan. Reese was drafted by the Portland Fire in the 2000 WNBA draft; Smith by the Washington Mystics in the 2003 draft.

Gerald Sabatini of Plymouth, a 1971 Borgess alum, can't help but see symbolism in the fact that the day his alma mater closes, his son graduates from high school in Canton. "I view the farewell as a final chapter of my youth, and the graduation as the beginning adulthood for my son," said Sabatini, who chairs the Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals.

"Carl Sagan once said that 'When compared to the realm of time in the universe, our life on earth is only as lasting as the time it takes a snowflake to fall to earth," Sabatini added. "May we descend gently through the ages, and remember that for one moment of our journey, we were united as young men and women of Bishop Borgess. Long live the memories of our alma mater, and thank you to the faculty, parents and coaches who were dedicated to providing for us a Catholic education and a Spartan tradition."

FLAGS FROM PAGE A1

"We'll have a couple of points at Liberty Fest where that evening someone can pick up a flag if they make a donation of new or gently used sporting goods or recreation equipment," said Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, manager of recreation and facilities. Cash donations will also be accepted, she said.

"Soccer balls, footballs and ball gloves would be incredible to have," she said. "That is something the troops are short on, and they've said they need them. And it's something that most people can participate in, in some

way." Then, during the National Anthem before the fireworks, everyone would raise their 8by 12-inch flags.

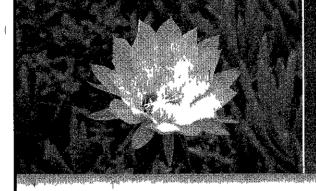
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express their love of their country and their appreciation of the troops, he said.

Keenan is hoping that people like him – those who are both blessed with having



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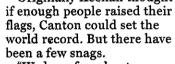
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"We have found out we won't be in a position to challenge the record," Yack said. "We have decided it will be a salute."

Keenan applied for the record with Guinness, but ran into some problems. Guinness officials say flag waving does not count as flag raising.

"What we're hoping for is that it will still be a salute to America, and to those serving in the military," said Bilbrey-Honsowetz.

Keenan is happy with that. The record-setting may have been a draw, but what's most important is that people

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made a good living, and those who never were called upon to serve in combat will remember their good fortune and give generously.

"Of course I want to get the whole community involved. I want the kids to be involved and be proud, and I want families to be involved. But what I'm really hoping is that guys like me remember how fortunate they are, and want to help," he said.

Details are still being fine-tuned said Bilbrey-Honsowetz, and they should come together in the next week or two. For more information, contact her office at (734) 394-5464.

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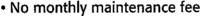
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current location at the south-West corner of Ford and Lilley roads. It moved to the current building in 1989. In 1974, the only competitor was SuperX Drugs. Today, according to Eiden, there are 19 drug stores, including several chain stores like CVS and Rite Aid. While Eiden won't say the chains haven't impacted his

business, he said Richardson's, which has been under the same ownership for 30 years, maintains a loyal customer base because of the focus on customer service.

If the chains weren't bad enough, Eiden says independent pharmacies also have to compete with the rise of the mail order drug companies. He said many insurance providers are forcing companies to make their employees buy mail order drugs, especially the so-called

maintenance drugs, which people take on a regular basis. Eiden says maintenance drugs comprise nearly half of the prescriptions he fills.

"People who have built up some trust with their personal pharmacist are no longer able to take advantage of that relationship," Eiden says. "This might save people a little bit of money, but it just takes the ability to choose away from a customer. And it definitely takes customer service away.

"The vast majority of people, given the choice, would choose the face-to-face meeting with a pharmacist over having drugs delivered through the mail."

Eiden says the mail order companies will never be able to provide the same level of service that Richardson's does. He points to the store's new discount card program, which is a type of membership service that can earn customers considerable savings.

And Richardson's pharmacists work with uninsured cus-



Kathy Kachin and Lori Aitchen stock shelves at Richardson's. Besides the expected line of pharmacy merchandise, they stock everything from gift items to lawn sprinklers.

tomers to find alternatives to buying expensive prescription drugs. Eiden said there are a number of programs out there, particularly for people who fall below the poverty level, in which customers can get cheap prescriptions.

Pharmacist Marylin Thomas, a Westland resident who has worked at the Richardson's since 1993, said many uninsured customers come into the store thinking they have to choose between getting the drugs they need or putting food on the table. She

says the majority of these people are senior citizens. Thomas said part of the reward of her job is helping them target some of the programs that are out there. "People ask if I get paid to

help people. I always say J get paid by the smile on their faces. The hugs. The notes. I just find it great to help people," Thomas said.

June Reed, a 25-year Canton resident and senior citizen, said she has been coming to Richardson's for "years and years" because of the great service she and her husband, Bill, have always received.

"I think it's because of the good service and good people. We don't know them all personally, but we know the faces. We feel comfortable, because we trust them."

It's that kind of trust that Eiden says separates

Richardson's from the chain and mail order pharmacies that have sprung up in recent years. "There is a difference. There

is a choice out there. Too many

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June Reed Canton

people have accepted that chain pharmacies are all that's out there, and that's just the way it is. But we're still here," Eiden said.

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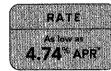
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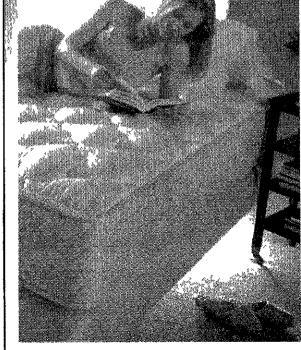
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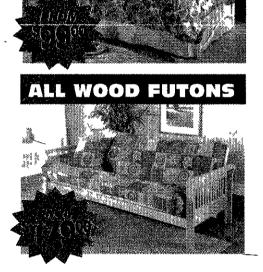
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When the Plymouth-Canton School District's Housing Committee made its recommendations a few weeks ago for how to deal with overcrowding at Bird Elementary, parents chastised the committee for turning a deaf ear to them.

Now, the Board of Education has essentially done the same thing to the Housing Committee. Of course, the board is now responding to a small but vocal group of parents, so maybe this whole thing is coming full circle.

The whole thing started when the district realized it was going to have a problem housing all its students at Bird next year. The Housing Committee was formed to look at options for moving more than 50 students next vear.

Meetings were held, and options were studied, and eventually the recommendation came from the Housing Committee to bus several dozen students - mostly from the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions in Plymouth Township - to Farrand Elementary.

This, of course, resulted in a very vocal outcry from parents of those children, who have siblings at Bird or friendships that would be disrupted. The recommendation was then adjusted to allow siblings to remain at Bird.

That wasn't enough to appease parents, who felt they'd been ignored by the committee. Apparently, they were loud enough to draw the attention of Supt. James Ryan and some school board members, who couldn't move fast enough to put together a compromise: They will look for 52 volunteers among the incoming kindergarten class. If they get them, no other students will need to be moved.

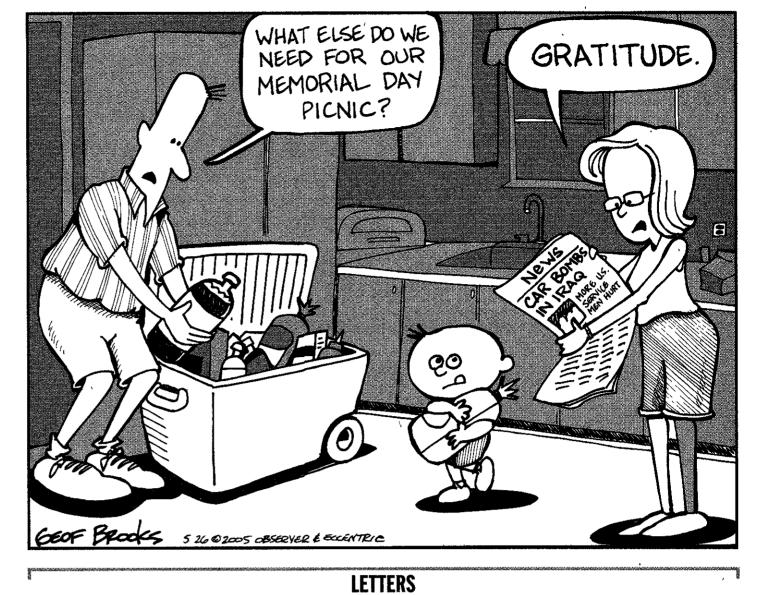
Ryan feels comfortable he'll find the 52 volunteers, and the board reached a consensus to allow him to move ahead, proving again elected officials know where their bread is buttered - and it's not the Housing Committee wielding the knife.

No one should be surprised school board members listened to more than 50 registered voters — except maybe the members of the Housing Committee, who put in hour upon hour of volunteer time to craft a strategy that would have been a longer-term solution to the problem.

The volunteer kindergartner plan is at best a shortterm fix. While bowing to pressure put on by parents who undoubtedly deserved to be heard - board members gave short shrift to the effort put in by their own Housing Committee.

That could prove to have a negative effect the next time the board, which faces any number of tough issues, wants to use a committee to study one.

On Memorial Day, we honor noble sacrifice



Observer

Support the troops

After 9/11 and the start of the Operation Iraqi Freedom war, our communities were united and showing support everywhere for our nation and our troops.

Now that the weather is getting nice again, and I have been outside, I have noticed that you just don't see the outward signs of support much. No flags, no "support our troops" signs, no yellow ribbons

I know a lot of people do not agree with the president's decision on this war, but let's face the facts that there are tens of thousands of troops (and civilian volunteers) deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and dozens of other locations around the world who desperately need our support and need to know that we support them!

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What's American?

In reference to "Buy America," it has become a blurred distinction between American and foreign automobiles. Among various foreign models, it has come to my attention that the Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla are both assembled in this country along with 70 percent North American made parts. Compare these cars to my "American?" Buick Rendezvous which is assembled in Mexico with 70 percent Mexican made parts. Obviously, there is more American labor in the Japanese cars than the Buick.

Toyota and Honda are adding more facilities in this country using American labor, while GM and Ford want to build more parts in China and other foreign countries. It appears we can support American labor more by buying Japanese cars. Regardless of the fact that profits go to Japan, Germany or the U.S., American labor and the economy benefit.

Edward Parrine

Tell the truth

The White House press corps asked the right questions at the recent press conference, but they did not get a candid response from the president. This is because the administration prefers to keep its motives hidden - what the president and his representatives say in public often belies their real intentions.

During the first term, for example, "Clear Skies" was their euphemistic name for legislation that would decrease environmental regulation. "Healthy Forests" was the name of a program designed to hasten the destruction of healthy forests ... and so on.

As we find ourselves bogged down in the deadly and costly war in Iraq, we now know that there were no weapons of mass destruction, but already unsubstantiated claims about a growing threat posed by weapons in Iran, or Syria or Cuba are starting to be heard. You have to wonder what the hidden agenda is. The president says he wants to strengthen Social Security but actually the hard-liners in the Republican Party have long desired to dismantle this hugely successful program. And when Bush's religious backers claim that the filibuster on judicial nominations is "against people of faith," they are ingenuous. What they are really trying to do is to marshal the Christian troops. The filibuster is not about religion. It would be against seven judges who have already been voted down for possessing opinions far out of the mainstream. Their names have been resubmitted by Bush in an in-your-face challenge to the Democrats who dared to oppose him on the nominations. The press can ask the right questions but they won't get a frank reply unless they demand to be told the how, what, when, where and why. It is past time that we had some accountability from this administration. It is time that they told us the truth.

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The recent deaths of Capt. Stephen Frank, whose parents live in Farmington Hills, and Capt. Ralph J. Harting III, who went to high school in West Bloomfield, are reminders of the sacrifices being made around the world in service to the United States.

Since shortly after the Civil War, this nation has set aside a day in May to remember those who, in the words of President Lincoln, "gave the last full measure of devotion" for this country and the principles for which it stands and which have long set it apart as a beacon of freedom for the world.

We are now engaged in a controversial conflict in Iraq. The political debates over the initiation and prosecution of that war and an ongoing war against terrorism are a reflection of the freedoms we most cherish. But political differences aside, we must acknowledge the service and sacrifice of those who step forward to defend this country.

The military is sent into conflict by political leaders. They carry out the orders they are given, most honorably and within the accepted conventions of armed conflict. All accept the possibility that they may be killed in the line of duty.

For these reasons they deserve our respect, whether we agree with the political decisions that put them in harm's way or not.

For many, Memorial Day has become merely the kickoff for summer, a holiday of cookouts and family gatherings, a weekend to air out the cottage.

But this year, especially, we need to take the time to reflect on the true meaning of this significant day. It is a good time to put aside political differences and understand the special valor of soldiers who serve in a free society.

This service is what we must honor on Memorial Day, because this represents the best of what this country means to the world.



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site, anysoldier.com, that you can access with names and addresses of our service members who are willing to accept letters, cards and even packages to share with their units or to give to service members who do not get any mail at all. They echo the sentiment that the worst feeling is an "empty" mail call. One of the biggest requests is just a note to say we support them and are thinking about them.

So please, let's show our support and thanks to our military forces.

Jill Brani Troy

Why repeat ourselves?

The column written by Kurt Kuban ("Vietnam lessons merit heeding," May 15) is so well-written — it should be written in large print in every newspaper and read slowly and thoughtfully, especially by those who think we are being saviors in Irac.

Mr. Kuban tells sincerely and truthfully why we should all have recoiled in anger — and horror at getting into another foreign war.

I lived through World War II in London, England, as a child and into teen age, and when the war ended we left - as a family - with a suitcase each and came to Canada. We had been bombed out three times. There are no winners in war except the owners of firearms and war weapons factories. Seventeen members of our family came home wounded - R.A.F., 51st Highlanders and naval men

Mr. Kuban writes about how we fought a war in Vietnam with horrifying losses - horribly injured vets, drug problems, soldiers with terrible nightmares and disillusions. Why are we repeating ourselves?

This war is a shocking, dreadful, frightening mess. How are we going to withdraw our troops before more die, or are injured? It is a perplexing puzzlement that I hope President Bush has a solution for - and soon.

> **Helen Ermete** Livonia

Farmington Hills Need fair judges

Results of recent polls show the popularity of President Bush at an all-time low. Yet, the push for his policies and nominations is escalating. Doesn't his disapproval rating tell our representatives in Washington anything? Apparently mainstream America believes the courts should do what they were designed to do, i.e.: Terri Schiavo. Bush and Congress should stay in their own yards.

This is exactly why judges appointed to the bench for life need to be nonpartisan, fair, open-minded, middle of the road, people of character. Appointments to the bench should not be party favors or favorites; they should be approved by a true majority in Congress, so as to represent the common good. The rich and powerful have enough influence, they don't need control of our courts as well.

Over 95 percent of the judges President Bush nominated were approved, demonstrating how untrue accusations by the ultra-conservatives are, that the liberals aren't playing fair, because they will not approve 5 percent of the judges originally nominated. Even if Bush really, did have a mandate, does this mean he should get 100 percent of all his appointments and policies? This sounds more like dictatorship than democracy.

Now the "ultra" group of Congress wants to change the rules because they didn't get it 100 percent their way. They propose to change the checks and balance system which has operated our government for more than 200 years. I urge all Americans, before we lose any more of our rights, to tell Congress to protect the filibuster. Allow the Senate to debate controversial issues. How else can democracy work?

Katie Jacob Birmingham Zara and a star

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"The pay increases are on par with other districts our size ... However, if you compare our wages to the rest of the tricounty area, we're probably in the bottom half."

- Chuck Portelli, PCEA president, on the raise negotiated between teachers and the school district

Strengthening nonprofits will help us all in long run

onprofit organizations play an enormous role in our state, although most are relatively little known. But they're influential, growing rapidly and getting more and more important all the time.

We all are familiar with some high-visibility nonprofits: Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, the Detroit Opera House (home of Michigan Opera Theatre), United Way, Focus: HOPE and The Henry Ford are good examples.

But there are also lots of smaller, local not-forprofit organizations scattered all over Michigan. Some are well-funded; some are hanging on by



their fingernails. Nearly all are doing the best they can to make things better for all Michigan residents. These days, governments at all levels are generally doing less, and so our nonprofits have to do more.

That means shrewd and intelligent leadership is crucial. Virtually all nonprofits have boards of directors which set overall policy and hire and oversee management. And as anybody

with any experience in business

knows, the quality of the board can make or break any enterprise.

You have a bad board, you get a crummy organization — and, eventually, you may even have a company that is going out of business.

For nonprofits, putting together a good board is particularly tricky, since members usually don't get paid for donating their time. That makes it particularly hard for small, struggling and littleknown nonprofit companies to recruit the right people for their board of directors.

How do they do it?

Phil

Power

Now, for the first time, there is an outfit designed to help them: Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW). Started back in 1993, the Ann Arbor-based agency has developed into an effective incubator for nonprofit organizations.

Since 2000, it has also operated a program called BoardConnect that provides training for members of nonprofit boards. Through it, NEW has trained 613 candidates in the fine points of governing a nonprofit. By the way, a fifth of those were already serving on a board somewhere; 60 percent were entirely new to board service. And BoardConnect also operates a matchmaking service for nonprofits, matching up those who want to employ their time and expertise with boards that need them. To date, the matching part of the program has placed 166 candidates in board seats.

According to Susan Katz Froning, president of NEW, the idea behind BoardConnect is to "strengthen nonprofit board leadership through training in board responsibilities and effective recruitment practices." NEW's idea is to relieve pressure on the board

and administrative staff, and to instead allow them to focus more of their time on other issues involved with running a not-for-profit enterprise.

Many observers think BoardConnect is among the best programs of its sort in the country, which is why the folks at NEW have been approached repeatedly over the years about expanding the program to serve communities elsewhere in Michigan.

That's now happening. NEW and the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce are in the midst of developing a partnership to provide BoardConnect services to communities throughout southeastern Michigan. I figure there will be a formal announcement made at this weekend's Detroit Chamber conference on Mackinac Island.

One sign of how much this is needed: NEW has also been invited by a variety of metropolitan area foundations to apply for funding to make this happen.

The program will also be offered to communities outside the Detroit area. According to Froning, early discussions are under way with groups in Traverse City, Marquette, Lansing and Jackson. Overall, the vision is for BoardConnect to become Michigan's premier source for nonprofit board training by 2010.

That's a worthy goal. Many, perhaps most, readers of this column have worked with local nonprofit organizations. Some have served on their boards. Anyone who has done any of those things ought to agree that increasing the quality, capability and professionalism of nonprofit boards could vastly improve their effectiveness and thereby boost the quality of life of people throughout Michigan.

The BoardConnect expansion now being planned is an encouraging step in the right direction. So let's keep marching!

Incidentally, if you want a quick snapshot of how large the nonprofit sector in our state has grown, as of last year, Michigan was home to:

No fewer than 41,000 nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, of which 21,000 were public charities. There were nearly 3,300 in Oakland County; 5,100 in Wayne County; 1,200 in Ingham County; and 250 in Livingston County.

All told, they directly employed more than 315,000 people.

They held assets valued at more than \$80 billion and received more than \$44 billion in revenue.

Collectively, they grew almost half again as fast as the Michigan economy as a whole.

Which makes it that much more crucial that they get the best leaders they possibly can.

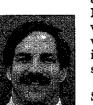
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Watching news makes it tough to believe children will be safe

spent the weekend the way most fathers would love to spend a weekend, I think.

I took my 14-year-old to a wrestling tournament in Battle Creek, then watched my 6and 8-year-olds play soccer Saturday. On Sunday, I did a little bit of work outside, mowing the front lawn, then doing a couple of fixup things around the house. Then my three sons and I went to see Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith.

Andrew (the 6-year-old) lost a tooth, for which the Tooth Fairy left him \$5. Robert (the 8-year-old) gave me lessons in the prop-



Brad

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er use of a light saber. Marcus (the 14-year-old) went two-and-out at the wrestling tournament, but is doing better and better in school.

The boys took a shower Sunday morning, and Andrew walked down the hallway with his arms in the air, screaming, "It's torture, it's torture," because he hates getting his hair wet in the shower. He doesn't

mind getting his hair wet swimming in a pool all day long, so we can't figure it out, but that's OK. He's 6.

I put them to bed at night, and they each get a kiss, a hug, an "Eskimo" kiss and a squash (where Dad lays on them and screams "Squuuaaassshhhh!!). I don't try that with the 14-year-old because, well, he's 14. He hates it when I try to hug him after he wins a match; I'm pretty sure he'd decline the Eskimo kiss.

A few times during the night, I open their bedroom door and look at them for a few minutes, wondering what they're dreaming about, hoping one of them scores a touchdown in the Super Bowl or hits a home run in the World Series, praying I can keep them safe.

That last part seems harder and harder all the time. Because when I'm done squashing the boys, I turn on the news and see that an 8-year-old girl in Florida has been found left for dead in a trash bin. And a 10-year-old boy and his 18-month-old sister have died in a fire-bombing incident in Detroit. And a father in suburban Chicago has stabbed his 9-year-old daughter and her best friend to death because she was out past curfew.

I have five children and, at one time or another, each has done something to upset me. Every parent knows that frustration. My daughter drove me nuts when she went through her Goth phase. One son went months where you'd put him to bed, and he'd

climb back out when you were trying to get him to sleep. They've spilled Slurpies on the carpet, gotten into fights with each other and said things to us kids shouldn't be saying to their parents.

That happens in all families. When I was a younger father, I doled out my share of smacks, spankings and timeouts. I don't do that anymore, because I can't stand the hurt in their eyes when they've been spanked. It isn't pain; it's anguish that their father would strike them, and I can't take it.

Does that make me a "soft" dad? Sometimes Lisa thinks so. She knows I'm a ारी soft touch for the kids, and wonders if I'll stick to my guns and deny the 14-year-old the T chance for driver's training if his grades aren't good enough, which is the deal he and I made between semesters.

I will, though, I admit it won't be easy. ⊸uɗ Hopefully, it won't be necessary. The mid-۰»ď term progress report from the school is encouraging.

It's hard for me because I don't want to đ have to look into their eyes and see that I've hurt them. That's why I don't understand -33 how a mother can let her car roll into a lake, knowing her two young sons are strapped into their car seats.

It's why I can't understand how that father 4 could stab his daughter to death, while she $_{could}$ must have been screaming, staring into his eyes, wondering how daddy could do this to her?

It's why I cringe every time I see a story on the news about a father who has sexually molested his own children. And why I weep when an innocent little girl is killed in a driveby shooting sparked by a dispute over drugs.

I see these stories and I wonder if the fathers do these things without looking into GR the eyes of the children they're killing.

Maybe these fathers have never watched - \ddagger their children play soccer, or wrestle in a tournament, or come dashing into the bed- 43 room with the Tooth Fairy money. Maybe 118 they've never watched their children climb a tree for the first time, or take off on a bike without training wheels.

Maybe these activities should be required of all parents. Maybe if we looked into our children's eyes, and saw the wonder and the amazement, the joy and the awe with which they look at things.

Maybe then it would be easier to imagine a world where they'll be safe.

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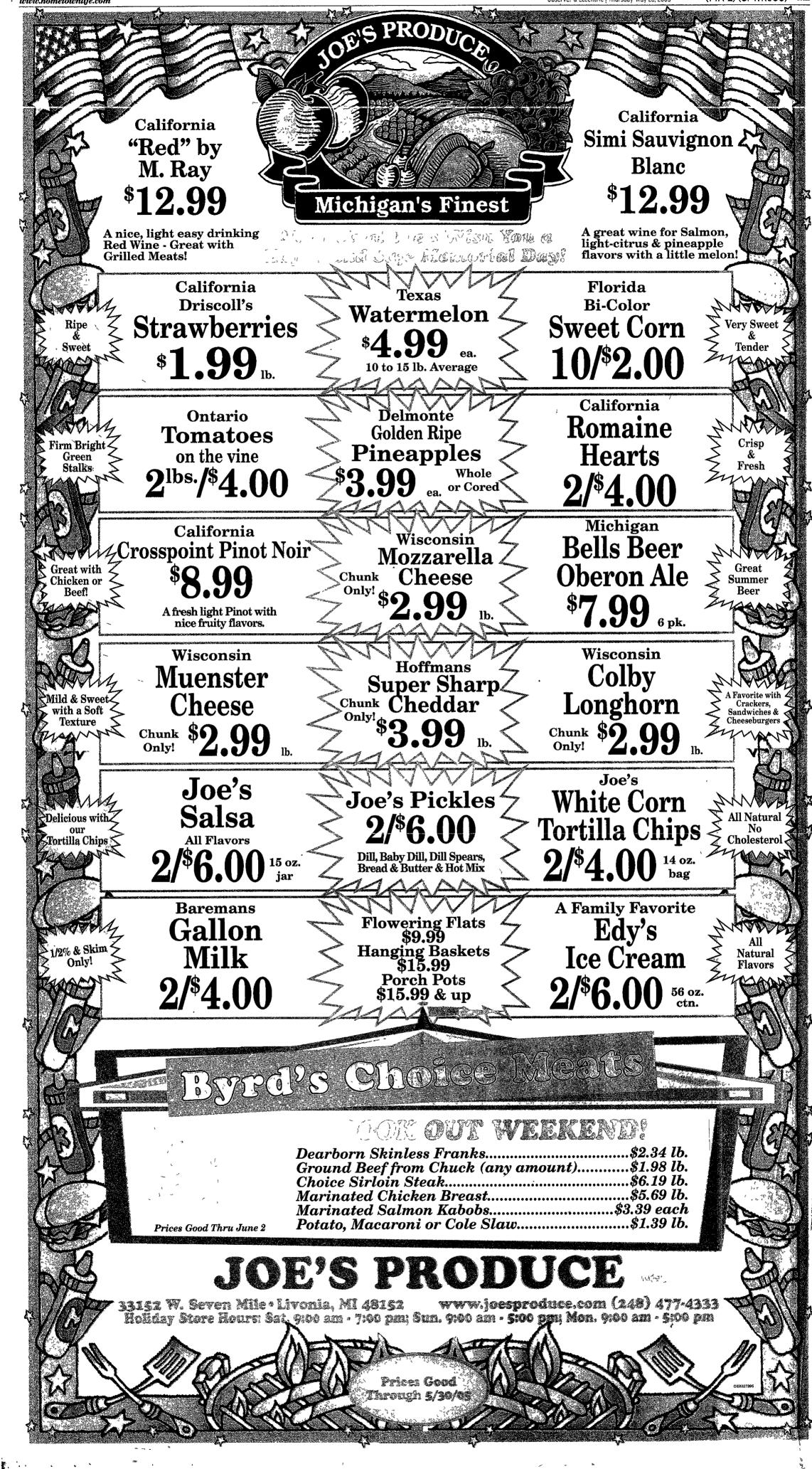
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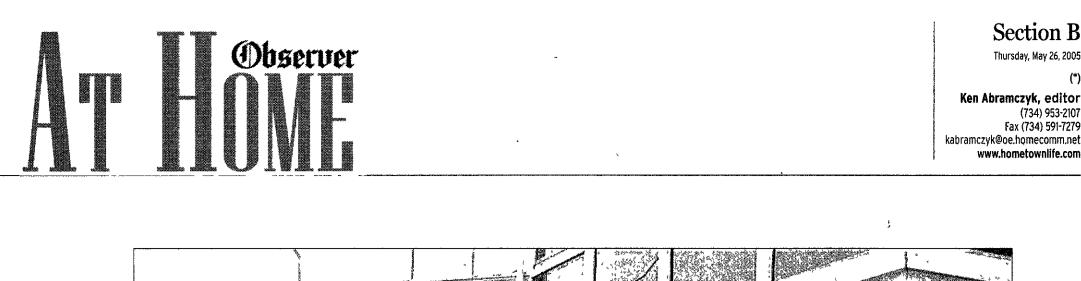


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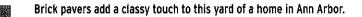
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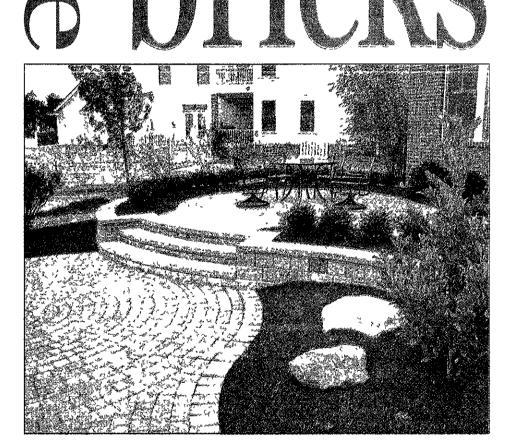
Popular tumbled paver patio look strikes down decks

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER be used for, how big of an area and how many people will be there when they are entertaining," Baldwin said.

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This patio at a home in the Cherry Hill Village in Canton adds wonderful depth and dimension to the yard, not to mention a great setting for family members to sit and relax.

Mark Baldwin, owner of Mark J. Baldwin & Associates, a landscaping design and installation company in Plymouth, believes today's homeowners have more options when it comes to landscaping their homes and beautifying their yards.

They are adding color and style, quite often in the form of brick pavers.

"They are removing the decks and replacing them with brick pavers," Baldwin said. "They're tired of the work in maintaining (decks)."

They're choosing earth tones of red and orange to extend a vibrancy and warmth to the yard. These and charcoal colors are popular choices.

"One of the hottest things is the tumbled pavers," said Larry Bueche of Bueche Landscaping in Troy. "It gives (the paver area) a rustic look. The pavers have a European appearance, almost Romanesque, depending on the company."

Many are choosing the tumbled brick paver styles, which represents about half of the brick paver work Baldwin does current-

"They like a little older look," Baldwin said.

Homeowners need to examine their specific needs first before looking at brick pavers.

"The biggest thing is what will the yard

"They have to look at what they will do with their yard, and design it to fit their needs."

Grant DeGrendel, owner of Michigan Brickscapes in Rochester Hills, said the tumbled brick installed runs about \$10-\$15 a square foot. While it looks beaten, there is no difference in the quality from traditional pavers. The pavers obtain the weathered look from tumbling inside a cement mixer.

The natural bluestone is expensive at \$20-\$35 a square foot.

Brick pavers are ending up on driveways, patios and walkways. DeGrendel is also seeing more decks made out of pavers.

"We're tearing out decks because people are tired of the maintenance," he said. "You can build a retaining wall to elevate the patio."

A masonry patio from DeGrendel can run \$150-\$200 a square foot, so homeowners opt for the structured brick pavers, which run about the same as composite (Eon or Trex) at \$30-\$40 a square foot.

"People like the durability with the lifetime warranty on the brick," DeGrendel said.

Some do-it-yourselfers are looking at real stone for the patios and walkways, accord-

PLEASE SEE PAVERS, B4

Even technology writers get the blues - sometimes

ometimes I get really sick of technology. Sick of my cordless phone, which is so bloated with features we need the manual just to speed-dial a number.

Sick of my e-mail program crashing when I'm at the end of writing a message. (It didn't do that yesterday; why today?) Sick of having five remotes oh my coffee table.

⁴ Of trying to understand the vagaries of HDTV and recordable DVD.

Why is there no pause button for progress?

I'm the last person you'd expect to feel this way. As a



professional computer geek, I spend my life surrounded by the latest and greatest gadgets.

My heart beats a little faster when the Fedex driver delivers the newest smartphone or digital camera. I attend technology trade shows and actually enjoy them. Faster this, smaller that, wireless the other – I'm a sucker for all of it.

Or, I was, until our favorite babysitter quit. Not in so many words – she just suddenly wasn't available whenever we called. And I suspect I know why: our TV is too complicated.

It's connected to a digital video recorder (DVR) and a DVD player. That's the extent of our home-entertainment hardware, yet I'm the only one in the house who can operate the system. Too many modes to switch between, too many lookalike remotes to juggle. Even I get mixed up sometimes.

So when grandparents or babysitters come to watch the kids, I present them with a typed page of instructions. A full page, complete with bullet points and subsections. To operate the TV. Come to think of it, I wouldn't babysit at my house, either.

Make no mistake: I have endless appreciation for technology. I marvel at it. My record collection used to fill two milk crates; today it can fit in my pocket. The PDA I carry has more power than the computer I used all through college. Wow.

But have you seen the manuals for these things? They're huge. And sometimes they're not even printed. You're forced to read them on your PC – assuming you can figure out how. Don't worry, there's probably a manual that tells you how to read the manual.

And there's the rub. The more technology endeavors to help us, the more it impedes us. Sure, new things require new learning, but when you need a manual to operate a telephone and a page of instructions to work the TV, something is not right. There's an ever-increasing gap between capability and common sense. Intel can pack 55 million transistors into a chip the size of a cracker, but I still have to click the "Start"

button to turn off my PC. All I know is, I want our babysitter back.

A sentence in last week's column that read "You may argue that this move (downloading TV shows) is unnecessary, that DVDs are making it less likely I'll miss my favorite shows" should have indicated "...DVRs are making it less likely I'll miss my favorite TV shows."

GARDEN CALENDAR

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, June 3, in the Coach House adiacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester Sue Grubba, an advanced master gardener and owner of Creative Scapes, a landscape and garden design firm, will speak on The Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden.

A silent auction of plants donated by members of the garden club will be featured.

Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5 Reservations aren't required

Call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org for more information. Native plant sale

The sixth annual Oakland Land Conservancy Native Plant Sale will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5. at the Pontiac Pancake Shelter, on the southeast corner of Pike and Mill, near the library, in downtown Pontiac. The sale is open to residents of all communities. Admission is free Proceeds will benefit the Oakland

Land Conservancy's land conservation program. The plants are all native genotypes

from Wildtype Nursery of Mason, Mich They will include grasses and wildflowers (most priced at \$5 per quart), woody vines (\$8 to \$12 per quart), shrubs and trees (\$20 to \$28 per quart) and butterfly gardens (\$60 for either dry or moist settings). For a plant list and other information, call the Oakland Land Conservancy at (248) 601-2816

Co-sponsors are the City of Pontiac, the Clinton River Watershed Council, Healthy People Healthy Oakland, and the Oakland County Chapter of Wild **Ones Natural Landscapers.** Native plants have spent hundreds of vears adapting to the vagaries of southeast Michigan's land and climate. Michigan's birds and butterflies depend on them for food, nectar and nesting materials.

Nature workshops

Nature enthusiasts are invited to join ¿ volunteers at Rouge Green Corridor parks and preserves for a variety of free programs.

Advance registration is required Call Karen Bever at the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority, (248) 288-5150. or e-mail LFDean@aol.com The schedule includes Butterfly and Wildflower Observations, with Doris Applebaum of the Oakland Audubon Society, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at the Douglas Evans Nature Preserve, on the west side of Evergreen between 13 and 14 Mile in Beverly Hills (binoculars and sturdy walking shoes are recommended); Native Wildflower Discovery Workshop, with Linda Forrester, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in Martha Baldwin Park, Maple (15 Mile) at Southfield Road in Birmingham; and Owl Watch

Nature Program, with Oz Forrester, 7:45-8:45 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in Linden Park, on Shirley, just north of W. Lincoln and west of Southfield Road ın Birmingham. Rose programs Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of

Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating spring with a series of free programs open to the public. Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. To learn about its roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses com or call (734) 461-1230 anytime to request a flier.

make a huge sacrifice everv year for my clients and their pets. I travel to the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando. It's generally a pretty happy convention, with excellent speakers, multiple exhibitors with new and exciting products, and lots to see and do.

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Animals Brad

Davis affect children.

In the video, a woman found out her young child had visceral larval migrans, a disease that comes from being exposed to certain parasites, which was in this case canine roundworms. A basic summary of the disease indicates that roundworms infest the child, but their programming is for a dog. It would be like being in Toronto with a Chicago map. You'd get pretty lost looking for The Loop.

A parasite can become so lost it leaves the gastrointestinal tract and wanders through the other tissues (the larva migrates through the viscera, hence the name). As cute as that sounds, it gets worse. In this case, the child has the parasite end up in his eye, and, yes, he ends up losing his vision in that eye.

Ringworm is infection not really a worm

Now you see why everyone looked so sad all day, even that close to Mickey Mouse.

DON'T OVERREACT

Animals can pose risks to people, and it's important to learn what those risks entail and how to avoid them. But it's also important to make sure you don't overreact.

Science fiction and horror movies often make use of fear of what people don't understand, which becomes even more scary when it's something safe like the family pet creating the danger.

Too many times, a young couple will get rid of the cat after they find out the are expecting a child. They want to avoid the probability of the cat's toxoplasmosis causing harm to the child.

Absurd.

Cats are rarely positive for toxoplasmosis, and can be easily checked. Plus, when you cook dinner, you are vastly more likely to become infected with food poisoning from a raw food than by dealing with any cat. Slap the hamburger into patties, then grab and swallow a cherry tomato, and you've taken a chance. Wear plastic gloves when you clean the litter, or better yet, have someone else clean the litter during pregnancy. Then you can keep yourself healthy and keep your kitty. (Plus, you get out of cleaning the litter!)

Ringworm seems to cause an uproar a few times every year. A child comes home itchy with small lesions, gets diagnosed with ringworm, and before you can say Trichophyton mentagrophytes, I am looking at the dog or cat who is the certain cause of the problem.

Certainly they can be the cause, but usually the critters check out as negative. Being around a load of other kids usually ends up the culprit. with the pet having been a convenient scapegoat.

NOT REALLY A WORM

Ringworm, by the way, is not really a worm. It is a fungal infection that can leave lesions that look like a worm has crawled under the skin and died, leaving a bullseye looking reddened area. To identify possible ringworm, look for those lesions or loss of hair, but itching can vary from extreme to non-existent, and some animals are just carriers, without any signs at all.

That said, it should be noted the disease is not very common around here.

Any concerns should be checked out, whether they be veterinary or human in origin.

Either way, ringworm can be hard to diagnose, and finding the source can be even more frustrating. Skin problems are one

thing, but what about this Visceral Larval Migrans? Can it be avoided? Yes. Have your pet checked routinely for intestinal parasites and protect your pet from heartworm disease, with testing and year round heartworm preventive.

Why heartworm? Can people get heartworm disease? No, but heartworm preventives like Heartgard and Interceptor also help to prevent intestinal parasites. Also, a thought might be to teach the children the basic lesson to wash their hands after dealing with an animal, or playing in dirt. Simple.

Of course, kids won't do it every time, but every little bit helps, and certainly a great lesson for life. Clean hands can help avoid lots of problems.

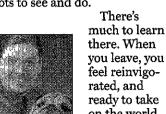
If every dog and cat were on heartworm preventive, and every child routinely washed their hands after dealing with critters, there would be no visceral larval migrans.

And I wouldn't have to be sad a full day in Florida next year. Hey, it's the least you can do after the sacrifice I make for vou.

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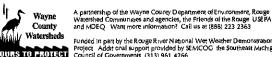


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Don't forget about the hazards of a lint-buildup in the dryer

tyou were listening to my rdio show a few months apo, you heard a fire inspectorialking about a house fire vicim in Rochester Hills. This trace death was the result of a clottes dryer catching fire. The are 15,000 house fires annually caused by the dryer. Do ou know whether your drye is in safe condition?

As a matter of fact, let me ask you sme other questions. Does it tale longer to dry a load of cloths? If so, the vent line could be plugged up with lint. When is the last time the dryes vent line was cleaned out? t should be cleaned out at lest twice a year. How do you dean out the vent line? Taket off, take it outside and shak it or run a garden hose thro gh it. Use a leaf blower and low out the lint. A Appliance woman called the radio show recently and told me a bird's nest and a baseball fell out of the vent line while she used a leaf blower to clean

Appliance Doctor Joe

Joe stress hard enough how important it is to clean out the

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it.

dryer vent line. Of all these dryer fires I mentioned, I know for a fact that almost all of them are due to a lint buildup. Do you have this condition in the very home that you live in? Are you at risk every time you dry a load of clothes? If you answer "yes" to these questions, you are not as smart as you think you are.

There are other factors that can cause a lint buildup in a clothes dryer. A vent line which is too long or made of the wrong material can cause buildup as well. Construction laws under the state code says that vent lines should be made of solid metal. That doesn't mean tinfoil or plastic like so many people purchase at stores in the area. It means solid stove pipe that couples together with ease and can be installed by just about anyone. The law also says that the vent line should not be longér than 15 feet with the use of only two elbows. Just how long is your vent line or have you even measured it? I know home inspectors who are finding that vent lines in brand-new homes are installed

improperly and are too long. Now, here's another question to prevent a dryer fire. When is the last time the dryer was taken apart to make sure that a lint buildup isn't covering the heat source inside the dryer?

Service technicians tell me all the time that they actually prevent a dryer fire from occurring while they are on a service call. They come out to fix a problem which may have caused the dryer to malfunction and they see lint which is just about ready to ignite, maybe as soon as the next use of the dryer. Some people come that close to burning their house down, and they never even have a clue.

It is not hard or complicated for a homeowner to take apart their clothes dryer. You should stop by an appliance service shop with your model number and ask how it's done. You'll find that most of these places are very willing to help you do it yourself.

I meet many thousands of consumers every year and I get so frustrated when I find out that their vent line is too long or the wrong material. I look at them and I know what their dryer looks like and how unsafe it is to use.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net and your question will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

HOME CALENDAR

Phone repair

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Have you ever wondered how your phone works, or needed to make a repair to your interior wiring? Learn about how the switched telephone network operates and how your telephones connect to it in Home Telephone Wiring and Repair, a class offered through Rochester Schools Community Education and Enrichment. The class will take place on three Wednesdays beginning June 15 at Rochester High School. Fee is \$65. Call (248) 726-3165 or visit www.rochester.k12 mi us for registration and other information. A number of commonly available telephone tools will be demonstrated, and students will have the opportunity to wire and troubleshoot phone circuits in the classroom If possible, a trip to a local telephone exchange will be arranged. A fee will be charged for materials used in class. Instructor Steve Clark is training and development manager at SBC Transport Technology Center.



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PAVERS

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ing to Marco Scappaticci, president of Rock Shoppe in Plymouth.

"We can see that's really changed from the regular brick paver to the tumbled look, and now they are going for the real stone in brick pavers," Scappaticci said.

That's not something new, it's just being revisited, he said.

Colors vary in browns and blues. Full-range bluestone is popular, featuring blues, grays and greens to dark browns. That combination allows it to match with many different exterior brick colors on the homes.

'We help out homeowners all the time. They are doing it for the satisfaction of doing it themselves, and to save on the costs of labor," Scappaticci said. They are more creative in their designs than using the standard circle patio.

"More of them are changing it up and looking at changing textures," Scappaticci said. The most important rule in

brick paver installation is installing the proper base material.

"You should have three inches compacted of the 21AA commercial limestone with

two inches of compacted slag," Scappaticci said. "The bigger the rock on the bottom, the better the base."

RETAINING WALLS

Retaining walls should be used in yards that are steep and are on large lots. Homeowners have a choice of segmental retaining walls, natural boulders, or limestone or ledgestone, DeGrendel said.

The segmented walls consist of blocks that weigh 500 pounds each. The segmented walls tend to have a more commercial look, DeGrendel said.

"The boulder walls are the most durable, and it is a softer look."

Limestone and ledgestone walls are too porous, DeGrendel said.

"The water soaks into it and freezes," he said. That can lead to cracks in the limestone and deterioration.

Retaining walls are most effective in steep yards or to create paths.

Mike Weslock, owner of Designs in Nature, whose home will be featured on the Sylvan Lake home and garden tour June 18, used a retaining wall in his yard for plants. Weslock chose boulders so the wall would be more attractive.

"Interlocking walls are more

expensive, but they are easier to put in," Weslock said. "Boulders are still used a lot, but you need a lot of heavy equipment."

PLANTS

Today's yard renovator has larger plants from which to choose, Baldwin said.

"They are more sophisticated in their tastes," Baldwin said "It used to be that all you see is woody shrubs. They look for plants that flower out at diffeent times of year. Trees flowe in the spring, and perenniakin the summer and fall. You als see a lot of ornamental grasss. Hedges are a little more popilar than they used to be.

"Holly is used frequently." Before starting a project, , "they have to determine wha they want from landscaping,

Baldwin said. They also need to learn when certain plants need to be pruned. Pruning is importan to maintain a plant's appearance, Baldwin said.

"They should try not to plat all of one tree (species) on a site," Baldwin said. "There ar a lot of new species available You should try to have three four different varieties."

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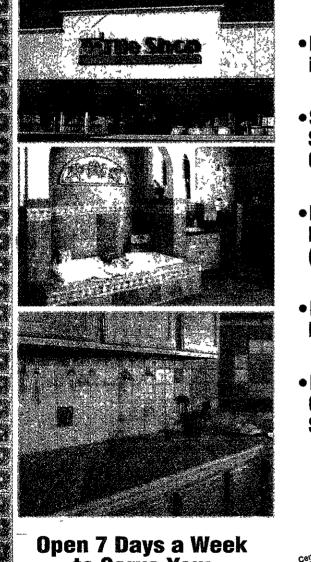
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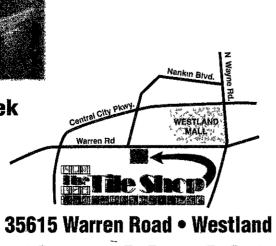






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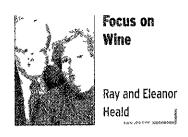




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Kitchen



Pietra Santa sounds Italian, but it isn't

refiteen years ago, we met Italian-born winemaker Alessio Carlı at Viansa winery in Sonoma County He wanted to tell us about his wines but back then he spoke very little English. In this case, pointing didn't work!

That's changed. Now, Carli speaks perfect English and is winemaker for Pietra Santa winery in California's Cienega Valley. He explains his wines well. Tasting them with dishes prepared by exec-utive chef Gerald Gramzay at Rochester's The Royal Park Hotel was more than a treat.

A LITTLE HISTORY

Joseph Gimelli, Pietra Santa's owner, was born and raised in San Jose, Calif., in an Italian-American family Pietra Santa, Italian for sacted stone, is the maturation of a hfelong dream. The name was chosen because of the rich limestone deposits m the vineyard's subsoil.

In 1989, Gimelli discovered a 455-acre parcel in a picturesque small valley in San Benito County, Calif., 20 miles inland from Monterey





Burgers are like pizza - experiment and enjoy.

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nybody can grill a burger. The question is: Can you rock the summer favorite until it tastes oh so good? Local food enthusiasts say it comes down to creativity, a willing-

ness to experiment and spices. "Food is like a woman walking into a clos-

et full of clothes. Does this skirt go with this shirt? Or maybe today, you try something different. God knows it's all about imagination," said George Gize, owner of Ferndale's Assaggi Mediterranean Bistro, which is known for its inventive cuisine.

Yes, you can kick up the basic burger, and one way to do it is seasoning. Gize starts layering flavor before the meat

even hits the grill. He suggests blending ground beef with sea salt, fresh cracked Burgers can be prepared in many different, delicious pepper, "a little bit of wine" and heavy whipping cream ways. Recipes,

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for moisture. Then add chopped parsley or chives and shallots or finely cut onions.

"There is so much variety that you can play with," he said. Another approach: Meld the American favorite with exotic ingredients.

For a Mediterranean taste, Gize recommends experimenting with cumin or chopped mint. Then substitute a regular hamburger bun with a baguette or pita bread moistened with herb-infused olive oil.

Think "aggressive spices," said John Jonna, owner of Merchant's Fine Wine in Grosse Pointe and Dearborn. "Americans tend to be purists," Jonna said. "I am not a purist."

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Support your local farmer

att Prentice was on his way to a cookout, and pulled off the road to purchase freshly picked corn from a farmer.

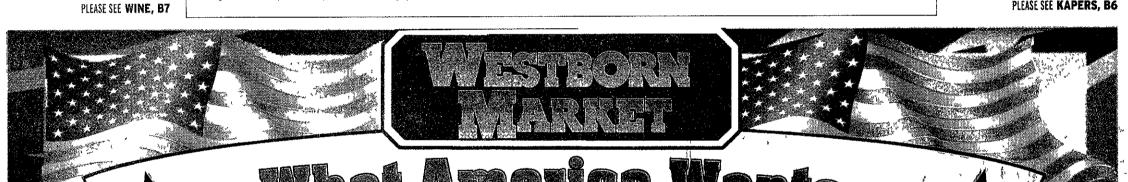
The owner of Morels: A Michigan Bistro and Shiraz in Bingham Farms and several other restaurants in the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group grilled the fresh corn at the party.

"And they ate nothing else," he said of the party's guests. "Nothing beats Michigan corn off the stalk."

Prentice and Frank Turner, the chef at Morel's, spoke about Michigan foods as Turner cre-ated a meal featuring Michigan foods last Wednesday to begin the Michigan Department of Agriculture's 2005 Select Michigan campaign.

This year's Select Michigan campaign promotes soybeans, asparagus, peaches, apples and carrots. Select Michigan is funded in part by the Michigan Integrated Food & Farming Systems; U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and more than 20 Michigan commodity organizations, associations and

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Knowledge Bowl team wins third regional KAPERS

Members of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Knowledge Bowl team won their third straight regional championship in April and are headed for San Antonio July 29 - August 5 for the national championship competition.

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Their opponents will be the Inland Northwest Culinary Academy at Spokane Community College, the Florida Culinary Institute/ACF Palm Beach Chefs Association and Columbus State Community College. The American Culinary Federation sponsors the contest.

While the team members won't divulge their strategy for the Jeopardy-like contest, they did mention ringing in faster than anyone else, challenging judges' calls, knowing obscure facts and generally being aggressive, intimidating and controlling the game.

In the April contest, team members Jill Frohlich of Novi, Karen Schlembri of Canton, Jonathan Kramer of Rochester Hills, Ken Walters of Lake

Orion and captain Justin Swain of Ann Arbor competed against nine other teams in the central region - four from Chicago, and one each from St. Louis, New Orleans, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Indiana. They answered questions on general cooking knowledge, the Escoffier approach to preparing food, nutrition and sanitation.

Team members were chosen in November and began studying in January. By comparison, some of their opponents took a Knowledge Bowl class for two semesters. Each of the contestants received four textbooks - some upwards of 1,000 pages - that contained all the information they would be quizzed on.

Team Schoolcraft met three times a week to prepare. Members made sure they had a general knowledge base, then they each picked a specialty. The actual competition, held at Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, was a double elimination, and

Schoolcraft only needed to play four rounds, the minimum possible, because the team never lost.

Schoolcraft's lowest score was higher than every other team's highest score.

They did it with solid knowledge of the basics and the obscure. When the judge ruled the team's answer for two types of fatty acids - omega 6 and omega 3 - incorrect, Swain and Walters challenged the ruling.

"The answer the judges were looking for was alpha linoleic and linolenic," said Swain. "It's the same thing, just with different names. We won the challenge and that was a 50point question."

Another question - what can you use to replace asparagus tips in garnish choron – had everyone stumped. Swain rang the buzzer, put the microphone close to his mouth, and intoned, "Buttered peas." Swain said there was an audible gasp from the other teams, the coaches and the audience

as they realized he was correct.

Schoolcraft has fielded a Knowledge Bowl team for only three years, and won the regional championship each time, the only college to win three regionals in a row since the competition began in 1992. In 2003, it went on to win the national championship. This year, team members believe they have another good shot at winning the whole enchilada.

In San Antonio, they will play a round robin match, going up against every opposing team at least once. The top two pointgetters will play each other for the championship title.

"We have a very strong knowledge base and sound strategy," said Chris Misiak, a certified executive chef. Schoolcraft instructor and coach of the Knowledge Bowl team. "We also have full support from the whole school and help from last year's team captain Kathryn Cillick. And we invite everyone to come to San Antonio and support us."

little green, minced and

¼ teaspoon fresh ginger, minced

½ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium

1 teaspoon reduced-sodium soy

Freshly ground black pepper, to

Steam asparagus and 8 scal-

lions in a steam basket over boil-

ing water (or in the microwave,

until crisp-tender, about 5 min-

with a small amount of water)

utes. Rinse with cold water to

stop the cooking and set color.

in a small saucepan over medi-

um-high heat. Add ginger and

stir until it begins to color. Add

cook a few seconds. Add broth,

vinegar, soy sauce and sugar. Set

Just before serving, place the

remaining minced scallions in a

large bowl. Add steamed asparagus

and scallions. Bring the dressing to

a boil over medium-high heat. Let

half the minced scallions and

To make the dressing, heat oil

1 teaspoon lemon juice, or to

(or a dash of ground ginger)

divided in 2 batches

1 tablespoon canola oil

chicken broth

sauce

taste

taste

Drain and cool.

aside.

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

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companies who represent the products promoted through the program.

"Supporting the local economy is a no-brainer," Turner said. "You can get the freshest products. It can also keep me on Michigan's culinary edge."

Not only that, purchasing homegrown produce has a significant impact on the economy.

If every household in Michigan spent only \$10 a week on Michigan products and foods grown here, \$37 million would be circulated immediately into the state economy, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Melinda Curtis.

Dan Wyant, MDA director, said recent research indicates that Michigan consumers are willing to pay more for locally grown produce. "Consumers are willing to pay for the Michigan asparagus for 69 cents a pound, even alongside California asparagus at 59 cents a pound," Wyant said. "They know it's for the Michigan farmer."

The MDA's survey also indicated that 75 percent of Michigan consumers would be more likely to buy a food product if they knew it was grown or processed in Michigan.

Of course, not all consumers know when an item is Michigan grown, so the Select Michigan campaign is also geared toward promotion of the Michigangrown crops. Surveys show that most consumers indicated that identifying Michigan products was difficult.

But more retailers are participating. This year's promotion included Meijer, Spartan Stores (Glen's Markets, Family Fare), Farmer Jack, Kroger and Kmart. Consumers should look for the Select Michigan signs.

Michigan asparagus represents 18 percent of the nation's production and Michigan is the nation's second most diverse agri-economy, according to Wyant.

John Bakker, executive director of the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, discussed the intricacies in growing asparagus. Farmers purchase black asparagus seeds at about 3 to 6 cents a piece. "It is expensive," Bakker said. "A farmer needs about 15,000 seeds for one acre."

It takes three to four years for a harvest, Bakker said. Bakker estimated that asparagus farmers raise 500 million spears each year. Michigan asparagus is the only asparagus in the world that is hand-snapped. "Every one is hand-snapped where it is tender, Bakker said. "It is all green, all tender, all delicious and labor intensive." Bakker said 15,000 acres are dedicated by 250 family farms in Michigan to growing asparagus. In the 1950s and 1960s, much of the asparagus was frozen and canned

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Bakker discussed a trade agreement aimed at drug trafficking by encouraging Peru to grow produce. The Andean Trade Preferences Act, enacted in 1991 org removed tariffs on Peruvian 110 asparagus. It also meant more oft Peruvian asparagus was grown. Jul "Big business in Peru started A growing many acres of aspara- 1 or gus," Bakker said. bec

Del Monte moved a cannery tesy Peru. Soon the Michigan canning91 and processing businesses for vg asparagus tumbled. iroi

Studies were conducted of the set Michigan asparagus industry. "We needed to get away from the processing market," Bakker saidgiw "Select Michigan came along at 1 the right time." Michigan asparatoit gus growers reported a 22 per- rips cent increase in the volume of hib fresh asparagus marketed in ioif 2004 compared to 2003. fra-

And when crops make farmers113 'money, they will be less inclined' star to sell the land for residential or, fio commercial developments, 11년 Wyant said.

"A lot of the most productive 9 farms in Michigan are on hills 311) and nice vistas near places like [s) Muskegon, Grand Rapids and Stold Joseph-Benton Harbor and thosen't are areas of significant pressure,"19 Wyant said. "The development out pressure is extreme, so you have init to add value to the commodity. In g agriculture, the best way to keepJIA a farming business going is to fav keep it profitable." 91b

So support your local farmer. 769 Buy asparagus and other 12-Michigan-grown produce. In gar fact, the Long Family Orchard & rit Farm at Commerce and Wise -orly roads in Commerce Township is nw growing and selling asparagus 477" right now. (I just bought 10 any pounds on Saturday, and it is Grt excellent.) The crop is expected to last another three weeks. Call theog orchard's information line at UT L

(248) 360-3774 for an update

For more information, visit

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Asparagus dishes define spring season

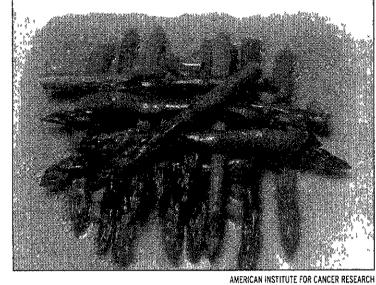
Nothing says spring like a plate of asparagus. While asparagus is now available year round, it still seems a special treat in spring.

Asparagus has been a prized food since ancient times. The Greeks ate wild asparagus and the Romans cultivated it in their gardens. But asparagus did not become a big crop in North America until the end of the 19th century. It has been popular ever since. In addition to its delicate taste, asparagus is high in vitamins A, B and C, and a source of iron and potassium.

Asparagus can be more than a side vegetable. It can be served as an appetizer, a soup or over pasta. Asparagus salad is another good showcase. In the recipe below, a tart, lemony dressing complements the asparagus without obscuring its natural flavors.

May is a good time to take a look at alternatives to the typical American salad - a bowl of iceberg lettuce with a few slices of tomato or cucumber.

Try salads made with dark leafy greens and vegetables such as asparagus, broccoli,



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both overweight and chronic diseases. Asparagus Salad with Lemon-Soy Sauce would be a good part of such a diet.

Shop for firm, smooth, bright green stalks with tight tips. Wrinkled spears are dried out. Asparagus is often sold in " bundles bound with rubber bands. Take the bands off before storing; they make the spears sweat and spoil more quickly. Since they are grown in sandy soil, rinse the tips well. Asparagus can be kept for three or four days refrigerated. Trim the stems and store asparagus standing upright, like flowers, in a tall glass with

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about an inch of water, loosely covered with a plastic bag.

Before cooking, trim spears by bending stalks until they break off, usually at the woody, inedible part of the spears. Use stalks of a uniform thickness so they cook evenly.

ASPARAGUS SALAD

cauliflower, sweet or hot peppers, carrots, mushrooms and zucchini. The vegetables could be raw, lightly steamed, grilled, or even leftover from a stir-fry.

You don't need to have a salad every day. But scientific evidence suggests that a mostly plantbased diet is best for preventing

WITH LEMON-SOY SAUCE

1/2 pounds thin asparagus stalks, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch lengths 8 whole scallions, trimmed to include a little green 5 scallions, trimmed to include a

boil 30 seconds. Gradually stir in pepper and lemon juice, tasting, to achieve an appealing tart and peppery flavor. Toss the vegetables with the dressing.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 86 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 538 mg. sodium.

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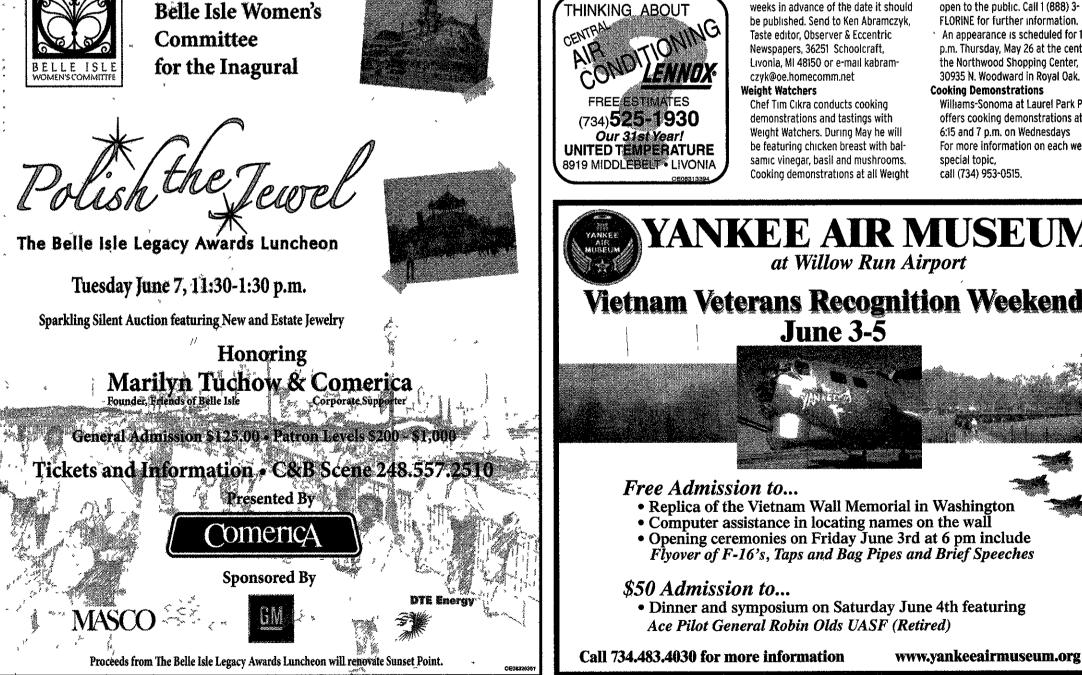
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In true Italian estate tradition, Gimelli also planted on 25 acres 5,000 olive trees of five different varieties imported from Italy. In 2002-03, the frantoio (olive press) constructed on site was used to make Pietra Santa's first

olive oil called Olivita.

Bay. Vineyard history of the property dated back to 1850 but when Gimelli purchased the estate, vines had been untended for a long time.

Rehabilitating the vineyard to the current 130 acres became a mission. Thirty vineyard acres are terraced with the remainder on hillsides and vallev floor, ranging in altitude from 1,200 to 1,800 feet and featuring several different microclimates.

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WINE PORTFOLIO

Pietra Santa's Cal-Itals (Italian varieties grown in California) caught our attention. Chef Gramzay paired the 2002 Pietra Santa Pinot Grigio (\$12) with upfront tropical fruit and a citrusy finish to a first course of Baby White Asparagus and Arugula Salad tossed with fava beans and pancetta dressing. Sprinkled with Parmigiano-Reggiano and 12-year aged balsamic vinegar, the salad teamed with the wine perfectly, even though asparagus can be a wine-unfriendly vegetable. "The salty pancetta counters any asparagus clash,"

Gramzay said. Gramzay's Short Ribs of Beef with Cippolini Jam and

WINE PICKS

Think Cabernet Sauvignon for a Memorial Day barbecue.

Excellent: 2001 Clos du Bois Marlstone, \$50: 2001 Duckhorn Napa Valley, \$85; 2001 Franciscan Magnificat, \$40: 2002 Hess Collection Mountain Cuvee, \$35 (at 60 percent cabernet, this is the winery's first non-varietal release); 2002 Livingston Moffett Napa Valley Gemstone Vineyard, \$80; 2002 Joseph Phelps Napa Valley, \$48; 2000 Rodney Strong Symmetry, \$55; and 2002 Sebastiani Alexander Valley, \$28.

Very Good: 2002 Beckman, \$25; 2001 Clos du Bois, \$17; 2002 J. Davies Napa Valley, \$65; 2002 Duckhorn Decoy Napa Valley Red Wine, \$26; 2002 Frank Family Vineyards Napa Valley, \$40; 2001 Kunde Reserve, \$60: 2000 Oakville Ranch Napa Valley, \$42; 2000 Rodney Strong Reserve \$40; 2001 Stuhlmuller Alexander Valley Estate, \$30; and 2002 Toasted Head Alexander Valley, \$20. Wallet-friendly: 2002 Bogle, \$12.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Gramzay's Sage Roasted Quail was outstanding with 2001 Vache (named for the Frenchman who planted the first grapes in Cienega Valley) Pinot Noir (\$35). The limited quantity is worth a search.

At \$8, Sacred Stone is Pietra Santa's inexpensive red blend of syrah, carignan, grenache, sangiovese and zinfandel. It's a lovely, easydrinking wine, perfect for warm weather barbecues.

Other recommended Pietra Santa wines are 2000 Žinfandel (\$15) and 1999

BURGER

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Jonna begins with Cajun seasoning, chopped onions and red or yellow peppers plus finely chopped garlic that's been pre-sauteed in oil.

"By pre-cooking the garlic you're getting some more flavor and the oil," he said. "Everyone loves a juicy burger. I believe in adding things that add juiciness to a burger."

But Jonna doesn't stop there. Forgo the usual toppings like ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard and experiment with alternatives, he said. Consider a sweet hot chili sauce, a spicy Thai sauce, hoisin sauce or even pesto. Another inspired idea: Top each burger with a scant teaspoon of sesame oil just before serving to draw out the taste of a crispy, toasted sesame seed bun.

The latest creative burger topping for Ari Weinzweig, owner of Zingerman's in Ann Arbor, is pimento cheese, originally from the South. A blend of cheddar, mayonnaise and

BURGERS WITH RED RELISH AND HERB AÏOLI

1-1/2 pounds ground beef 4 crusty French rolls, split

Relish:

¼ cup diced tomato 2 tablespoons jarred roasted red peppers, rinsed, drained and minced

2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion

2 teaspoons red wine vinegar

Aloli:

- ⅓ cup mayonnaise 2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- Garnish: Shaved or shredded Parmesan cheese

Combine relish ingredients in medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Combine aïoli ingredients in another medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Lightly shape ground beef into four3/+inch patties.

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color; turning occasionally.

red pimento, the topping has a cheese-spread consistency and melts from the heat of the cooked burger.

"You just slather it on the bun," said Weinzweig, who was so enamored with the Southern tradition, he put pimento cheese burgers on the specials menu at his restaurant Zingerman's Roadhouse, also located in Ann Arbor.

"Obviously there are many things you can do to make a burger good," he said, adding that experimentation doesn't require introducing new and unusual ingredients. Look to variations on old favorites like French mustard with cognac, a flavorful spicy ketchup, pepper-coated bacon or an unusual cheese.

"I really like fresh goat cheese," he said. "Cheese is one of the easiest things to do to make a great burger."

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Spoon relish evenly over burg-

ers; garnish each burger with

Parmesan cheese pieces. Close

sandwiches. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per

serving: 534 calories; 35 g pro-

tein; 26 g carbohydrate; 31 g

fat; 635 mg sodium; 110 mg

cholesterol; 7.6 mg niacin; 0.4

mg vitamin B6; 2.8 mcg vita-

min B12; 3.8 mg iron; $\overline{6.8}$ mg

Recipe courtesy of the Cattlemen's

ITALIAN GARLIC BREAD BURGERS

1 package (11.75 ounces) frozen

mozzarella and garlic cheese

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Cattlemen's Beef Association.

1-1/2 pounds ground beef

12 large fresh basil leaves

Heat bread according to

watch so that bread does not

package directions for grilling;

Lightly shape ground beef

Place patties on grid over medi-

into four³/+-inch thick patties.

um, ash-covered coals. Grill,

medium (160°F) doneness,

until not pink in center and

uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to

juices show no pink color, turn-

bread

Salt and pepper

4 tomato slices

scorch on bottom.

ing occasionally.

zinc.

Burgers are a summer-grilling top choice. Keep it fresh by skipping the ketchup and making a sauce substitute like red relish and herb aïoli.

to and basil. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: If mozzarella and garlic cheese bread is not available, substitute regular garlic bread; 2 minutes before burgers are done, top each with mozzarella cheese slice.

Nutrition information per serving: 643 calories; 41 g protein; 37 g carbohydrate; 38 g fat; 815 mg sodium; 170 mg cholesterol; 7.6 mg niacin; 0.4 mg vitamin B6; 3.4 mcg vitamin B12; 3.5 mg iron; 6.9 mg

ASIAN CHOPPED STEAK WITH WASABI-MAYO SLAW

- 1 pound ground beef 1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy
- sauce
- 1-1/2 teaspoons minced garlic 3 tablespoons reduced sodium
- soy sauce
- 4 large romaine or Boston lettuce leaves

Wasabi-Mayo Slaw:

3 cups packaged coleslaw mix 1/2 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper strips

¼ cup chopped green onions

½ cup prepared wasabi-mayonnaise

Combine Wasabi-Mayo Slaw ingredients in large bowl; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

into four /2-inch thick oval pat-

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Grill, uncovered, 11 to 13 minutes to medium (160°F) donecenter and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally and basting with 3 tablespoons soy sauce.

Place burgers in lettuce leaves; top evenly with Wasabi-Mayo Slaw. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 398 calories; 30 g fat (8 g saturated fat; 7 g monounsaturated fat); 84 mg cholesterol; 780 mg sodium; 6 g carbohydrate; 1.9 g fiber; 24 g pro-

PIMENTO CHEESE

- 1/2 pound Vermont Cheddar,
- roasted red peppers
- Scant¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

a medium-sized bowl until well combined.

but thoroughly. Lightly shape ties. Place patties on grid over

medium, ash-covered coals. ness, until no longer pink in

coarsely grated

1 cup Heliman's Mayonnaise

2 ounces roasted red peppers,

- diced (about¼ cup) ³/₄ teaspoon of the juice from the
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground
- black pepper
- Pinch coarse sea salt

Stir all ingredients together in

Truffled Celeriac Mash was paired with 2001 Pietra Santa Sangiovese (\$21). "My goal with this wine," said Carli, "is to have the berry flavors play on the palate against a soft earthiness." Vinegar that Gramzav added to the jam, "brought all the flavors of the dish into balance with the wine." 200

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Sassolino (\$26), a library release blend of sangiovese and Bordeaux grape varieties.

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Spread aïoli on bottom of each bun; top with burger.

'buns." Season burgers with salt and pepper, as desired. Place burgers in buns; top with toma-

Cut bread crosswise into four

Combine ground beef, 1 tablespoon soy sauce and garlic in large bowl, mixing lightly

Recipe courtesy of Zingerman's Roadhouse in Ann Arbor.





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Mustangs stampede Salem in WLAA soccer final

BY RYAN DOHERTY SPECIAL WRITER

For Salem's girls soccer team, Wednesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association's Conference championship game was an opportunity to show the defending Division I state champion Northville Mustangs just how much they had worked on improving their inconsistent play.

Unfortunately, Salem failed to capitalize on several quality scoring chances, and were shutout by the Mustangs, 3-0, at Northville.

The loss dropped Salem's overall record to (7-7-4), (7-0-4) in the WLAA, and (3-0-2) in the Lakes Division.

Salem's Kelly Adsit had a breakaway four minutes into the game, but her shot missed the mark and Northville was quick to respond. The Mustangs' leading scorer, Danielle Toney, scored on her own breakaway just two minutes after Adsit's chance, giving Northville an early 1-0 advantage.

"(Danielle) Toney is a talented player, and if you leave her alone for a second she will burn you, and she did that to us tonight," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

The Mustangs continued to keep the ball on the Salem side of the field for the majority of the first half.

"I was a little surprised on how they played us defensively in the first half and that gave us the opportunity to generate

more scoring chances," said Northville coach Ron Meteyer.

Although Amy Gizicki had one of Salem's best chances midway through the opening half when she fired a shot off of her left foot that Northville goalie Liz Watza made a nice diving save on.

Watza has played in the net just six games for the Mustangs this season and has yet to allow a single goal. "We need to get the ball to Amy more often," said Nora. He added, "Amy is a talented player who finds a way to score for us."

Meanwhile, Northville added their second tally of the game six minutes before the intermission. Jen Kritch slammed home a corner pass from teammate Lauren Hill to push the Mustangs'

lead to 2-0 heading into the break.

Salem seemed to play more inspired in the second half, but their scoring chances were limited by the Mustangs' solid backline.

However, Nora was impressed with the play of three midfielders: Ashley Stoychoff, Kathryn Wheatley and Megan McCarthy all had solid performances according to the Salem coach.

Lauren Hill added the Mustangs' final goal on a crossing pass from Amy Cauzillo, putting Northville (14-1-2 over-all) ahead for good, 3-0. The victory was also the Mustangs' eighth shutout of the season.

The Rocks will be in district action at 7 p.m. Tuesday at home vs. Huron.

Good golly miss Molly **Conlon-led Canton** secures WLAA title

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Taking a line from the movie "Forrest Gump," Canton catcher Melissa Cieniuch and pitcher Molly Conlon "go together like peas and carrots."

"We've been playing together since the fourth grade," said Cieniuch. "Molly's really calm, I never have to go out to the mound. But sometimes if she thinks she's not doing something right, she'll ask me between innings what needs to be fixed."

Conlon, a senior right-hander, found the plate with regularity as she pitched a two-hitter to lead the Chiefs to their eighth Western Lakes Activities Association championship under coach Jim Arnold with a 1-0 win over host Livonia Churchill.

Canton, the Western Division champion, improved to 33-1 overall. Churchill, the top seed in the Lakes

Thornton signs Canton's Kevin Thornton

has signed a letter-ofintent to play basketball for Saginaw Valley State beginning with the 2005-* 06 season. The 6-foot-8 Thornton was a key member of the Chiefs' most recent team, which advanced to the Class A district final game.

Willette lauded

Salem Athletic Director Tom Willette has been recognized as a certified athletic administrator by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

To earn the distinction, Willette demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

Cardinals win

The Canton Cardinals captured the Frankenmuth Baseball Tournament May 21-22. The Cards defeated Berkley, 6-5; Reese, 11-4 and Frankenmuth, 9-1.

The team consists of John Maurer, Luke Merandi, Kyle Powell, Shawn Lyons, David Hales, Zane Birchler, Alex Russell, Tim Hemmelgarn, Jeremy Lindbauer, Steven Carravallah, Matt Rosochacki and Jacob Worth, The team is coached by Chris Merandi, Dave Lyons and Paul Powell.



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Molly Conlon threw a two-hitter and struck out 10 to lead Canton to a 1-0 victory over Livonia Churchill in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game played at Churchill. The Chiefs are now 33-1 heading into their Division 1 district tournament.

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Annual soccer tourney is one of a kind Plymouth 1,

ticipating."

past seven years.

CANTON CUP 2005

Canton, which is pretty amazing consid-

Approximately 440 soccer teams from

ering there are hundreds of teams par-

throughout the Midwest – about half

from the metropolitan Detroit area -

weekend for the 23rd Annual Canton

Cup, which will be held on 37 fields at

who has held his current title for the

"It's a festival atmosphere," said

event. "The players will range in age

from 8 to 18 and the skill levels range

from rec teams to premier teams. The

Tournament Director Greg Demopoulos,

Demopoulos, who said more than 7,000

players will be participating in this year's

five separate parks, according to

are expected to converge on Canton this

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Former professional soccer player Bryan "Goose" Finnerty has observed countless youth sporting events around the globe during his many soccer-related travels, but few stack up with the annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, which is coordinated by the Canton Soccer Club.

"For soccer junkies, attending the Canton Cup is like someone who is addicted to chocolate getting to visit Hershey Park or Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory," said Finnerty, the owner of High Velocity Sports. "There is so much action going on around Canton when the tournament is going on, you don't know where to start.

"The best thing about it is that it's not in four different cities - it's all in

Nic'ed once again

England continues to frustrate Canton

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's baseball team has seen more than enough of England over the past three years.

That's Salem pitcher Nic England, not the country.

The Rocks' crafty, right-handed ace continued his three-year unbeaten stretch against the Chiefs Tuesday afternoon by throwing a five-hitter in Salem's 11-4 victo-

The win boosted Salem's record to 13-14 overall and 8-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I knew it was the last game I was ever

go out with a win," said England, a senior who is considering walking on to play for Western Michigan University in the fall. "I was keeping my pitches down today and hitting my spots. My splitter was working."

England's only two glaring mistakes were pitches that resulted in solo home runs off the bats of Canton's Scott Steffes and Jake Powers in the fifth and sixth innings, respectively.

"That was a normal game for Nic as far as I'm concerned," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He's been pitching like that for us for the past three years."

Rumberger said wins against his crosscampus rival are always special.

"It's a big rivalry game, so it's always an important one to win for the kids and for me," he said. "It's especially important for the players because they go to school with the Canton players."

Canton interim coach Jim Kaye said the

games will start at 5 p.m. Friday and will end around 7 p.m. on Sunday."

The tournament has grown from 200 teams to 440 since Demopoulos took over the reins of the event seven years

ago. "Greg deserves a lot of credit for the tournament's growth," Finnerty stressed. "Since he took over, it's gone from a mom-and-pop tournament to one of the best in the country. Greg and his family dedicate themselves to this tournament for six or seven months a year, which often goes unnoticed."

For more information about this weekend's Canton Cup, visit www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

If you still can't find the fields, what advice does Demopoulos offer?

"Just follow all the minivans," he said, smiling.



Salem senior pitcher Nic England tossed a five-hitter at Canton Tuedsay afternoon in the Rocks' 11-4 victory. The performance marked England's final game on the Salem

Lacrosse fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Warriors boys lacrosse team will be holding a carwash fundraiser at Rite-Aid on the corner of Canter Center and Ford roads on Sunday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The PCS team is self-funded.

PCA track

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys and girls track teams were small, but talented this past season.

Scott Brandt was the top competitor on the boys team, winning the high jump, while placing second in the 100-meter high hurdles and 300meter hurdles at the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference league meet. Brandt was also voted onto the firstteam All-MIAC team.

Brandt placed seventh in all three events in the Division 4 regional this past weekend.

The Eagles' girls team was led by Armila Francis, who finished second in the 1,600-meter run at the MIAC meet, setting a new school record. She was also second in the 3,200-meter run, breaking the old school record. Her peformance earned her a spot on the MIAC's All-Conference team.

Francis qualified for the June 4 Division 4 state meet by finishing second in the 3,200-meter run at the regional. She broke the tape in 12:37, eclipsing the school record she set earlier in the year.

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them behind the dugout. "They were tired, beat up and **PREP SOFTBALL**

exhausted," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "But

we still had

two more games to play. The second I told them it was time to play again, they jumped up and went out there like it was the first game of the day."

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Wildcat softball team

endures 7-game day

BY ED WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

Moments after their fifth game of

the day Saturday, several members of

their fatigue by laying down on blan-

kets their parents had spread out for

the Plymouth softball team battled

to win tournament

The Wildcats not only shut out the exhaustion, they battled back from the loser's bracket to win the inaugural Wildcats Varsity Softball Invitational, which was held at the Plymouth varsity and freshmen softball fields.

Plymouth went 6-1 on the day to improve its overall record to 20-9. The Wildcats had to knock off Madison Heights Bishop Foley in the tourney's final two games to secure the championship trophy.

"The girls played phenomenal," Canfield said. "I told them after the tournament that I have never been more proud of a team. They played with a lot of character and guts. Sophomore pitcher Claire

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Rocks earn trophy at Madonna Invite Chiefs make most of chances, win 2-1

Salem's softball team won three games and a trophy at this past weekend's Madonna Invitational held at the Canton Softball Center.

The Rocks went 1-2 Saturday in pool-play action, but bounced back to win both of their Sunday contests to win their flight.

"The girls came back Sunday with some fight in them," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "They really came back and battled. We played two really good games, with some nice defense, to win (the flight)."

On Saturday, the Rocks opened with a 5-2 loss to Taylor Kennedy, which advanced to the final game of the 16-team tournament before falling to Belleville. Melissa Leach pitched the first four innings and held Kennedy scoreless, striking out three. The Eagles erupted for four runs in the sixth.

Salem was held to four hits: singles by Tina Sniegowski and Deonna Szawara, a run-scoring double by Amy Caves and an RBI triple off the bat of Ali Proodian.

The Rocks evened their record at 1-1 with a 2-1 triumph over West Bloomfield. Courtney Davis picked up the pitching win as she yielded just four hits while striking out six. Offensively, Caves blasted a solo home run for the winners. who also received two hits a piece from Proodian, Kait McKinley and Maureen Bohr.

In Saturday's pool-play finale, Salem dropped a 6-0 decision to Marine City, which scored all of its runs in the third inning. The Rocks were limited to just three hits.

'Their pitcher was good and we just couldn't put the bat on the ball," Southerland said.

The Rocks earned a trophy on Sunday by edging North Farmington, 5-4, and Carleton Airport, 4-3.

Salem overcame a 4-1 deficit to upend the Raiders. The Rocks tied the game at 4-4 in the fifth and won it in the seventh when Sniegowski scored

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from third after getting into an intentional rundown with two outs.

"It was a gutsy call, but we had to try something," Southerland said. "I just knew with Tina's speed and quickness, if we were going to try something like this, she is one of the best to make the other team throw the ball around, and it worked."

Offensive stars for Salem were Sniegowski (2-for-4) and McKinley, who contributed a two-run double.

In the trophy-clinching victory over the Jets, Abby Pairitz earned the mound win, yielding just five hits and two walks in five innings of work. Davis pitched the final two innings to pick up the save.

Outstanding defensive plays by Szawara and Caves highlighted the game for the Rocks. Caves made a spectacular running catch with one out and runners on first and second in the seventh inning. She then doubled the run off second with a strong throw to end the game.

"Amy gave it her all and made another beautiful catch that almost seemed impossible," Southerland said.

Proodian sparkled at the plate for the Rocks, going 3for-3 with an RBI. Danielle DiPietro went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

CANTON 4-1 AT MADONNA

Securing its unbeaten record was secondary to getting ample playing time for all of the players on its roster for the Chiefs at this past weekend's Madonna Invitational. Canton won four of five games, leaving its record at 32-1.

Canton was scheduled to play Lincoln Park in Saturday morning's pool-play opener, however, the Railsplitters' bus was involved in a traffic accident en route to the game, so they did not compete in the tourney.

Instead of playing Lincoln

Park in the first game, the Chiefs upended Anchor Bay, 2-1. Hillary Payne tossed a complete-game five-hitter and recorded nine strikeouts for the winners. Canton scored both their runs in the sixth when, trailing 1-0, they received four straight singles from Katie Osburn, Lauren Delapaz, Molly Przybylski and Ashley Trent. Trent's hit tied the game at 1-1 and another hit later in the inning by Erika Perkovich scored Delapaz with the game-winner.

Canton throttled North Farmington, 9-1, in Saturday's second game. Sophomore Sarah Anthony threw a onehitter for the Chiefs, striking out eight without walking a batter.

The Chiefs, who accumulated 10 hits, tallied five runs in the third and three in the fourth to seal the win. Brittany Scero (3-for-3, RBI), Stephanie Sadek (2-for-3, tworun triple), Osburn (two-run single) and Molly Conlon (tworun single) keved the Canton offensive attack.

Canton's 30-game winning streak was snapped in its final game Saturday when Anchor Bay downed the Chiefs, 4-2. The Tars built a 4-0 lead before Canton rallied for both of its runs in the seventh inning on RBI singles from Delapaz and Melissa Cieniuch.

The Chiefs rapped seven hits, but left 10 runners on base. Delapaz was the lone Chief to record two hits.

Canton won both its Sunday games: 6-0 over Marine City and 7-1 over Northville.

Molly Conlon improved her record to 20-0 with a five-hitter in the first-game win over the Mariners. Pacing the winners' 12-hit attack were Rachel Wade, Osburn, Cieniuch and Alyssa Johnson. Canton scored four runs in the first and two in the sixth.

Payne chalked up a complete-game, five-hitter against the Mustangs, who tallied their lone run in the seventh inning. Conlon, who made a rare start at shortstop, contributed

'It was a gutsy call, but we had to try something. I just knew with Tina's speed and < quickness, if we were going to try something like this, she is one of the best to make the other team throw the ball around, and it worked.

Bonnie Southerland Coach, Salem

four hits, including a double and triple, and an RBI to lead the Canton offensive attack. Delapaz and Trent both chipped in with a pair of hits. PLYMOUTH 5, W.L. CENTRAL 4 (8

innings): Madison Dresser's one-out single scored Claire Ostrowski with the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth for the host Wildcats. who improved to 21-9 overall and 11-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth led 4-0 until the

sixth when the Vikings struck for four runs that were the result of two errors and four hits.

Ostrowski walked in the eighth. Gina Giordano entered the game as a pinch-runner and advanced to second on a wild pitch, and to third on Danielle Bondy's single. Dresser then ended the game with one swing of her aluminum bat.

"We left way too many runners on base this game," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield, whose team out-hit Central, 10-8.

Ostrowski earned her 20th win, striking out 10. Dresser led the offensive attack, going 3-for-5 with a pair of RBI. Every Wildcat starter except one recorded a hit. Both teams finished with three errors.

Canton's girls soccer team scored goals on its only two firsthalf shots Monday night against Livonia Stevenson, then hung on to earn a 2-1 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over match played at the P-CEP soccer field.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 11-4-2.

"We fought hard all night, but they probably outplayed us 79 of the 80 minutes," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Stevenson has a very powerful team. The key was that we were able to finish on two of our five scoring opportunities and they were only able to finish on one of their 13 opportunities."

Canton senior net-minder Brittany Cervi's final WLAA contest was a brilliant one as she made at least "four or five spectacular saves," according to Tomasso.

"Brittany was outstanding," he said. "She was the difference."

The Chiefs scored their first goal with four minutes left in the first half when Becci Houdek scored off an assist from Kelsy Zemanski. Canton took a 2-0 advantage into the intermission when Andrea Johnson controlled Houdek's corner kick in front of the net, then punched it past the Spartans' goalie.

Stevenson's lone goal came with 12 minutes left when Beth Prost-scored after receiving a pass from Ally King.

Tomasso praised the play of mid-fielder Katie Raker.

"We allowed two shots in the first half - and both were goals," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "I thought we carried the play most of the game, especially the second half. But again we had a hard time finishing."

Stevenson used two goalkeepers, Shaina O'Connor in the first half and Brittany Vella in the second half.

"I liked how the girls worked," Pinta said. "We played pretty well and had some opportunities, but not enough to show on the score-

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board. Canton's shot percentage was too high."

Canton is idle until its Division 1 district opener Tuesday against Ann Arbor Pioneer. The game is set for 5 p.m. at Canton.

"The break will be nice for us," Tomasso said. "We've had so many games in such a short time period the past few weeks. The week off will give us a chance to nurse our injuries and work on our strategy for the game against Pioneer."

PLYMOUTH 1, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Brittany Hengesh scored a goal with 7:49 remaining to earn a draw for the host Wildcats, who upped their record to 6-10-3.

Following a scoreless first half, the Vikings' Paige Taylor scored with 27:46 left to give her team a short-lived lead.

Katie Hughes set up the Plymouth goal when she dribbled down the left side of the field before firing a perfect crossing pass to Hengesh.

"We played exceptionally well the first half of the first half," said Plymouth coach John Delplace. "We had good ball movement and we were in good position. But the second part of the first half we seemed to lose our concentration a little bit, which was disappointing.

Wildcat net-minder Brittany Warner recorded eight saves.

Meredith Bailey played a strong game for Plymouth, Delplace added.

Plymouth will open the Division 2, District 21 tournament Tuesday at Dearborn Heights Crestwood. The game is set to begin at 7 p.m. A victory will propel the Wildcats into a semi-final match-up Thursday at 4 p.m. against the winner Tuesday's Livonia Ladywood-Redford Thurston contest. The semi-final and final games will be hosted by Ladywood.



Salem third at WLAA girls golf tourney

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

If there's a team peaking for the Division I state girls golf tournament, look no further than Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans put on a dazzling exhibition Tuesday at Pheasant Run in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament, shooting a fourplayer total of 330 to beat dual-match champion Northville by whopping 40 strokes and gain a co-share of the overall title.

Salem finished third with 379 and Churchill, led by freshman sensation Shannon Warner, who took medalist honors with a1-under 71, placed fourth with 389. (See related story and overall results on page B.)

Stevenson had three players earn All-Conference honors including senior Jenny Kubert, who fired a 76; senior Rachel McHenry, 77; and sophomore Abbey Wolfe, 84.

Salem's Jamie Siedlaczek, a senior, and Ashley Smith, a junior, also earned All-Conference recognition firing 83 each.

The Spartans also placed two on the All-Division squad as sophomore Chrissy McHenry shot a 93 and another sophomore, Chelsea Bathurst, 99.

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GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 24 at Pheasant Run

TEAM STANDINGS: 1 Livonia Stevenson

330 strokes 2 Northville, 370 3 Salem,

379, 4 Livonia Churchill, 389, 5 Canton,

424; 6. Plymouth, 428, 7 Walled Lake

Western, 434; 8 Livonia Franklin, 453 9

Wayne Memorial, 483, 10 Walled Lake

Northern, 488, 11. Walled Lake Central, 512

ALL-CONFERENCE: 1 Shannon Warner (LC),

71 (medalist), 2 Jenny Kubert (LS), 76 3

Rachel McHenry (LS), 77, 4 (tie) Ashley Smith

(Salem) and Jamie Siedlaczek (Salem), 83

ALL-DIVISION: 7. Susan Snyder (N), 88, 8

Ashley Bint (LC) 89, 9 Ashley Laws (WM), 90,

10 Therese Juthage (N), 91, 11 Natalie Slupek

(Canton), 92, 12 Chrissy McHenry (LS), 93, 12

Katie Hoeksema (Canton), 94-13 (tie)

Stephanie Shipley (WLN) Allison Grant (N)

and Javshree Mahajan (WLW), 95 each, 16

Lauren Grigsby (N), 96; 17 Chelsea Bathurst

12 Westland John Glenn 540 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

each, 6. Abbey Wolfe (LS) 84

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"I don't recall a Stevenson team ever shooting 330, maybe a 331 and a 333," said coach John Wagner, who will retire after his 13th season. "And there's a possibility we could get under that if we get so lucky. I'm excited to see what we can do."

The state tournament is June 3-4 at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti.

"I don't know if we're peaking, but we're moving in the right direction going into the state finals," Wagner said. "Today we put forth a tremendous effort. We showed a lot of teamwork. I'm proud and happy for them.

"We just put it all together. We went head-to-head with the teams - Churchill, Salem. Northville - that would be competitive, and we arose to the occasion. Those teams have several good players."

McHenry, the defending WLAA medalist as well as state and regional runner-up from a year ago, seems to be rounding into form after suffering a midseason injury.

"Her back is better, I'm not sure it's quite 100 percent yet, but a 77 is a nice number," Wagner said. "And Abbey Wolfe shooting an 84 was a

plus. She shot 41 once this year and goes out today and shoots a very low number. And

Wayne (483): Ashley Laws 90, Danielle

W.L. Northern (488): Stephanie Shipley, 95

Kate Massey 123 Grace Ackerman, 126 Maxi

W.L. Central (512): Alex Carrico 109

John Glenn (540): Jessie Veltri, 115, Taylor

OVERALL STANDINGS

(including dual records)

WLAA: 1 (tie) Northville (11-0) and

Stevenson (10-1) 22 points each, 3 Salem (9-2) 19, 4 Churchill (8-3) 17, 5 Canton (5-

6) 13 6 W L Western (6-5), 12, 7 Plymouth

Morgan, 136 Jessica Riggs, 139 Carrié

Danielle Kello 115" Antigone Akers 140

Lane 145, Vicki Zolkowsky, 162

Samantha Maes, 148

Kulikowski, 150

Elswick and Jenny Schmidt, 114 each. Kellee

WLAA GOLF RESULTS

Leiter 134

Shamus, 140

LaBean, 165

(LS) 98 **TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS**

Stevenson (330): Jenny Kubert, 76, Rachel McHenry 77, Abbey Wolfe, 84, Chrissy McHenry, 93 Cheisea Bathurst, 98 Laura Sims 118

Northville (370): Susan Snyder, 88, Therese Juthage 91 Allison Grant 95 Lauren Grigsby 96 Jessica Reuter, 99 Kirsten Freisen, 102

Salem (379): Ashley Smith and Jamie Siedlaczek, 83 each, Anna Ross 106, Kate Rzetelny 107 Alyssa Mastic and Christina Garland, 115 each

Churchill (389): Shannon Warner 7 Ashley Bint, 89, Stacey Lewandowski 113, Sarah Walls, 116, Amanda Dobos, 124, Theresa Nutten, 126

Canton (424): Natalie Slupek, 92, Katie Hoeksema, 94, Camai Millwood, 116, Danielle Reinhardt 122 Nicole Burdiss, 126 Emily Kenny, 137

Plymouth (428): Elaine Lafavette 99 Madeline Salvaggio 106 Liz Anderson, 109, Patricia Burns 114 Melissa Miller 116, Katy Ingraham, 123

W.L. Western (434): Jayshree Mahajan 95,

(tie) Franklin and WL Western, 3-2 each, 4 Canton 2-3, 5 (tie) Plymouth and Wayne 1-4 each DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 228 WAYNE MEMORIAL 240 May 24 at Pheasant Run

Franklin scorers: Jessi Stchur and Lisa Farrington 56 each Keely Mog, 57, Rebekah Zurenko 59 Mariel Meyers 64, Angela Shamus, 71

ist) Jenny Schmidt 54 Danielle Elswick, 63 Kellee LaBean, 79

Dual meet records: Franklin, 5-5 WLAA Wayne, 4-7 WLAA

SOFTBALL

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Ostrowski won all six games for the Wildcats, improving her record to 19-9. She also swung a hot bat, going 4-for-4 in the title game with two doubles, a triple and three RBI to lead Plymouth to a five-inning, mercy rule-shortened 13-3 triumph over the Ventures.

"Claire pitched great and our defense was outstanding all day." Canfield said. "Especially my middle infielders - shortstop Kim Klonowski and second baseman Rachel Juco, who didn't have one error all day."

Along with Plymouth and Bishop Foley, the one-day, double-elimination tournament field included Blissfield, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Redford Union and Wayne Memorial.

Plymouth opened the tournament with a 3-1 victory over RU. Ostrowski struck out nine and Erin Ondusky paced the offense by going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI.

The Wildcats dropped into the loser's bracket as a result of their 4-3 loss in game two to Bishop Foley, which scored all four of its runs in the third inning. Freshman Ally Ciotti pitched four strong innings, but suffered the loss. Plymouth managed just two hits, one each from Juco and Ostrowski.

"After we lost that game, I told the girls they didn't know what they had just gotten themselves into," Canfield said. "I told them they'd be playing until dark, and we did."

Plymouth posted decisive victories in its next two games, pounding Crestwood, 8-0,

'After we lost that game, I told the girls they didn't know what they had just gotten themselves into. I told them they'd be playing until dark, and we did.'

Val Canfield Coach, Plymouth

before upending the Panthers, 10-3. Ostrowski (six innings, nine strikeouts) and Ciotti (one inning) combined to pitch a one-hitter against the Chargers. Madison Dresser (2for-4, two RBI, two stolen bases) and Klonowski (2-for-4, , two RBI, two stolen bases) ked the offense. Dresser

or-4, three RBI), Juco (3-101-4) Danielle Bondy (2-for-3) and Erin Ondusky (2-for-3, four RBI) shined at the plate for the winners.

The Wildcats advanced to the semi-final round by nipping Blissfield, 2-1, behind Ostrowski's five-hitter. Juco, Ostrowski and Lauren Stemberger all had key hits for Plymouth.

Plymouth ousted Bishop Foley, 3-1, to force a final game. Ostrowski - who else? – tossed solid seven innings to earn the win. Dresser, Klonowski and Stemberger paced the offense and Ostrowski added a two-run hit for the deciding runs.

That led to the finale, which Plymouth won going away, outhitting the Ventures, 12-6.

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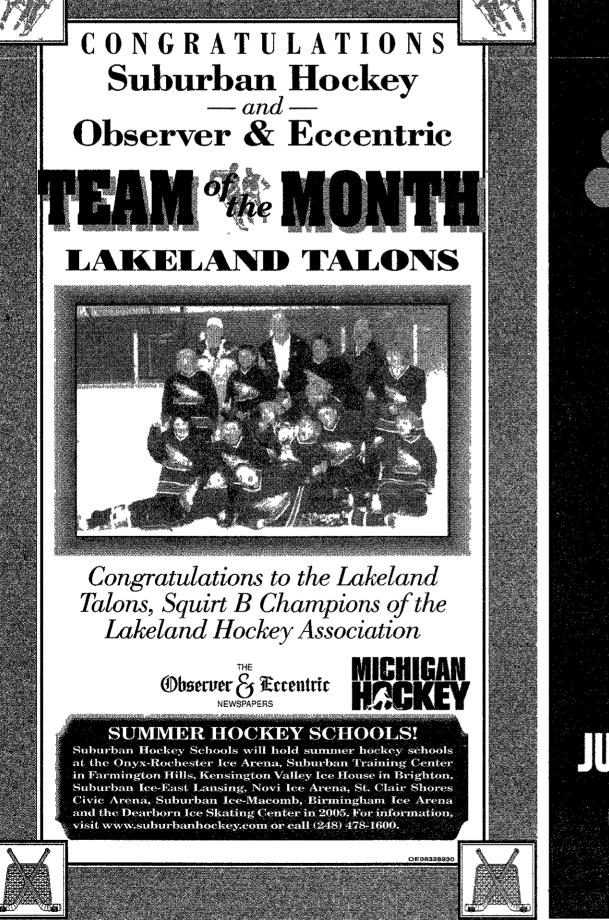


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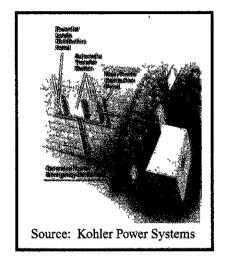
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Chiefs were done in by inconsistent pitching, especially early in the game.

"We just gave up too many walks," said Kaye, who was filling in for Canton coach Scott Dickey, who missed the game due to a family emergency. "We had four walks in the second inning (when Salem scored four times) and I think three of them scored. I thought we hit the ball well, but right at them.

"I thought England did a nice job of hitting his spots and keeping us off balance."

Following a scoreless first inning, the Rocks jumped out to a 9-0 lead after four frames pushing across four in the second, three in the third and two in the fourth. After Chief starting pitcher Matt Hemmelgarn walked the bases full, Dave Cardenas (walk), Jimmy Sroka (fielder's choice), Steve Myers



Canton second baseman David Neu chases down an errant throw as Salem's Rvan Rowe dives in to second base head-first with a stolen base. (groundout) and Andy Ciantar

The key hits in the three-run

third were Cardenas' two-run

triple and Sroka's run-scoring

Salem cushioned its lead in

single that plated Cardenas.

the fourth on Bill Horgan's

two-run double, which scored

Scott Holka and Andy Psilis,

both of whom had walked. (single) contributed RBI. The Rocks' final runs came

in the sixth on an RBI double by Bill Leddy and a run-scoring groundout by Horgan.

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Cardenas had his most productive day of the season, going 2-for-2 with three RBI. He also played a stellar defensive game from his shortstop position. Horgan also added three ribbies.

Hemmelgarn pitched the first two innings before giving way to Shawn Little, who threw the final four.

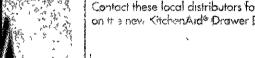
Salem played without cleanup hitter Mitch Hosch, who was lost for the season on Saturday after suffering a broken arm against Lakeland.

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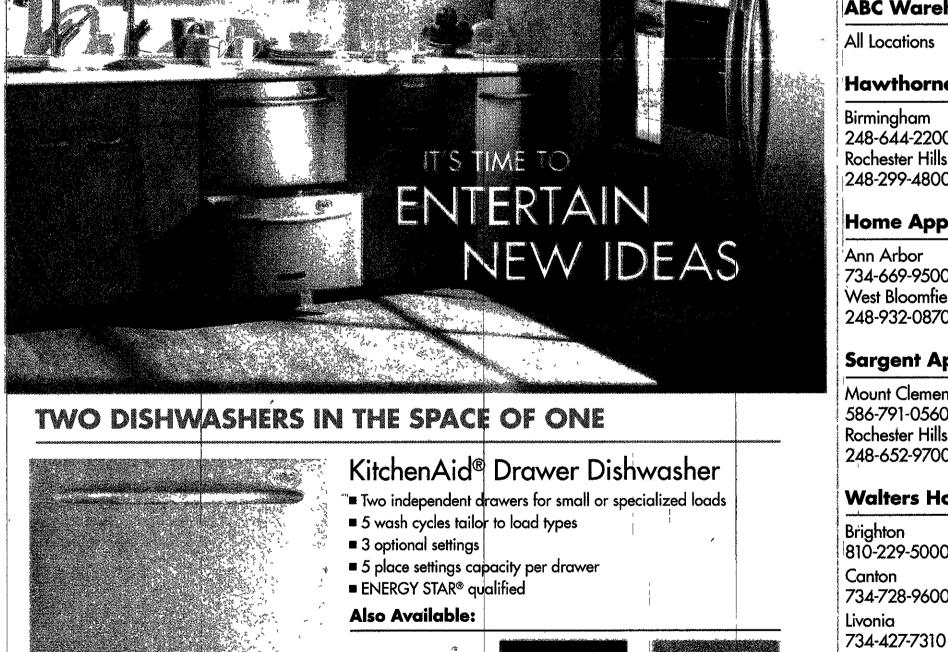
There are still a few openings in the Canton Chiefs Summer Baseball Camp, which is scheduled to run from June 20-24 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canton High School varsity baseball field.

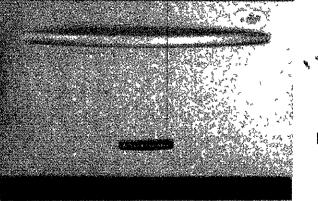
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The 'comeback kids': PCA downs Wildcats Warriors pound Romulus, 21-1

BY ED WRIGHT **STAFF WRITER**

Just when you thought the Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team had filled its quota of stunning comebacks this season, the Eagles struck again Tuesday afternoon.

The resilient Eagles overcame a 10-4 deficit to edge Taylor Baptist Park, 11-10, with a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"This team just never gives us," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston, whose team improved to 14-5 overall. "They never guit. Next to our win over Allen Park Inter-City, this

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was probably our biggest win of the year so far."

The Wildcats pounced on the Eagles in the top of the first with four quick runs. PCA responded with two of its own in the first frame before Baptist Park added one in the fourth and five in the top of the sixth to make it 10-4.

The comeback kids tallied five of their own in the bottom of the sixth then won it in the seventh when Bobby Unis and Stephen Sumner drilled RBI singles.

Unis had a huge day at the plate, pounding three hits, scoring three times and swiping a pair of bases. Andrew Shumaker,

George Easter (John Glenn) 19-7

Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 19-5

Sumner, Eric Immerfall and Matt Saagman all contributed a pair of safeties to the Eagles' 14hit attack.

Shumaker improved his mound record to 9-1 after he relieved Sumner in the sixth. Halston Hodges suffered the loss for the Wildcats. PCA won despite commit-

ting six errors that led to five unearned runs.

Taylor Light & Life 7, Canton Agape 5: The Wolverines (6-14) fell behind 6-1 before mounting a late-inning rally that fell just short.

Freshman righthander Jared Miller dropped to 4-3 after throwing a complete-game nine-

BOYS PREP TRACK LEADERS

hitter. He struck out seven,

walked two and hit three batters. Jack Anleitner, Matt Molnar and Kyle Miller all ripped two hits for the Wolverines, who were missing seniors Gabe Molnar and Nick Feeley, who were on their senior trip.

Agape hosts Romulus Summit Academy this afternoon at Griffin Park in Canton. Gametime is set for 4:30 p.m. W.L. Central 12, Plymouth 1: The

Vikings out-hit the Wildcats 13-2 in the five-inning, mercy rule-shortened contest. Plymouth was hampered by five fielding errors. Alex Harvey suffered the mound setback for the Wildcats.

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team improved to 7-8 with a dominating 21-1 victory at Romulus Saturday afternoon.

The 21 goals and 12 assists were both season highs for the Warriors.

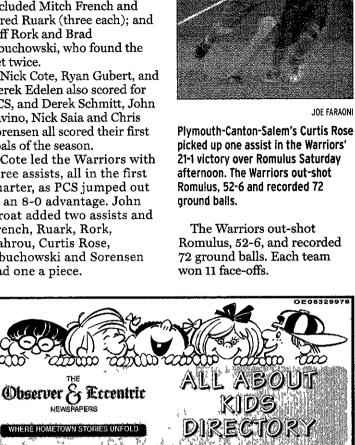
Mike Bahrou tallied four goals to lead an offense that saw 12 different players score. Other multiple-goal scorers included Mitch French and Jared Ruark (three each); and Jeff Rork and Brad Obuchowski, who found the net twice.

Nick Cote, Ryan Gubert, and Derek Edelen also scored for PCS, and Derek Schmitt, John Savino, Nick Saia and Chris Sorensen all scored their first goals of the season.

Cote led the Warriors with three assists, all in the first quarter, as PCS jumped out to an 8-0 advantage. John Groat added two assists and French, Ruark, Rork, Bahrou, Curtis Rose, Obuchowski and Sorensen had one a piece.



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falls to 22-6. Conlon, in her third year as a starter, struck out 10 and did

not walk a batter in seven innings. She outdueled Churchill starter Bridget Long, who deserved a better fate after holding the state-ranked Chiefs to just three hits. Long struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Canton scored the gamewinning run in the first inning when lead-off batter Rachel Beaudoin beat out a bunt single. She went to second on a fielder's choice and took third on another fielder's choice before designated player Lauren Delapaz brought her home with a tear-drop single to center field.

Conlon, meanwhile, set down the first 11 Churchill batters she faced before first baseman Cat Sidor lined a two-out single to left field in the bottom of the fourth.

"Not only is she (Conlon) quick, she really hits the corners and varies her pitches," Churchill coach Carrie Korican said. "She also has a highly effective changeup. "But I don't think we worked

the count the entire game. We've been trying to do that last two weeks.

"We just were not disciplined or patient enough at the plate. We were going after high pitches instead of trying to bring her down."

Canton collected only one hit the rest of the way off Long, a two-out single by Katie Osburn



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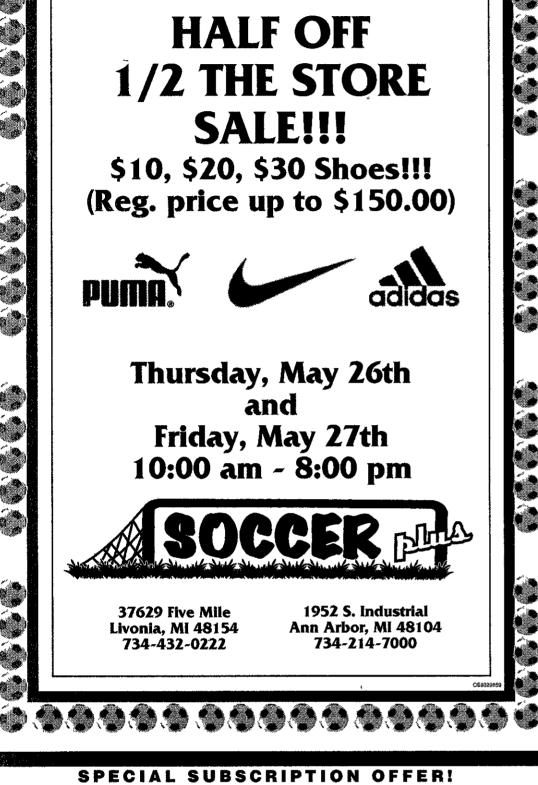
Canton third baseman Sarah Anthony and catcher Melissa Cieniuch nearly collided while waiting for a pop up near the plate in Wednesday's WLAA championship game. Cieniuch snagged the pop-up.

> short before retiring the side in the seventh on a groundout and two infield popouts.

Arnold said he didn't think twice about putting Sidor, one of Churchill's top hitters, on with first base open.

"I have full confidence in our defense and Conlon, it never crossed my mind to walk her (Sidor)," the Canton coach said. "Molly's got a lot of movement and also hits her spots well.

"Also give credit to our catcher (Cieniuch). She called a complete game and does a good job reading the opposing batters."



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"They have an excellent

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we tried to adjust," Arnold said.

"Their pitcher was great. Give

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 26, 2005 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a District's Quarte

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The Compuware Sports Arena is offering its annual group of summer hockey schools, designed to give students an edge for the 2005-06 season. Instructors include Plymouth Whalers Assistant General

Coach Todd Watson, along with various Plymouth Whalers players and staff. Following is a summary of this summer's

July 11-15 --- All-Day School: cost --

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinate	r	
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canto	n Center	Road
Canton, MI 48188	4a-	
(734) 394-5260		

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Whalers' camps designed for all ages

For some students, summer school might get in the way of fun. The Plymouth Whalers and **Compuware Sports** Arena are offering a way to have fun this summer while being productive, in a hockev sense.

Manager and Associate

camps:

\$450/goalie coast \$450. School runs from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.; Session is for players between the ages of 7 and 9; Session B is for players between the ages of 10 and 12. This school is designed for intermediate-skill players.

On-ice activities will include power skating, stick handling, shooting, passing and a scrimmage. Off-ice activities will include coordination, balance, agility, quick feet and conditioning.

III July 18-22 (Session A) Powerskating School: cost \$325/Goalie cost \$325. The school runs from 9 a.m. to 11:50 p.m. for players between the ages of 7 and 10. The school is designed for beginning/intermediate skill levels.

The camp includes instruction

with Plymouth Figure Skating Club professional and CSA Learntó-Skate Director Susan Bottrell. Skills covered include starts, stride, stops, crossovers, edge work, pivots, speed training and agility.

🖬 July 18-22 (Session B) Checking School: cost \$200. No goalies are included in this session. The

school runs from 1:30 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. The school is designed for intermediate skill lev-

Fundamentals include learning to give/take a check, stick checks, angling, open-ice checks and hip checks.

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(Session A) Mite School : cost \$325/goalie cost \$325. The school runs from 9 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. for 7- and 8-year-old players. The Session B Squirt and Pee Wee

School runs from 1 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. for players between the ages of 9 and 12. The school is designed for beginner/intermediate skill levels.

Skills covered include power skating, agility/balance, quick feet, stick handling, shooting, passing and a scrimmage.

August 1-5 — Allday School: cost -\$450/goalie cost \$450. The school runs from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.. Session A is for players between the ages of 7 and 9; Session B is for players between the ages of 10 and 12. The school is designed for intermediate-skill levels.

All school sessions are limited to 32 players. The instructor-to-player ratio is held to 8-to-1. For more information, please call (734)

453-6400 or go to www.compuwarehockey.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., June 9th, 2005 for the following:

PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE COTS AND STAIR CHAIRS

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.





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IOI 1 ne vews "Newsline". Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center, RE: Newsline Bid, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Terry Wood, Coordinator/Community Relations at (734) 416-3297. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

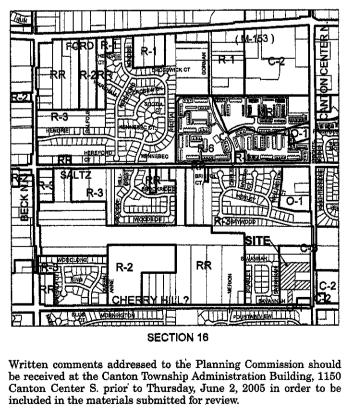
> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 6, 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CHERRY HILL CROSSING SPECIAL LAND USE -CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND, USE APPROVAL FOR A PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B9 FOR PARCEL NOS. 064 99 0013 704, 064 99 0014 702 AND 064 99 0016 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and west of Canton Center Road.



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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FY 2005 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Tuesday, May 10, 2005, the Board of Trustees approved the following projects and funding levels to constitute the FY 2005 CDBG Action Plan: First Step, \$35,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$8,400; Wayne Metropolitan CAA, \$1,560; Teen Center handicap accessible doors (new), \$1,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Human Services Center Construction Reimbursement, \$275,000; Program Administration, \$64,919; Sheldon School site improvements (new), \$15,000. Allocation total: \$414,919. Requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

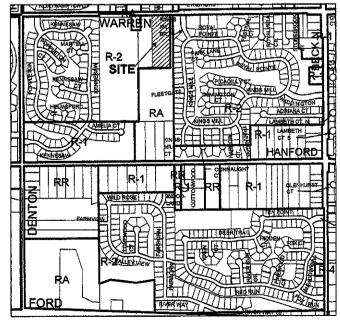
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CANTON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SPECIAL LAND USE -CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A SCHOOL AND DAYCARE FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B4 AND B6 FOR PARCEL NO. 030 99 0001 003. Property is located south of Warren and east of Beck Road.



SECTION 8

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, June 2, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman OE0892747 TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Law Offices of Phillip G. Krueger 2864 Sweetwater Avenue Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406 (928) 855-6363 (928) 855-6427 Fax

Phillip G. Krueger, Bar No. 012031 Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE JUSTICE COURT, LAKE HAVASU CITY PRECINCT STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF MOHAVE

KEVIN CEBULA, an unmarried man,) NO. JCV200500324 SUMMONS
PLAINTIFF,)
⁴ VS.	,))
RICK CRAVEN and JANE DOE CRAVEN, husband and wife, dba)
SUNSET SUNROOM, LLC	
DEFENDANTS,	

THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Rick Craven and Jane Doe Craven, husband and wife, dba Sunset Sunroom, LLC, as well as the unknown heirs and successors of the above:

- 1. A lawsuit has been filed against you.
- 2. If you do not want a Judgment taken against you for the relief demanded in the accompanying Complaint, you must relief demanded in the accompanying Complaint, you must file a Response in writing with the Clerk of the Justice Court, Lake Havasu City Precinct whose address is 2001 College Drive, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 86403, accompanied by the necessary filing fee. A copy of the Response must also be mailed to the Plaintiff/Attorney whose name and address is:

Phillip G. Krueger 2864 Sweetwater Avenue Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

- 3. The Response must be filed within TWENTY DAYS, exclusive of the date of service, if served within the State of Arizona, or within THIRTY DAYS exclusive of the date of service, if served outside the State of Arizona.
- 4. This is a legal document. If you do not understand its consequences, you should seek the advice of an attorney.
- 5. A copy of the Complaint which has been filed in this action may be obtained by contacting the Clerk of the Mohave County Superior Court whose address is 2001 College Drive, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 86403. There is a fee required.
- Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the Court by parties at least three (3) working days in advance of a scheduled Court proceeding.

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WITNESS My Hand and the Seal of the Justice Court. DATED: April 18, 2005

Jill W. Davis

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Red Wing McCarty hoists a different type of champion trophy

arren McCarty raised the trophy high over his head for everyone to see.

No, this was not the Stanley Cup, it was the league championship trophy from the Farmington Odd Couples league of Country Lanes.

Team No. 18, the Deejenerets, had a foursome of Darren and his friend, Kristie Ghedotte, both of Farmington Hills, along with Keith and Pamela Jones of Livonia.

The trophy was presented at the season-ending banquet last Sunday at Rocky's of Northville.

McCarty averaged 153 in this first season of competitive league bowling.

"He has lots of potential to be a very good bowler," Pam Jones said.

Darren also had a high game of 188, not bad for a rookie.

It was also a good season for Keith Jones as he rolled three 700 series and a career high game of 288.

If the NHL doesn't resume action, there could be a new career for this Red Wing standout, following along the path of such other pro athletes

Area athletes highlight MU soccer team's recruiting class

The Madonna University women's soccer team's most recent recruiting class has a definite local flavor to it.

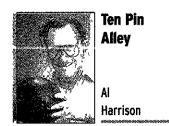
Of the Crusaders' eight signees, four — Dina Allie, Caitlin Boyak, Diana Fedrigo and Andrea Muscat — played for Livonia Stevenson and another, Brittany Cervi, is from Canton.

Lacie Slebodnik (Woodhaven), Katie Kramer (Stony Brook University) and Samantha Fugate (Laingsburg) filled out the talented crop of players.

"Our goal was to increase the talent and depth of our team," said MU coach Mark Zathey. "We have clearly done that and more. Every player in this class has a chance to come in and make an impact right away which will undoubtedly make us better and give us a chance to compete for

as running back Jerome Bettis, pitcher Tim Burkett and boxer Evander Holyfield, all of whom are excellent ten pin bowlers.

Speaking of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, along with the Detroit Women's Bowling Association, the organizations will be planning a move from St. Clair Shores to Lathrup Village, a fine



choice as it will be more centrally located in the metropolitan area and more convenient to each of our Observerland communities. The move will be during the summer to the new headquarters site.

The GDBA and DWBA have been at the old locale for 36 years. Now that the DWBA and Pontiac Women's Bowling Associations are planning to merge with the GDBA, this office will serve the needs of nearly 85,000 Detroit area bowlers. This figure is far more than that of any other city in the nation.

Except for the handful of staff and the executive director, all other officers and directors are strictly volunteers. They work tirelessly without monetary compensation and often at their own expense to work in behalf of the bowling community. ety of committees that help keep bowling moving forward, and also conduct several tournaments each year at all levels of competition for local certified bowlers who enjoy this ultimate competitive experience.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



another Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship."

Allie, a forward, has posted seven goals and five assists through Monday during her senior campaign. A four-year letter-winner, Allie was a threetime All-WLAA selection.

"Dina is a great all-around player who will be a threat up top," said Zathey. "She is having a great senior season at Stevenson and she will help us immediately in the attack as a penetrating player which is something we were looking to add to our team."

Boyak, the Spartans' captain, is a 5-foot-9 mid-fielder who has tallied a pair of goals and six assists.

"Caitlin is another immediate impact player," Zathey said. "She can do a lot of different things. She is a great ball winner, enjoys running wide and drives a great ball. She is one of the top players in this class."

Cervi, a goal-keeper, is regarded as one of the top stoppers in the area. The 5-3 senior was named to five post-season teams following her junior season, including All-State.

"She is a great keeper who adds immediate depth to our position," Zathey said. "Brittany is a great athlete and an even better person to be around."

Fedrigo, a midfielder/forward, is another part of the Stevenson quartet. After sitting out her junior season due to injury, Fedrigo helped lead Stevenson to the city championship.

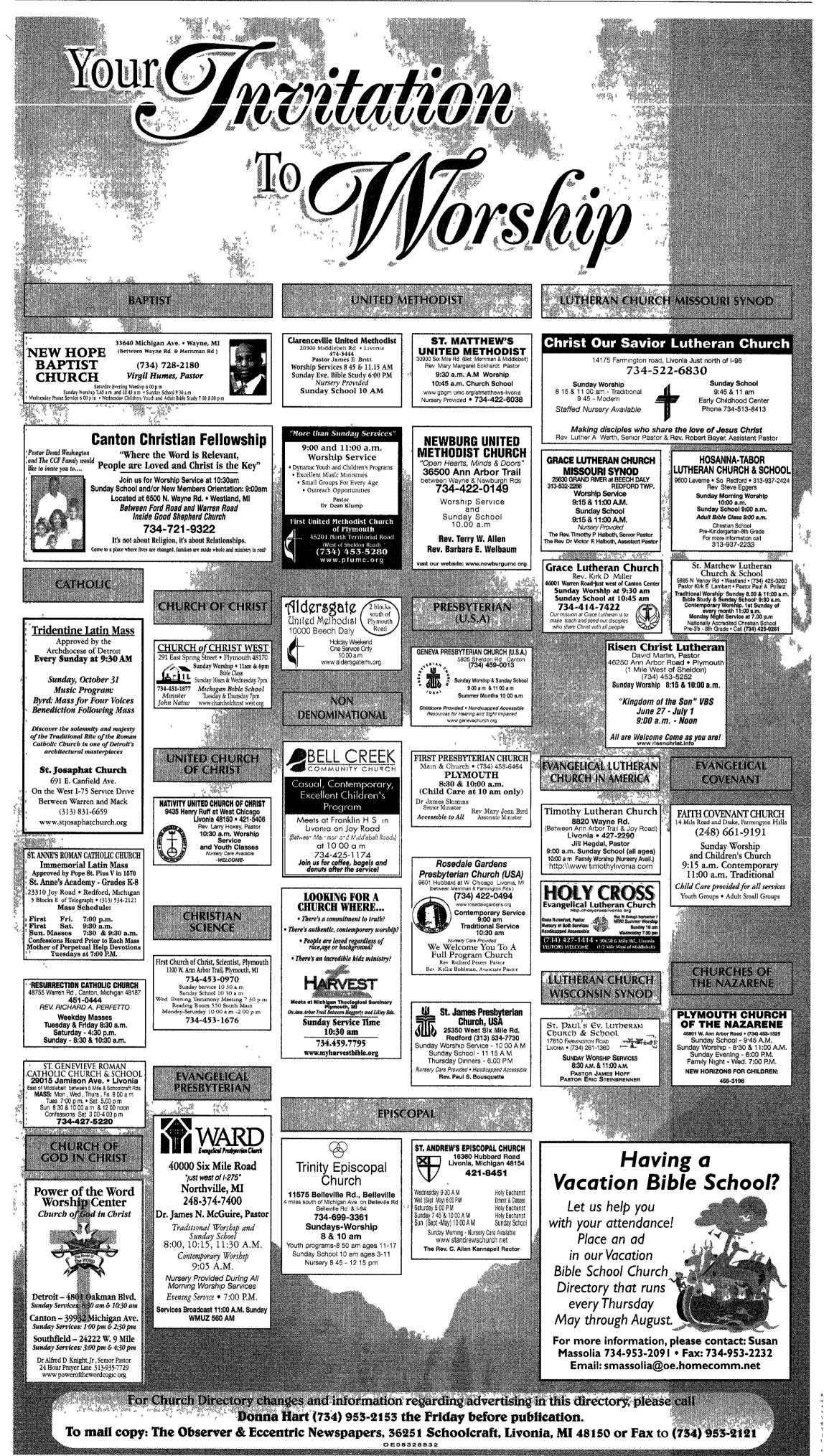
"Diana is a great kid and is a good, all-around athlete," Zathey said. "She is very fast and is a good ball-winner."

Muscat is a 5-3 midfielder who was voted All-District as a junior.

"She is a feisty kid who will compete for a starting job right away," Zathey said. "She has a great competitive desire and is all about winning soccer games on game day. She is a fierce competitor who will be of great benefit to us."

The Crusaders finished the 2004 season with an 11-5-4 record and were the WHAC regular-season and tournament champions.

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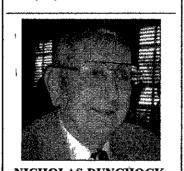
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DR. ROBERT O. BICE May 24, 2000. The Broken Chain. We Little knew that morning that God was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing will be the same, But as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again. Love, Lois, Vicki, Bob, Tracey, Tom.

BARBARA "JOAN" SMITH CARO

April 14, 1922 in Lafayette, Indiana, the daughter of the late Benjamin & Della (Mahoney) Collins. Joan attended Purdue University, becoming one of the first women cheerleaders, and then went on to attend Nursing School. She was united in marriage to Andrew G. Smith, Jr. on May 1, 1954 He preceded her in death on June 17 1999. During their time living in the Northville area, she was employed at a woman's clothing store in Northville, The Marqui, for over 10 years as a Buyer. Joan moved to Caro from Plymouth following her hus-band's death Joan enjoyed traveling, reading and most of all, spending time with her family and friends. Surviving are one daughter, Lynn (Lew) Werth of Caro, one son, Tim (Mary-Anne) Smith of Auckland, New Zealand three grandchildren, Tim (L1sa) Werth of Layfayette, IN, Sarah (Andrew) Malpass of East Jordan, MI, Jessica Smith (Neil Ieremia) of Auckland, New Zealand; four great-grandchil-dren, Madeline and Mason Malpass of East Jordan and Isabella and Isaac Ieremia of Auckland, New Zealand. A Memorial Service will take place Friday, May 27, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. at the Ransford Funeral Home in Caro with Rev. Rocky Spear of the Colwood United Brethren Church officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Those planning an expression of sym-pathy may with to consider memorial contributions to the Tuscola Country Community Foundation. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Funeral Home of Caro. (989) 673-2175



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IRENE E. "Sandy" MALEC

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances 1-800-579-7355 � fax: 734-953-2232 e-mail: OEObits@oe.homecomm.net

Age 73, of Brighton, formerly of Troy, died Friday, May 20, 2005. She was founder of Willow Brook Rehabilitation Services of Brighton. Surviving are her children, Marc Malec of Howell; Monica VanAcker (Eric) of Hartland and Matthew (Michelle) Malec of Howell; also grandchildren, Eli, Callı Mae, Tyler, Jack, Sydney, Lauren, Michael and Averi. Visitation Tuesday 1-4 & 5-9 P.M. with funeral services Wednesday P.M. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions suggested to Community Food Bank of Livingston County or Humane Society of Livingston County.

MARIA MEHMETAJ

May 22, 2005, age 92, of Birmingham Beloved wife of Emin for 58 years Dear mother of Eva Kool (Larry) and Giuseppe "Joe". Grandmother of Olivia, Julia and Sylvia. Aunt of Stephano Quadrelli and Adriana Quadrelli. Sister of the late Reno, Tina, Fernanda and Clarinna. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Church of St. Alan. Memorial Tributes to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500

View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RONALD PETER MILES, SR.

Age 59 of Tallahassee, died

Saturday May 14, in Tallahassee. A native of Munich Germany and for-mer resident of Michigan, he had lived in Tallahassee for the past ten years. He was retired from the Florida ARF as Chief Financial CFO Officer. He was a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church and was a veteran of the Marines, serving from Aug. 1965 to Aug. 1972. He is survived by. his wife Cindy Miles of Tallahassee. His Gertrude Richards of mother, Davison, MI (2) Sons: Pete Miles and Joseph Vernon Miles both of Tallahassee, FL. (2) Daughters: Barbara Miles of San Diego, CA, and Stephanie Miles of Tallahassee FL. Brothes. Ken Miles of Montrose, MI, Bill Miles of flint, MI. and John Miles of Grand Blanc, MI. (1) Sister: Debra Dillman of Tallahassee, FL. (4) Grandchildren: Josefine, Manuel Jacqueline and Emily Miles of Tallahassee. He was preceded in death by his father William Miles. Services will be held 11:00 am. Saturday, May 28, 2005 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, in Canton, MI. Grave Side service will be held at 3:00pm. Sunday, May 29, 2005 at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery in Grand Blanc, MI. Memorials can be made to The American Cancer Society, Florida Division, 3708 W. Jetton Ave., Tampa, FL. or College Trust Fund for Stephanie Miles, Franklin Templeton for Stephanie Miles, Financial Network Investments. 30833 Northwestern Hw Farmington Hills, MI. 48334-2581

ALMA M. RIESS

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Age 86, of South Lyon died May 21 at home. She was born in East Tawas, MI to Joseph and Johanna (Blust) Fisher. She married Jack A. Riess on June 24, 1944. Alma enjoyed gardening, was an avid golfer, and a great bowler. Survivors include her husband Jack A. of South Lyon; children Jack (Marsha) of IN, Ed (Resa) of IL, Veronica (Tim) Schalek of Temperance, Linda Watch of New Hudson, and Michael (Kathy) of NY; siblings Anna Fisher, Jim Fisher, Orville Fisher, Fay Fay

Schomberger, and Angela Thomas; grandchildren and 2 great grandchil-dren. A Funeral Mass was held Wed. at St. Joseph Catholic Church of South Lyon. Mrs. Riess was laid to rest in. South Lyon Cemetery. The family would appreciate masses to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.



SISTER MARY JUDITH RAPIN, RSM

Sister Of Mercy, Educator, Dean of Women (Farmington Hills, MI) – Sister Mary Judith Rapin, RSM, 87, died May 23, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She had been a Sister of Mercy for 68 years. Born to Charles and Eva Marie (Borey) Rapin on November 25, 1917 in Saginaw, Michigan, Florence Rapin joined the Sisters of Mercy in Dubuque, Iowa in 1936 and was given the name, Sister Mary Judith She made profession of perpetual vows in Detroit on August 16, 1942. Sister Judith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercy College of Detroit, a Master of Arts-from the University of Detroit, and did post-graduate work at Notre Dame. University and Michigan State University. Her teaching assignments began at St. Mary's School in Hemlock and continued at St. Mary's in Bay City, St. Mary Magdalen in Hazel Park and Greater Muskegon Catholic Central High School. Her assignments at Mount Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids over the years included caring for boarding students, teaching home economics and speech, and overseeing purchasing, personnel and faculty. Sister Judith served at Mercy College of Detroit as registrar from 1956-1961 and as Dean of Women from 1961. 1965. She was responsible for the college's learning resource center from 1969-1973. She also served as business manager for the Sisters of Mercy Generalate in Bethesda, Maryland and as secretary for the Sisters of Mercy Provincialate in Farmington Hills. Sister Judith cared for her mother during the last two years of her life

worked with the mentally challenged

in a foster home in Bad Axe and assist-

for vacation Bible school

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

udy Cook is "busy, busy, busy" coordinating summer activities for youth at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia. Churches all over the area are decorating sanctuaries for themed vacation Bible schools that run from June through August. Some parents sign up their children for

several consecutive weeks. Last year Redford resident Mackenzie Strachan, then 9, made the rounds, experiencing everything from being stranded on an island to sports activities at St. Genevieve, St. Mel. St. John Bosco, and Mt. Hope Congregational Church.

The activities at Emmanuel Lutheran Church kick off with the 12th annual Good News Day Camp 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 20-24. Early bird registration is \$50, \$45 for the second child, \$40 for the third before June 1, \$55 after June 1. To register, call (248) 442-0307.

"It's all day and this year's theme is pray," said Cook. "Parents just love it just because it's upbeat, exciting. Friday we usually have a water fun day. The kids who come absolutely love it. Even after they're too old to come, they come back as volunteers."

A Circus Spectacular Vacation Bible School follows 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1-5. Cook is already taking registration for age 4 to students completing fifth grade. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$30 for two kids, \$40 for 3 kids, and includes a music CD.

'We're using the Davey and Goliath characters to tell the story," said Cook. "Kids relate to Davey and Goliath, even parents like me who remember years ago when they were on TV."

All of the Vacation Bible Schools offer crafts, games, drama, and snacks to teach biblical lessons while they're having fun. Sessions generally run from Monday through Friday for preschool through fifth or sixth grade.

Pat Dierks has her wardrobe already planned around khaki and jungle animals for the Kingdom of the Son Bible school 9

Children at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia go on a Safari Adventure to Tanzania 9:30 a.m. to noon June 27 to July 1. Ages 3 through entering sixth grade can

Churches go

enroll by calling (734) 427-1414. There is no charge but a free will offering will be taken 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30, the night of a celebration progam put on by kids to show what they've learned.

"We're going to set up Tanzania site," said Julie Chiavazza, director of Christian education and youth. "We have a companion congregation to educate kids about people of Tanzania and they'll write letters to send to the church. We'll also be taking up a guarter collection to send to Tanzania. A couple years ago we collected for World Hunger and raised \$2,000."

Samantha Walls went to vacation Bible school as a kid and now she's coordinating the safari fun at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia, 6:20-9 p.m. July 18-22. No charge. Call (734) 464-0990.

"We've been doing this at least 30 years," said Walls. "The bonus this year is a new pastor, Debra Klein, is starting in June and we expect her to join us at Bible school. The kids really enjoy it. Throughout the year they're still singing the songs.

"Each night they'll be introduced to five different characters - Zack the Zebra, Gigi the Giraffe, Elaine the Crane, Lug the Elephant, and Roary the Lion. Every day they have to do a good deed at home, set the table, clean their room.'

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is adding a twist to the African animal theme by calling their Bible school a Prayer Safari 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1-5. Donations accepted for the Redford school. Call (313) 937-3170.

The safari journey introduces kids to "some interesting lions, giraffes, zebras, rhinos, and elephants" while leading them. to Jesus.

Kids enjoy a wild west theme at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile in Livonia from 10 a.m. to noon July 11-14. Cost is \$8 (\$7 for 3 children or more) through July 3, \$10 afterJoan Smith, 83, passed away sudden-ly Sunday, May 22, 2005 at Caro Community Hospital. She was born

a.m. to noon June 27 to July 1, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5252.

"It's \$7 per student but if someone wants to come we don't turn them away," said Dierks. "People have been working on the Kingdom of the Son theme for the last several weeks. They're creating a huge jungletype mural. Our flyers have lions and tigers and monkeys. It will be real colorful."

Several Bible schools in the area have planned to attract kids with the safari theme including Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Call (313) 937-2233 for the school that runs 6-8:30 p.m. July 18-22.

Laurie Candela is gathering "wild game pictures, decorations and a lot of tasty treats" for the Serengeti Trek at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia 9 a.m. to noon June 20-24. The cost is \$15 for each child or \$30 per family. Call (734) 522-6830.

Volunteers at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, in Livonia are covering the walls with green paper and hanging vines from the ceiling for the Bible school to run 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 20-24. Call (734) 464-6722. No charge.

"We're having a Serengeti Trek where kids are wild about God," said children's minister Angie Patek. "We're holding it at night because want to get dads involved, to get the families together."

Bonnie Varney is going all out to turn Calvary Baptist Church into a jungle in the midst of Canton 9:30 a.m. to noon June 20-24 for Kingdom of the Son. No charge. Call (734) 455-0022.

"We're going to be taking a look at different themes each day - God's prayers, God listens, God provides, God forgives, God protects, God rules," said Varney, children's 'ministry director. "We'll have live drama, lots of active music. We have a band and a praise team. We've rented a jungle backdrop and have an 8-foot stuffed giraffe. A lot of the kids come for and love the music. They kind of rock the auditorium singing about Jesus."

wards. Call (734) 422-6038.

Several other Bible schools are scheduled in the area including United Baptist Church (236 Middlebelt, Garden City) Aug. 7-12. Call (734) 421-2373. St. John's Lutheran **Church** in Redford is in the planning stages for a school the first week in August. Call (313) 538-2660.

First Congregational Church on Wayne road, between east and westbound Michigan Avenue, turns the sanctuary into the Circlé G Ranch 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 8-12. No charge. Call (734), 729-7550. The school kicks off with an open door rodeo with horses, roping and barrel race-11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 7.

Pastor Joel Brandt of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia is already putting names on a waiting list for the Mane Event of its Serengeti Trek July 25-29. Activities include a Watering Hole snack time, Critter Crafts and Wild Games. Call (734) 464-0211.

"Bible schools are important in our culture today," said Brandt. "We don't have such routine understandings of Biblical stories that are the foundation for our faith. Children aren't getting them in school. This is kind of a one time shot.

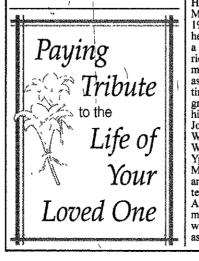


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Bloomfield Hills, died May 23, 2005 at William Beaumont Hospital, Roya Mr. Dunchock was born Oak. September 27, 1914, in Ramey, Pennsylvania.Mr.Dunchock is survived by his wife of 68 years, Josephine and children, G. Joan (William) Vetter and Arnold (Dianne) Dunchock. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Dana, Marcia and Kellie and great-grandchildren, Samantha, Sydney, Tyler, Trevor and Jeri. Funeral from Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, Friday 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Thursday 3-8pm. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church - Elevating the Love of Christ Fund, 2225 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

JESSIE ISOBEL LÎNDSTROM

October 2, 1921 - May 24, 2005. Age 83, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005. Mrs Lindstrom was born in Belfast, Ireland on October 2, 1921. She is predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Vern Dale Lindstrom. Survived by son David (Bonnie) Lindstrom and daughter Linda (Michael) Morris. Also surviving are grandchildren Scott Lindstrom, Heather (Kevin) McGough, Ryan Morris and Justin Morris, one brother, David (Anna Marie) Barclay, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lindstrom is predeceased by her parents John and Nellie Barclay and brothers James and William as well as sister Margaret. Visitation will be at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Home, 13851 US Hwy 441 Lady Lake, Florida from 11-Noon on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 with memori-al service immediately following at Noon. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Marion County at PO Box 4860. Ocala, FL 34478. A committal/memorial service for both Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom is being planned in Northville, Michigan on June 11, 2005.



DICK J. MILLER

76. Husband of the late Age Romayne. Dear father of Rich, Debbie (Steven) Garrett, Patty (Rob) Stadler, Mary (Don) Getschman. Caiol (Matt) DuCharme, & Candy (Russ) Belanger. Loving Grandfather of 14 and Greatgrandfather of 4. Dear brother of Jack Miller, Rosemary Million, Margaret Watson and Larry Miller. Visiting Friday 3-9 pm. Scripture Services 7pm at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (Btw. 6-7 Mile). In state 9.30 am until 10 am. Mass at St. Agatha Church (Beech Btw. 8 & Grand River) Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

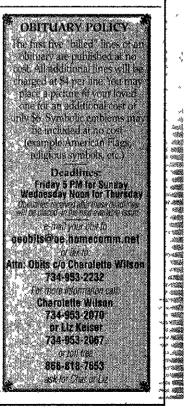


RICHARD W. (Dick) MOZIER

In memory of Richard W.

(Dick) Mozier, a Livonia resident for 36 years, who died suddenly of respiratory failure on May 21, 2000 in St. Mary Hospital, EM. His services were held May 25, 2000 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home with Dr. Jerry Smith officiating. He is buried in Glen Eden Memorial Garden, Livonia. Dick was born on April 9, 1926 in Springfield, Ohio where he graduated from Springfield High School in 1944. After one semester at Ohio State University, he served 2 years in the United States Navy during World War II. After his marriage in 1946, he attended Wittenberg College and graduated in 1950. He traveled for Cities Service Oil Co. and International Harvester Co. before joining Ford Motor Co. Heavy Duty Truck Div. in 1961. As National Account Manager he retired from Ford in 1987. Alway: a traveler, Dick enjoyed going for rides in his cars and his boat. He spent many happy hours working on these as a great fixer Also special were the times he spent with his children and grandchildren. Sadly left behind are his wife of 54 years Norma Jean (nee Jones); his daughter Tommi (Ken) West, Livonia, Grandsons Brady West, Ann Arbor, and Dan West, Ypsilanti; his son Richard J. (Rick) Mozier and Granddaughters Natalie and Jacqui Mozier, Dearborn; his sister Margaret (Donald) Bonhardt, Auburn Hills. Dick is also missed by many dear friends and co-workers who enjoyed his great sense of humor as did his family

ed the principal at Immaculate Heart of-Mary School in Detroit. She retired to McAuley Center in 1996. Sister Judith was recognized and respected for her many accomplishments as teacher. counselor and administrator. She was inducted into the Saginaw Catholic Schools Hall of Fame in 1991. Sister Judith's family recalls her many talents and how she enjoyed using them for others. She would often spend vacations with them and enjoyed baking them special treats. She was a skilled seamstress and could knit, crochet and do calligraphy as well. Within her religious community she is remembered as a generous and loving person. Sister Judith is survived by her brothers Bernard, Albert and Gerald of Saginaw and Louis of Freeland; sisters Lenore Strohmer of Livonia and Joan Leaman of Saginaw; many nieces and nephews; and by her Mercy communi-ty. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters Mary Davis and Alice Doerr, her brother Charles; and her aunt, Sister Mary Victorine Rapin, RSM. A welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center on May 25, 2005 at 3 pm, with a scripture and remembrance vigil at 7 pm. The funeral Mass will be celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on May 26, 2005 at 10:30 am, followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48336-1405.





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Myriad of factors determine home **INSURANCE PREMIUMS**

BY SHIRLEY TALENT CORRESPONDENT

When shopping for homeowner's insurance it is important to remember that one policy doesn't fit all.

A standard homeowner's policy may not be adequate to cover expensive home theater equipment, valuable jewelry or gallery quality artwork. And some homeowners may need to cover flood insurance if they live by a floodprone river.

3 Many homeowners make the mistake of keeping their homeowner's insurance policy the same without ever changing it. Policies should be reviewed periodically to see if coverage should be increased or decreased. Installing a security system could lower your rate significantly, and some insurance companies reward nonsmokers with lower insurance payments. You may also be able to lower your premiums by installing storm windows, modernizing your heating,

One of the easiest ways to lower \$1000 you could save 25 percent or more. You may also save money by purchasing auto, homeowner's and liability insurance from one company. Some insurance agents are authorized to cut 10 to 20 percent off your bill if you buy two or more policies.

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You may get a cheaper premium from an insurer you have been with for years but it's smart to investigate other firms periodically to see if you can get more coverage at a better rate. If you belong to any large business, fraternal or alumni organizations, you may be able to take advantage of group rates offered by a participating insurance agency.

It is important to speak with a few different agencies to get information on the types of policies and coverage they offer and how they handle claims. Don't be afraid to ask what they recommend to lower your premium. Some agents offer 10 percent discounts to seniors and others may offer periodic discounts in an effort to attract new business.

Insuring your home for the amount of the loan balance will make your premium more expensive. When you are calculating how much insurance to buy, figure how much it would cost to rebuild your home minus the cost of the land. Ask at least two insurance agents to estimate the replacement cost of your home. Guaranteed replacement cost policies cost more than standard policies.



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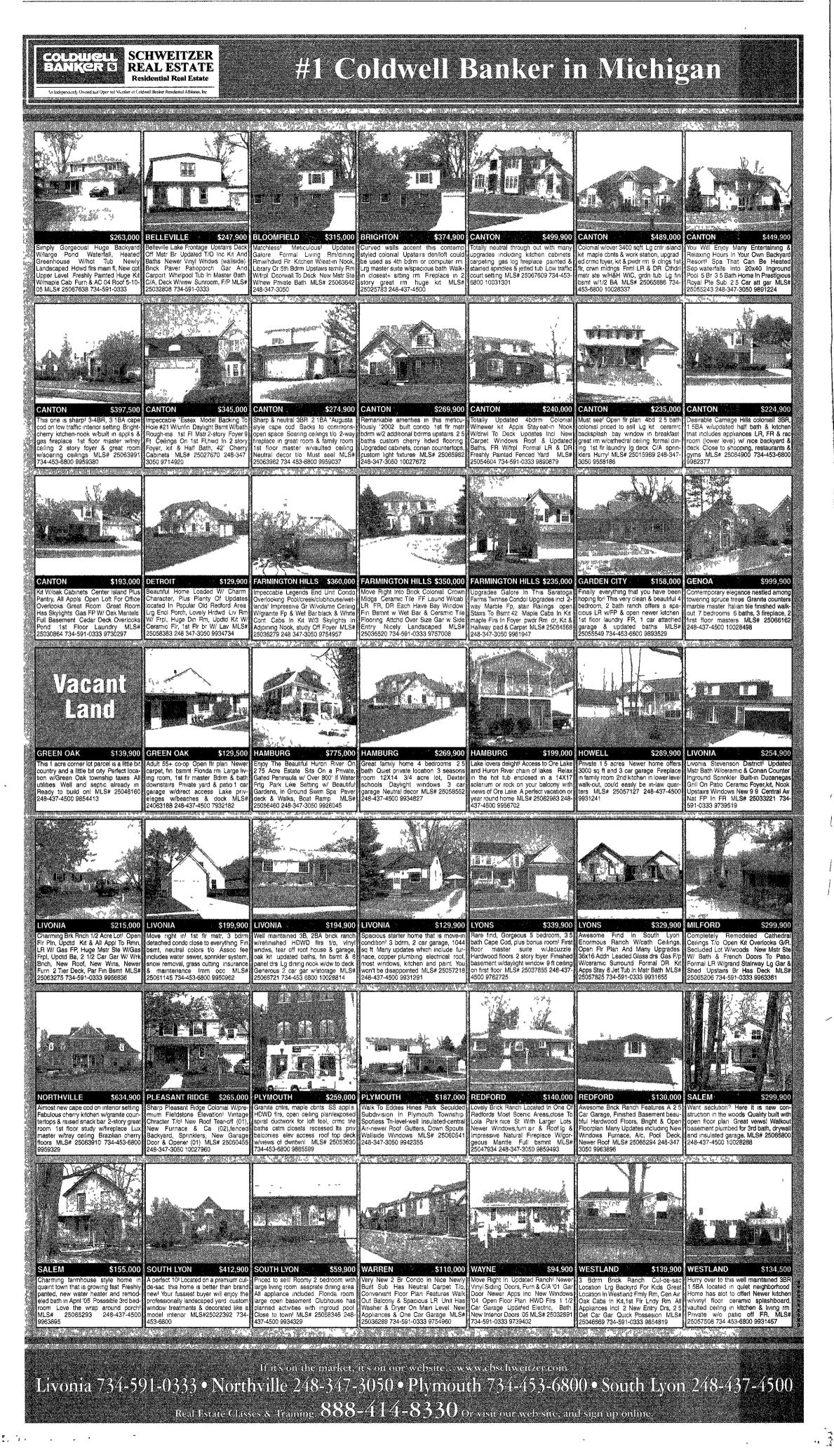
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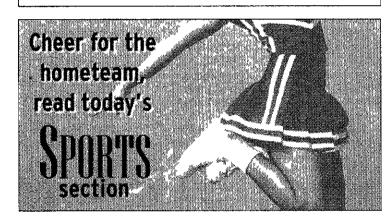
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Unfortunately, there are plenty of lopsided mortgage loan officers out there selling you their products and services. The solely creative may get you into trouble by perhaps overlooking a small detail that is required to fund your home

purchase. Meanwhile, the mortgage geeks who know every aspect of their programs may just over-think the most simple and obvious solution that could save you thousands of dollars.

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Timothy Phillips

sional's ability to evaluate a macro view of the client's situation. Some important elements of that process include determining how the borrowers view and use debt, whether they view their home as an investment vehicle, and what level of fiscal security they need to sleep at

night. If you are thinking, "Wow, I never knew there was so much to getting a silly mortgage, you are probably ahead of some neophyte mortgage loan officers who have not pondered the issues. In fact, you should be advised that your mortgage loan officer may be neither creative nor analytical.

Sadly, it is entirely

the mortgage loan officer to whom you are talking on the other end of the telephone has been on his or her job for a month. In fact, you might be discussing the private details of your finances and your pending major purchase with him solely because he answered a recent employment advertisement. This may seem harsh, but most reality does.

Today's TIMBIT: As in most other professions, the true professionals are difficult to find. When you get one, you hang on for dear life. Non-professionals simply do not know what they do not know. Take the time to know your loan officer's credentials.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit USWealthAcademy com for free information online or call him

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Undue influence should be reviewed

My mother signed a quitclaim deed to my brother, prepared by his attorney, without discussing it with me. Nor did my brother explain the document to her and that the document was a deed conveying an interest in property to my brother. Moreover, my mother had vision problems that affected her ability to read the document and apparently did not review it trusting her son. Do I have a good opportunity to set it aside?

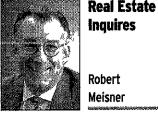
This would appear to be a classic case of undue influence being imposed on your mother, particularly if she was infirm in any way. I would suggest that you retain the services of an attorney and write your brother regarding the basis upon which you believe undue influence was exerted. Obviously, to the extent that your brother exploited his relationship with your mother and/or tricked her into signing the deed by misrepresenting the nature of the document, that may well constitute undue influence.

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Our management company refuses to use certain contractors claiming that the management company does not wish to do business with them. This applies, I am told, to also accountants and lawyers. Do you have any comment?

The management company can assist the Board of Directors in making decisions with respect to the hiring of contractors, including professionals. On the other hand, the management company should not limit the choice of the Association to pick those contractors, insurance companies, and/or professionals including lawyers and accountants who may best serve the association's interest but who are not necessarily "in the pocket" of the

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15894 19 Mile Road, between Hayes and Garfield, announced completion of this Tuscany-styled community is scheduled for July 2005. Villa Bella, an Independence Village retirement community, will feature a Northern Italian theme throughout. The spacious homes are leasing quickly and model tours of the efficiency, one and two bedroom apartment homes are available daily. Outside, Villa **Bella of Clinton** Township reflects the

management company. Some management companies only prefer to do business with certain contractors and/or professionals with whom they have a good rapport or other type of relationship. Some may consider that attitude to not be in the best interest of the Association because the contractors or professionals picked may not objective in dealing with the management company which can be detrimental to the Association. You should bring this to the attention of the management company and indicate to it that you want to be open to all contractors and/or professionals who are available to assist in the service requested.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

three baths, a three-car side turned garages and offer spectacular views. Hauska joins Trammell Crow Co. Joseph M. Hauska, of West Bloomfield, has resort in Northern Italy. joined Trammell Crow Company's Detroit/Southeast including five star din-

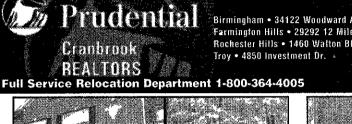
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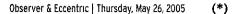
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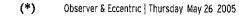


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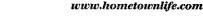
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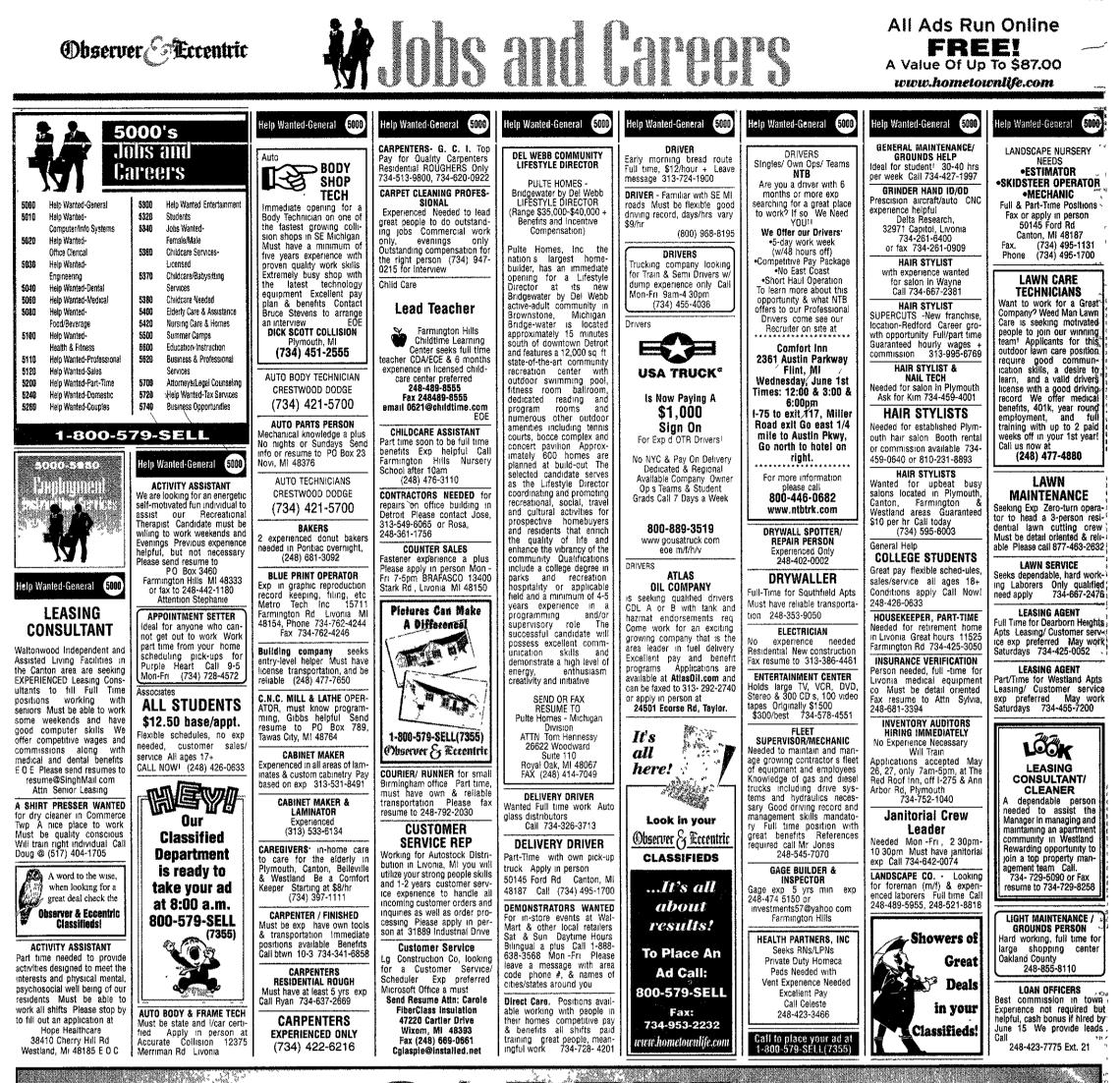


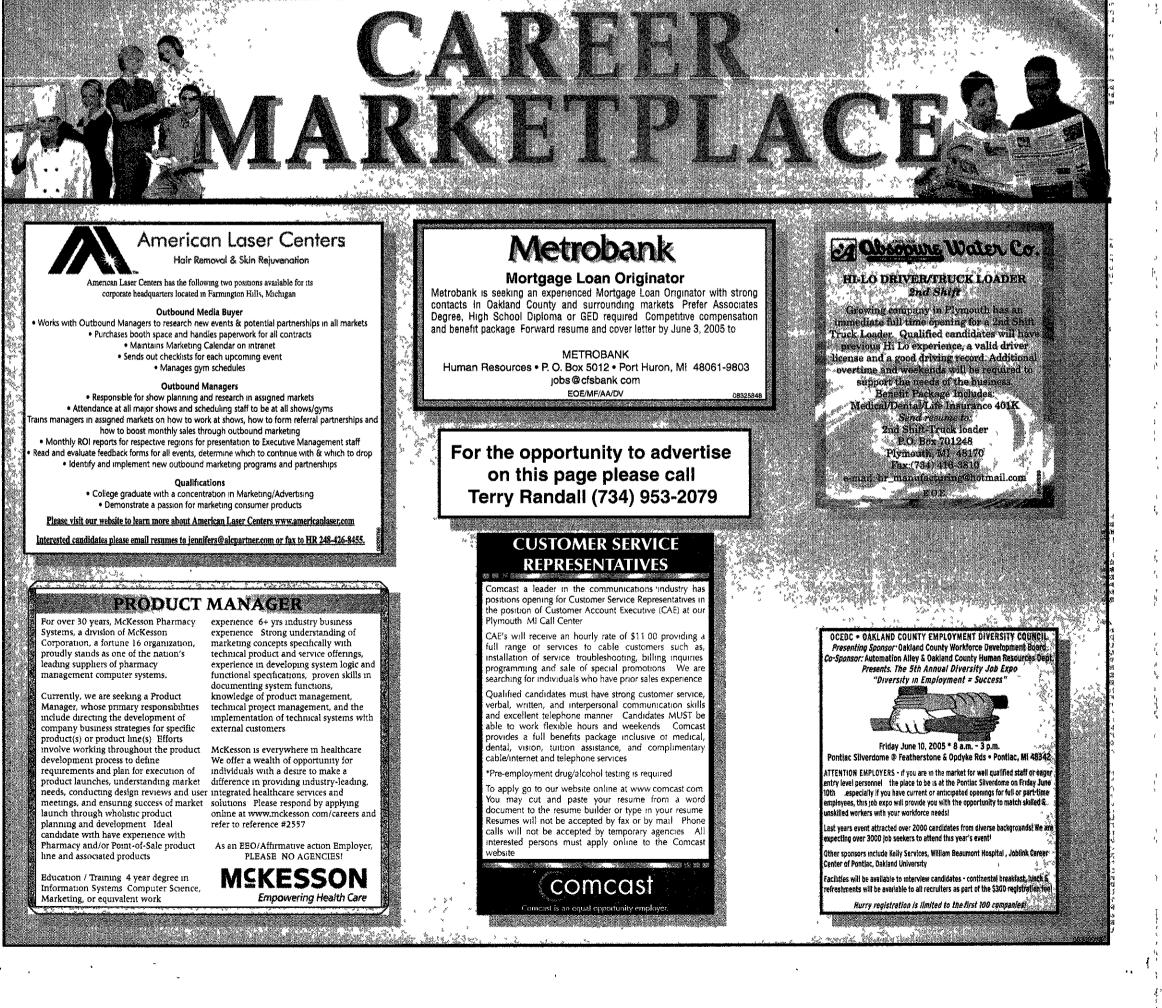
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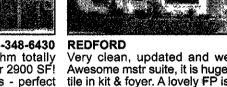
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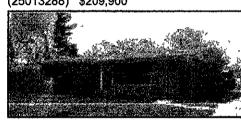
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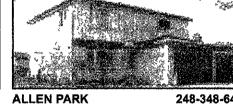


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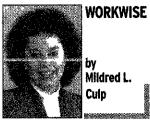
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BEATING INTERNAL CANDIDATES FROM THE OUTSIDE



Internal employees often have the inside track for job openings, but not always. You may be

tempted to spend your time ferreting out their names. If that's the first thing you do, you're behind already. You must prepare the market --specific companies -- to welcome you. SPECIFIC COMPANIES

Job seekers become so focused upon exploring open jobs in print and online that they often sit back and let many good jobs pass them by. Preparing your market requires identifying one or more companies where you'd like to work, then finding people inside to be your bridge. You

must make it easy for them. Nella Barkley, president of work/ life consulting firm Crystal-Barkley Corp., says, "You have to know what you want to do and what you want to accomplish. A job is just a mechanism by which you'd do it. Research employers who, as an organization and individual decision-makers, share your view on what needs to be accomplished. Resume-chasing and job-chasing are outside of this.'

If your interest is piqued, develop and present a proposal explaining *.what you will deliver and what benefits these deliverables will bring, she suggests. Offer the how-to and

you may find someone else doing the job you wanted to do. **'ÚNIQUE SELLING**

PROPOSITION Robin Bond, president of

Transition Strategies L.L.C. in Wayne, Penn., is a practicing attorney who negotiates contracts and severance agreements for executives. She advocates finding your unique selling proposition. It may well come from "the cross-pollination of ideas by highlighting problem-solving approaches that worked.

"Show new employers what you've done that's leading in your industry,' she continues. "Find where the spear is on an employer. Ask, 'What are some of the issues facing the department?' 'What do you want someone like me to bring?' 'What are you looking for me to deliver?' Afterwards, write a thank-you note refreshing their memory and reinforcing what they said by stating, 'I heard you when you said. . .' Ask a question and follow up later." In other words, keep the door open.

Anne Stevens of Boston's ClearRock, a career management and outplacement firm, recommends finding out if there is an internal candidate for a position or assignment you want. If the employer hedges, proceed as if there were one.

"Point out any gaps that are missing between the company and its competitors," ClearRock's Greg Gostanian mentions, "and how your

background and experience can help fill these. For example, is the company keeping up with its competitors in sales, cost savings, marketing, advertising, public relations, or product development? If not, how can you, as an outsider, help solve this problem?"

'SELFLESSNESS'

Keeping the door open may well require a long-term strategy. One is to focus upon developing relationships rather than simply looking for work, according to Jack Cage, senior client partner, Technology Markets, at Korn/ Ferry International's New York City office. Cage advises contacting a person three ways -- by e-mail, on the telephone and in person. "To maintain a solid business relationship," he states, "contact the person at least once per month.

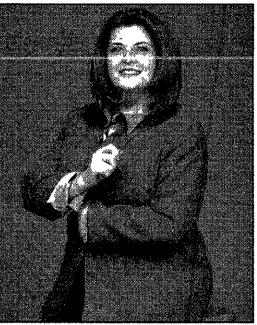
"Continually ask yourself," he adds, "What can I do for this person?' What would the person find fun or interesting?' 'What can I do for someone the person knows?' This selfless approach pays dividends on a long-term basis."

Ŏf course, you can overdo it. Cage identifies the telltale signs of waning enthusiasm as:

-- "the widening gap between when you call and leave a message, and when you get called back. and

-- "the flat, uninspired" tone coming through the telephone.

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Robin Bond, president of Transition Strategies L.L.C. in Wayne, Penn., suggests you ask questions and, "Show new employers what you've done that's leading in your industry.

communicate your point of difference; find out who the competition is; develop relationships by thinking more about the other person and less about your need for a job; and keep going. Through stamina and ingenuity you'll win.

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BY DALE BUSS

If you looked only at the well-regarded J.D. Power and Associates 2005 Initial Quality Study that was just released, you'd think that Toyota Motor Corp. and General Motors Corp. - the world's two car-making behemoths - were headed in roughly the same direction. After all, between the two of them Toyota and GM captured 15 of the 18 top model segment awards.

But obviously you'd be wrong. The differing direction of momentum between the two companies couldn't be more drastically different these days. Toyota is gobbling up U.S. market share, largely at GM's expense, with a voracity that is nearly breathtaking for a market as large and mature as the American automotive business. Meanwhile, GM, after flirting with an increase in market share post-9/11 for the first time in many years, is sliding nearly as precipitously as Toyota is climbing.

The reasons vary from objective factors such as quality and the pace of new-vehicle development, where Toyota still beats GM, to more subjective - but just as real - elements such as the hubris of GM management and the company's frustrations at coming up with fresh designs that customers want to purchase without being motivated by financial incentives to do so.

By now there's little doubt that Toyota has established a product-quality lead in the global automotive market that no one else can touch. In the J.D. Power study, Toyota earned 10 of the top model segment awards, with the Lexus SC 430 honored as the highest-ranking model for the second consecutive year, at 54 quality problems noticed per 100 vehicles (PP100). Other Toyota models earning segment awards included the Toyota Prius (Compact Car), Scion tC (Sporty Car) and Toyota RAV4 (Entry SUV).

Meanwhile, GM earned five top model segment awards, including those for the Chevrolet Malibu/Malibu Maxx (Entry Midsize Car), Buick

The Chevrolet Malibu Maxx earned the top spot from J.D. Power for a midsize car.



Century (Premium Midsize Car) and Chevrolet Suburban (Full-Size SUV).

'The 2005 IQS results contain some genuinely good news for General Motors," said Chance Parker, executive director of product and research analysis at J.D. Power and Associates, in a hopeful note for a company that sure could use some good news in the marketplace. "Improvements of the quality of several models and at their North American plants are both very positive signs."

In fact, the biggest improvement in the documented quality of an individual model from the 2004 study came in GM's Hummer, with a 36 percent reduction in reported problems. Since its debut in the 2003 Power study, Hummer has reduced reported problems by 115 PP100.

"In the past, there was a lot of talk about Hummer's poor quality being related to poor fuel economy," said Parker. "This year's results clearly show that the people at Hummer knew this wasn't the case. They identified many customer-reported problems and solved them."

GM also swept Power's North/South America plant quality awards. General Motors' Oshawa #2, Ontario, Canada, plant, which produces the Buick Century, Buick LaCrosse and



The Toyota RAV4 earned the top spot from J.D. Power for a SUV.

Pontiac Grand Prix, earned the Gold Plant Quality Award. The Oshawa #1, Ontario, and Hamtranick, Mich., plants earned the Silver and Bronze Plant Quality awards, respectively.

For its part, Toyota, for the fourth consecutive year, notched the Platinum Plant Quality Award for world wide plant quality, at its Tahara, Japan, car plant, with a score of 59 PP100.

"Competition in the automotive industry is incredibly intense," said Parker. "Even though the #2005 results may suggest a plateau in quality, manufacturers should not become complacent. The IQS has tracked similar apparent 'plateaus' before in 1996 and 2003. In both cases, the following year's results showed dramatic quality improvements. Car companies that take their eye off-the ball risk being left behind."

What does all this mean for GM? Obviously the company has gotten its act together not only on product quality but also in terms of the other important things that it does in its factories, including lean manufacturing and work flow in general. That in itself is an admirable accomplishment given where GM was just a decade or so ago. Now, GM's designers, engineers and marketers, all the way on up to CEO Richard Wagoner, have to figure out the "sell" part of the equation as well as they have the "build" side. Or it won't just be quality awards that Toyota will keep on winning.





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