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Bye-bye to Bird

Elementary again focus of redistricting moves

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

More than 900 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students will get notices in the mail the next few days indicating they will be attending different schools next year after the Board of Education Tuesday night accepted all but one of the preferred options for redistricting presented by the Housing Committee.

For the second year in a row, Bird Elementary was the main focus as parents from the Ridgewood Hills subdivision persuaded four board members to keep 66 subdivision students from being redistricted to Isbister Elementary.

After a 4-3 vote to keep Ridgewood at Bird, Trustee Carol Saunders initiated a motion — passed 4-3 by Joanne Lamar, Saunders, Barry Simescu and Tom Wysocki — to instead move 97 students from Country Club Village to Isbister next year.

Saunders attempted to defuse any concerns by other board members and parents that accepting the housing committee's second option at Bird would negatively affect class sizes at Isbister.

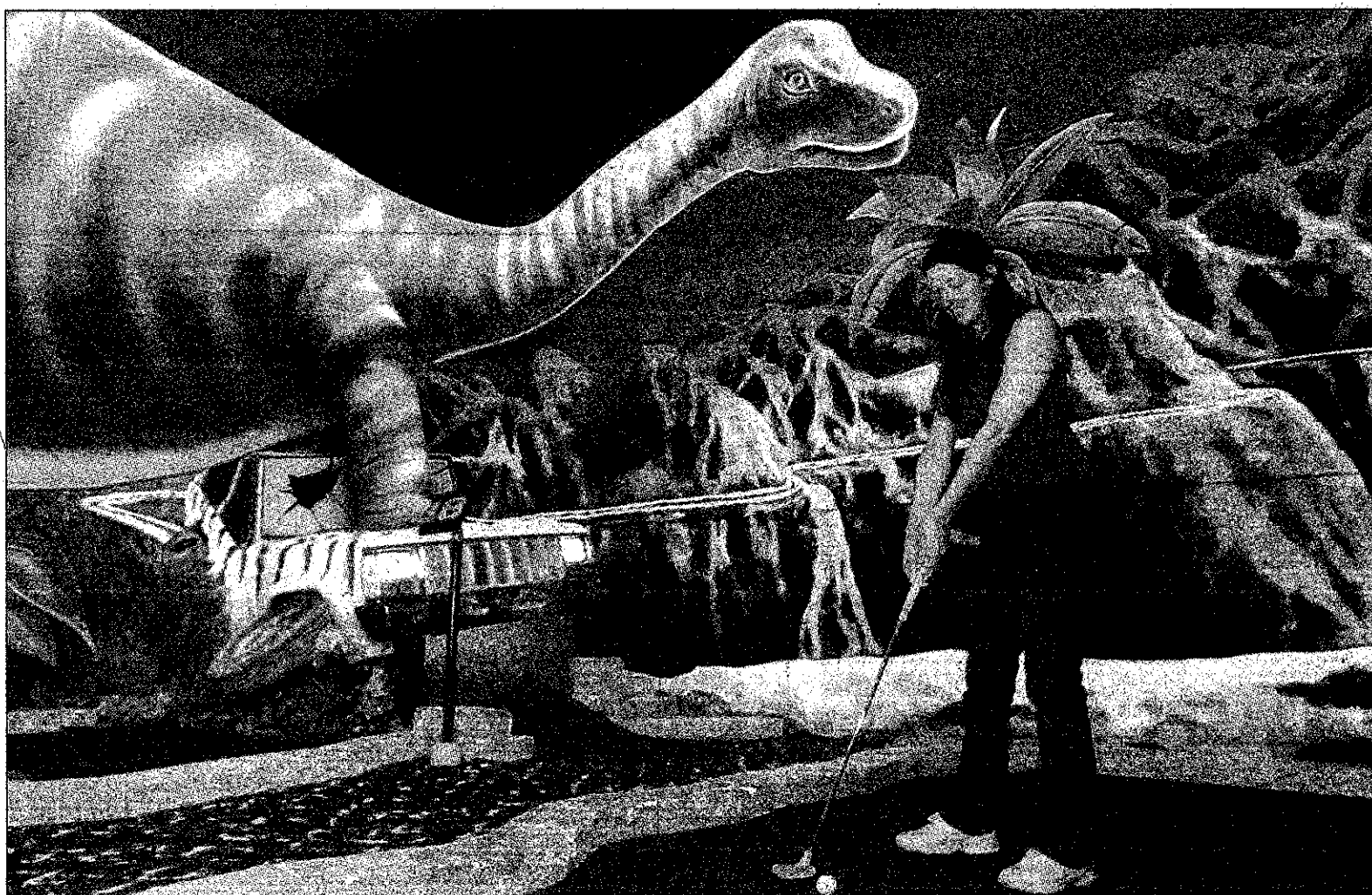
"I have two grandsons that attend Isbister and if you think I would do anything that would put them in jeopardy, I wouldn't," said Saunders. "I think with the new numbers that we have been provided ... we can do this without adversely affecting Isbister."

Vice president Judy Mardigian — who with Mark Slavens and Tom Wysocki voted in favor of moving Ridgewood Hills — isn't sure the right move was made by the board.

"I don't want to trade one overcrowded situation at one school to an overcrowding situation at another school," Mardigian said. "I'm not in favor of lifting classroom (size) caps. I'm concerned about Isbister."

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Barbara Rodenberg said with the transfer of 63 Isbister students in the Fox Run subdivision to the newly constructed Workman Elementary, the net increase at Isbister will be a dozen students.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A 40-foot brontosaurus keeps watch over Glo Golf general manager Kimberly Elliston as she prepares a putt. The new indoor miniature golf course features bright sculptures and artwork by artists from across Canada and the United States.

Glo Golf: Not your average miniature golf experience

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

On the outside, the building is nondescript — a plain box of a small strip mall. But inside the building that houses Glo Golf is a magical world of three-dimensional wall designs and elaborate fluorescent-colored sculptures surrounded by a steady pounding of techno music.

"We start here in ancient Egypt," said Glo Golf owner Gaz Ismail, who is also a partner in the adjacent business, Zap Zone laser tag. Ismail took a careful swing at the fluorescent green

'We have sculptures at every hole, and we took our time figuring out how to decorate and design everything better and better.'

Gaz Ismail
Glo Golf owner

golf ball, which landed to rest just inches from the first hole.

From the ancient Egypt theme, visitors putt their way to the ocean, past a life-size (or larger) molded statue of Poseidon and into the jungle,

where a bright orange and black tiger sculpture stands guard over the tee. At the end of the course is a *Jurassic Park* theme, with flying pterodactyls and a 40-foot (yes, 40-foot) brontosaurus.

It's the sculptures and meticulously painted walls that help set Glo Golf apart from the small handful of other similar businesses, Ismail said.

"We have sculptures at every hole, and we took our time figuring out how to decorate and design everything better and better," he said.

General Manager Kimberly Elliston nodded and added, "We

took longer than we thought to open because we kept finding changes to make that would be even better than what we had."

Ismail brought in artists from across Canada and the United States to create the sculptures and artwork for the 18-hole indoor custom-designed miniature golf course, which opened earlier this year, and will have a grand opening this summer.

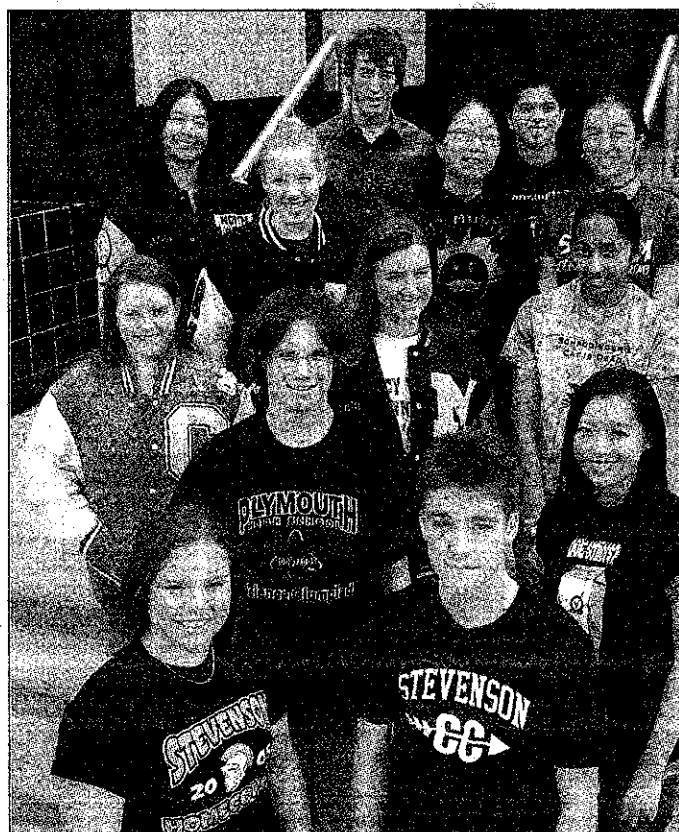
"Our customers have been going on about how their experience here is blowing them away," Elliston said.

It's not just the art and

PLEASE SEE GOLF, A4

All-Stars shine

Look inside today's edition for a special section featuring the 2006 Observer All-Star Team. Read about their high school accomplishments and their career goals. Members of the 2006 team include (back, from left) Silvia McCandlish, Tyler Temby, Emily Wang, Ameya Walimbe, Yiyang Lu, Kaitlyn Reed, Jessica Erlingis, Kathleen Kneiser, Nivedhita Subramanian and Adam Davis; (front, from left) Erica Brown, Jeff Holycross and Tina Wang. Not pictured are Paul Moncznik, Anna Malecke and Trevor Sponseller.



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Police say gambling led man to steal mail

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It could have been unemployment — or it could have been the desperation of an Internet gambling addiction — that led to the arrest of a 35-year-old Canton man who police said was stealing mail from as many as 50 mailboxes, then using bank account information to steal as much as \$30,000.

The man was arrested this week after Canton Police received complaints from people who said someone had been stealing from their bank accounts.

Police subpoenaed records from several banks and found there had been transfers into one account, which they now say was set up by the suspect. Once they found the bogus bank account, they were able to find his address.

"Then we just sat for a while waiting for him, and when he got

'The days of getting your bank statements and putting them in a box somewhere are long gone.'

Sgt. Rick Pomorski
Canton Police

home we arrested him," Sgt. Rick Pomorski said.

The suspect, who police said is married with children, and is currently living with his parents, has not been charged or arraigned yet. He has been cooperative in the investigation, according to Pomorski.

U.S. Postal Service authorities are also reviewing the case.

Of the dozens of local bank accounts police said the man may have stolen from, 10 to 15 were in Canton, Pomorski said. Mail fraud is becoming more common,

he added, as Internet technology has enabled people to access accounts from home.

Besides using secure mailboxes, police said it's crucial to examine bank and credit card statements every month.

"The days of getting your bank statements and putting them in a box somewhere are long gone," Pomorski said.

"You have to be vigilant and really check them, and report irregularities to your banking institution immediately."

Also becoming more common is Internet gambling addiction, Pomorski said.

"It's just so accessible. You don't have to get in your car and go downtown to gamble. You can sit in your bathrobe and drink your coffee and gamble," he said.

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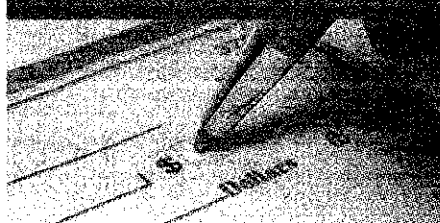
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Coming Sunday

Losing a job can be a traumatic experience. Help is available for those who feel depressed after being laid off. See Sunday's Health section.

Historic cemetery tour

The Canton Historical Society will present a tour of the Sheldon Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. Learn about the early pioneers of Canton Township, the eight Civil War soldiers buried in the historic cemetery, and symbolism of the various tombstones. David Curtis, past president of the Canton Historical Society, will be the tour guide. The event is free and open to the public. People should meet on the west side of Sheldon Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road.

Governor's appointment

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced this week that Canton resident Jane P. MacFarlane has been reappointed to represent the general public on the Commission on Disability Concerns. Her term will expire March 5, 2009.

Free mammograms

In honor of National Women's Health Week,

Oakwood Healthcare System is offering free mammography screenings, by appointment only, at Oakwood locations in Canton, Dearborn and Southgate throughout the week of May 15. To qualify for the exam, you must be 40 years of age or older, uninsured and have no breast problems or symptoms.

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Race for the Cure

The 2006 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, set for June 10 at Comerica Park, is a 5K competitive Run, 5K non-competitive Walk, and 1-Mile Walk that attracts participants of all ages and athletic abilities. Its purpose is to educate and build positive awareness about breast cancer and the impor-

tance of good breast health. The event celebrates those who have survived the disease, and takes time to remember those who have not. The race raises significant funds for local screening, treatment, and education programs and for research grants awarded throughout the nation by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Since the first local race in 1992, the Komen Detroit Race has raised more than \$9.4 million.

Canton Township employees are forming a team, the Canton Cure-ators, to participate in this year's Race.

Join Canton Cure-ators and be a part of this event at Comerica Park starting at 8 a.m. For more information about the event, visit www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthe-cure, or to join the Canton Cure-ators, contact Pam Popejoy at (734) 394-5126 or ppopejoy@canton-mi.org for more information about joining our team. Deadline for registration is mid-May.

MHS program

The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is

offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties now through May 31. The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provide proof of financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs, at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance WIC program and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-1415.

Chamber breakfast

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its government relations breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday May 19, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for breakfast is \$7 per person, which includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages, guest speaker presentation, and roundtable discussion.

The breakfast will feature guest speakers from the township who will discuss current road construction planned for this summer. In addition, guest speakers will cover the community events planned for spring and summer 2006.

Following the speaker presentations, guests are invited to remain for the roundtable sessions, which feature special interest groups such as Canton Public Safety, as well as government officials. The roundtables are an excellent opportunity for guests to speak one-on-one with local officials regarding hot topics in the



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Praying for America

Canton resident Barb Schmid led a group of local residents in prayer last week in Heritage Park near the war memorial. They gathered on May 4 to commemorate the National Day of Prayer, which was established in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

community. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Preschool open house

Arbor Montessori, a non-profit preschool and kinder-

garten program, is having a community open house from 4-7 p.m. on May 22. In addition to the school's academic programs, it also offers a bilingual Spanish program. There will be free books and pencils for the children, and refreshments for all. Arbor is located on the corner of Ford and Napier roads in Canton. For more information, call the school at (734) 662-8016.

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Annual derby produced lots of fish, fun and family time

The sun was shining, flowers were blooming, and fishing line was whirring off the reels Saturday during Canton Township's annual fishing derby at Heritage Park.

"The fishing derby was a great success," said Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates.

According to Dates, some 896 children participated in the event, which has become a sure sign of spring during the 23 years the township has hosted it.

Chances of catching fish were

pretty good, as usual, because the township stocks the ponds at Heritage park with 1,500 rainbow trout. For \$3, kids had the chance to fish the ponds and compete for prizes.

The event has become one of Dates' favorite annual events.

"It's just great to see the kids interact with their parents and their grandparents," he said.

"The whole day is all about spending time with family."

Carol Marshall



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Isabella DeMiris (left), and Savannah and Joshua Bergevin are proud of their catch.



Above, Saturday marked the first time Arielle Ayala's used her own fishing pole. Dad Antonio and mom Priscilla were on hand to offer advice. At left, three-year-old Ryan Hutton waits for a fish to bite on Saturday.

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REDISTRICTING

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Bird parents, who last year succeeded in keeping students 50 students in two subdivisions from being redistricted to Farrand Elementary, were mixed on the results of Tuesday's board vote. Beth Chuba, who successfully lobbied to keep Ridgewood Hills from being redistricted, said the figures speak for themselves, and should keep Bird from being redistricted again next year.

"I feel that this is truly a long-term solution to the overcrowding problem that Bird has experienced for years," said

Chuba. "I commend the Board of Education's flexibility, and its ability to recognize that the fact that registration numbers changed and the bond did not pass were important factors in any final decision."

However, Country Club Village resident Dianne Gonzalez, who earlier this month was elected to the board and will take her seat in July, wasn't at all pleased with the decision.

"The housing committee worked for seven months, analyzed all the data, and I cannot believe the board was so ego-centric it thought it had a better idea," said Gonzalez, who has two children who will be moved to Isbister. "I'm shocked and dismayed they would not

accept the housing committee's recommendation due to an 11th-hour magical numbers game."

Housing committee member Nancy Conzelman, who also lives in Country Club Village, took issue with the board's decision. However, on a personal level, she believes the move will be a good one for her soon-to-be second-grader who will be transferred to Isbister.

"It's a surprise because they did exactly what they said they wouldn't do, transfer one overcrowding problem from one school to another," said Conzelman. "If I was a current Isbister parent, I would be absolutely furious."

"However, from a personal point of view, I'm ecstatic

about going to Isbister," she said. "I've been at Bird for nine years, and find the last five years the MEAP scores steadily declining. I think there's a problem at the school."

Isbister Principal Lee Harrison said the redistricting will mean both his school and Bird will have nearly identical populations, in buildings that are identical, and the net addition of a dozen students for a total of 571 students won't be a problem.

"For the 12 years I've been here, we've averaged about 575 students," said Harrison. "We were in a declining enrollment situation, and without the Bird students we were looking at losing two staff members."

Harrison said he's already

set May 22 as a welcome night for the new neighborhood, and has talked with Gonzalez about establishing a movie night at Isbister, similar to one she helped organize at Bird.

"We're hoping to make the transition smooth, and make them feel comfortable," said Harrison.

Some parents who will make the switch from Eriksson Elementary to Field in Canton also expressed disappointment in the board's vote.

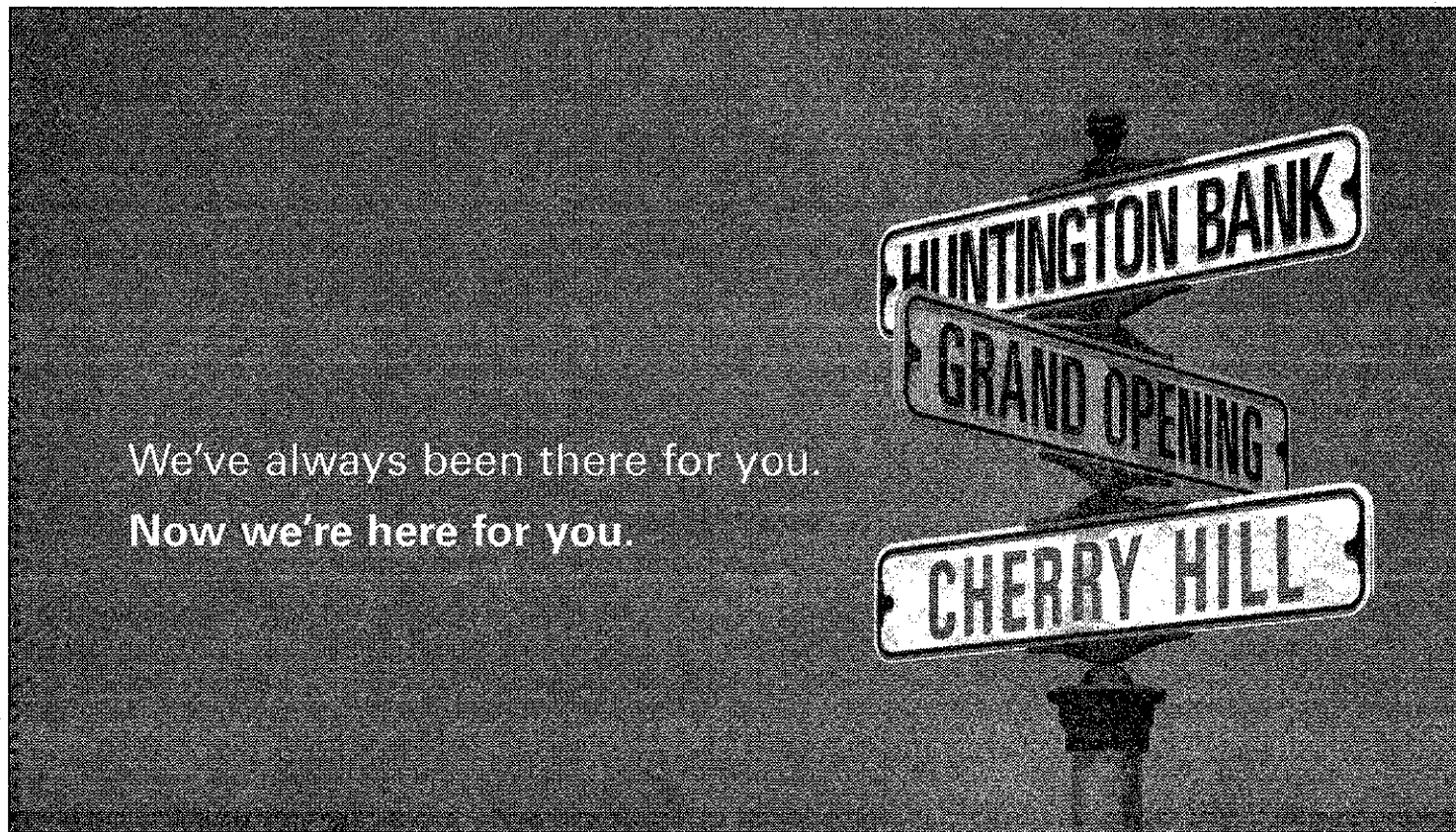
"I think it was a horrible decision, and wasn't thought out well," said William Elias, whose two children will be transferred to Field. "I think it's a temporary fix, and we'll be moving again in a couple of years."

"I'm very much against it, and very disappointed, and I won't be voting to return some of these people back," he said.

Board president Mark Slavens said the reality is the gain of more than 1,000 students over the past two years, with redistricting unavoidable.

"The bottom line is no board member likes to move anybody, no housing committee member likes to move anybody," said Slavens, "but we have real growth going on here ...and we have to do something to address that issue."

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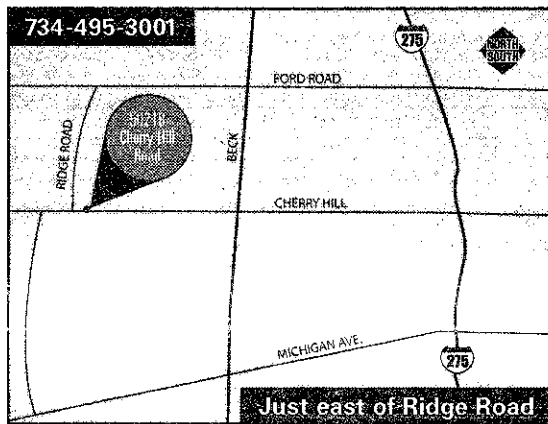
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course design that customers appreciate, Ismail said. It's the family-friendly nature of the game. While the east side of the building houses Zap Zone (and Ismail admits that most parents and almost all grandparents are just not all that interested in playing laser tag), Glo Golf is an activity nearly anyone can play.

"We have very young kids come to play, and older kids and teenagers, and people in

their 30s, and senior citizens," Elliston said. Some keep score, and some play for fun. Most can finish the course in 30-40 minutes, but some pokier customers have taken more than an hour, she said.

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DEATHS

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Dierkes, 84, formerly of Birmingham, died May 4.

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Richard C. McMahon

McMahon, 84, of Royal Oak, died May 7.

Cindy Borgman Mika
Mika, 52, formerly of Farmington, died May 6.

Betty Ann Ryan (nee Walker)

Ryan, 82, formerly of Birmingham, died May 3.

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Shedd, 87, of Plymouth, died May 5.

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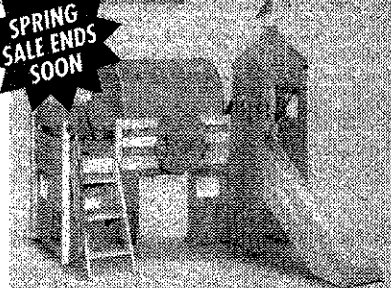
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Communities look to reduce rates by using less water

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Last summer, the big day was June 27. That's when the busiest hour of the busiest day occurred at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the department was pumping water to customers faster than at any other time of the year.

That period of time is called the peak hour and the peak day, and it has a significant effect on the rate communities pay for their water; it's given 20 percent weight in the total formula for figuring out suburban water rates, according to Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas.

In an effort to reduce usage peaks, and ultimately water rates, some communities are asking for voluntary water use restrictions. Canton and Northville townships, Plymouth and Northville implemented the restrictions last year, and will again this year.

"At this point we're not asking for conservation as much as we're asking for a change in habits so that we're not all watering our lawns at the same time, and we're not doing that at the same time that people are typically doing things like showering and taking laundry," Faas said.

The plan works like this: Residents and businesses with street addresses ending in an odd number should water their lawns, fill swimming pools and wash their cars on odd-numbered calendar days. Residents with even-numbered addresses should conduct their outdoor watering activities on even-numbered calendar days. Residents are also asked to limit outdoor water use between the hours of 5 and 9

a.m., when most people are showering and getting ready for work, Faas said. These steps will not only distribute usage and limit the number of peak hours, but will also improve water pressure throughout the township, he added.

So far, the idea has worked, Faas said.

Canton's peak is estimated by the DWSD to reduce by 3.2 percent for the peak hour and 4.2 percent for the peak day in 2006, compared to 2005, when Canton used 2.4 times as much water on the peak day as it does on an average day, and 3.1 times as much water in the peak hour as it does during an average hour, according to DWSD records. Plymouth's peak hour usage is expected to be twice that of the average, representing a 5.3-percent increase over last year.

Bedroom communities like Canton and Plymouth are hit much harder by the peak hour factor than are similar communities with more industrial users. For example, Livonia, with 15,000 more residents than Canton, uses more than 30 percent more water during the entire year, but during its peak hour of the year, only used 2.2 times the average, compared to Canton Township, which used in 2005 more than three times the average during its peak hour.

Suburban communities are wholesale customers of the DWSD. There are three major factors that DWSD uses to calculate wholesale water rates, including the distance the community is from the water treatment plants, the elevation of the community relative to the water treatment plants, and the maximum daily water demand and the peak hour water demand for each com-

munity.

But not everyone is impressed with the results of last year's voluntary usage reduction program.

Plymouth Township participated last year, but will not this year, unless asked by the DWSD, according to Tom Hollis, public works manager for Plymouth Township.

"We don't want to limit water use. We want to be able to provide our customers with all the water they can use," Hollis said. "We support any water conservation efforts to provide better service to the public, but we're not promoting limited water usage at this time."

What Plymouth Township hopes will level out its usage peaks is a \$1.8 million water tower, which should be completed by autumn 2007. Plymouth Township currently has a tower with a 400,000-gallon capacity, and that has not so far made any difference in peak usage, Hollis said. But the new 1 million-gallon tower will, he said.

The city of Plymouth will participate, even though there hasn't been a direct benefit to doing so, according to City Manager Paul Sincock.

"We just don't have the population Canton does, so we're not really impacted during peak hours, not to the level they are. But if it means being a good neighbor and participating in a program that could help everyone, we're all for it," Sincock said.

"We're all tied to the same distribution lines, so if we can reduce pressure concerns during peak demands, then clearly we would want to do that. Any little bit helps."

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Police issue 50 tickets during special traffic enforcement

It was a busy 35 hours at Canton's busiest intersection.

During the weekend of April 20, the Canton Police Department conducted its first series of proactive traffic safety enforcement at Ford and Haggerty, where the highest number of crashes in Canton occur.

During the 35 hours of enforcement, 50 traffic citations were issued. Three misdemeanor arrests were made, including one for operating while intoxicated. While officers were working the enforcement, one accident occurred.

Department officials are in

the process of reviewing crash data to determine the location and times of their next safety enforcement. Officers will continue to monitor the traffic at Ford and Haggerty, and additional safety enforcements will randomly occur at the intersection. Police officials are trying to bring awareness to drivers, in hopes of ending hazardous driving patterns, according to the department.

The intersection at Ford and Haggerty was selected to be the first enforcement area because there has been an increase in car crashes there. The intersection went from

being the 10th highest crash location in Wayne County with a total of 43 accidents in 2003, to the highest with a total of 73 crashes in 2005.

This intersection experiences the highest number of accidents on Thursdays and Fridays between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Traffic continues to increase on the roads in Canton, as the community's building demographics continue to change. Canton can expect to see higher traffic volumes this summer, as IKEA plans to open a store located on the northwest corner Ford and Haggerty Roads.

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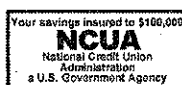
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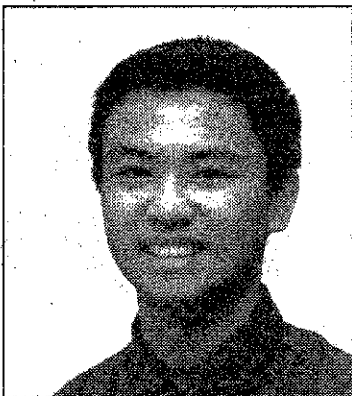
Canton resident plans to study biomedical technology

(Editor's note: Canton resident Bohao Pan, a student at Cranbrook Kingswood, is included in today's Eccentric All-Stars special section, because his school is in the Eccentric circulation area.)

Bohao Pan
Cranbrook Kingswood
Bohao Pan of Canton Township plans to attend Harvard University, to study biology or biomedical technologies.

"I only have a hint of the direction I am traveling in, which is, as of today, an undergraduate degree in biology," he said. "One day, I hope to use my background in biology to help improve quality of life. I am also interested in biomedical engineering for the same reason. This goal may lead me to the research community in academia or engineering in industry."

Pan was a semifinalist in



Bohao Pan
the Siemens-Westinghouse Competition, Intel Science Talent Search and USA Chemistry Olympiad. In addition, Pan is a Cum Laude Society Inductee, National Merit Scholarship Finalist and a third place Silver Medalist and a Bronze Medalist in Michigan Math Prize Competitions.

Through the High School Honors Science Program, he

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conducted original scientific research in plant pathology at Michigan State University. Apart from learning standard research facility working procedure, Pan designed and performed a novel experiment in genetics, and created a full research report to summarize the results, for which he won awards in the Siemens-Westinghouse and Intel competitions.

Pan won the Caltech Signature Award, the David Knight Award (Best Junior Math Student), the Excellence in Journalism Award, the Prize Paper Award, and the Prize Program Award in computer science. He was a Rensselaer Medalist and Scholarship winner (Best Junior Math and Science Student).

Pan was First Division Solo

and Ensemble Piano Solo, district and state; First Division Solo and Ensemble Flute Duet, district; and Second Division Solo and Ensemble Flute Duet, state.

He was managing editor-in-chief of the nationally recognized school newspaper, the *Crane Clarion*, Quiz Bowl Team president, Computer Team captain, resident adviser, Conduct Review Board member and Michigan All-Stars Math Team member.

Pan has returned to his middle school to help coach its MATHCOUNTS team, and has tutored elementary school children through a school-sponsored activity at a local church.

David Watson (Spanish, *Crane* adviser), Rich Lamb (computer science, Quiz Bowl adviser, Computer Team adviser) and Robert Fredrikson (math) are the

teachers who had the greatest influence on Pan.

"Mr. Watson shared with me his deep passion for journalism, exposing me to an activity I have grown to love that I would otherwise have overlooked," he said. "He is also a wonderful Spanish teacher, frequently bringing his personal experiences in to the classroom."

"Mr. Lamb's relaxed yet stimulating style of teaching has amazed me since taking his computer science AP class three years ago. Also, his tireless efforts as adviser to Quiz Bowl and the Computer Team have been an inspiration to me."

"Mr. Fredrikson has continued to encourage me in my mathematical pursuits in high school, supporting me from math competitions to independent studies."

Pan is the son of Ligong Pan and Ling Li.

State House approves use of new license plate

The Michigan House of Representatives last week approved a bill that would require Michigan drivers to have new, reflective license plates on their vehicles.

House Bill 5607, sponsored by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, requires the use of the new standard design plate by Jan. 1, 2008. LaJoy, chair of the House Transportation Committee, said the plates will increase revenue to the state without adding any additional fees to consumers.

"We could see approximately \$15 million in revenue for the state as a result of this legislation, and thanks to new technology, these plates are still going to be less expensive for consumers than the ones we have now," he said.

The new plate design will feature a one-color graphic reflective surface, unlike the current blue and white standard registration plates. The design also will prevent people from making fraudulent license plate tags.

"It is estimated that in Michigan, there is a three percent non-compliance rate with registration requirements," said LaJoy. "That means there are a large number of people out there who have invalid vehicle registration or are trying to scam the system. These could easily be people who, for a very good reason, should not be on the road."

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Also this week, the House approved state funding that will pay for improvements to the intersection at Ford and Beck roads. The project will provide for better traffic flow, according to LaJoy.

"This is a much needed improvement that will help alleviate traffic congestion and make this intersection safer," he said. Senate Bill 242, which contains funding for the project, now goes back to the Senate for concurrence.

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Walsh, Schoolcraft partner on M.B.A. program

Walsh College and Schoolcraft College have partnered to create a joint program that gives students the chance to complete a master of business administration degree in five years, versus the typical six years.

Schoolcraft has also reached new articulation agreements with Northwood University and Madonna University.

Honors Fast Track begins at Schoolcraft College, where students complete an associate in applied science degree in general business or marketing and applied management.

They then take approximately another year's worth of coursework at Schoolcraft College before completing remaining bachelor's and master's degree requirements through Walsh College.

They can complete those requirements at the Walsh College Troy or Novi campuses or at Schoolcraft College.

"Our Honors Fast Track partnership with Schoolcraft provides a quality, affordable path to an advanced college degree," Walsh College President Keith A. Pretty said. "It increases access to business knowledge for future business leaders, giving them the opportunity to remain in this exciting growth market and power the continued success of the region."

Students expected to benefit from Honors Fast Track are "clearly focused on the goal of earning an MBA quickly, while obtaining a significant cost savings by taking additional courses at the community col-

lege tuition rate," Schoolcraft College President Conway A. Jeffress said.

Students can enter the Honors Fast Track program directly after high school graduation or as transfer students any time after an initial semester at Schoolcraft College. Each must meet specific admissions requirements.

Students entering the Honors Fast Track program from high school should have a minimum 3.3 grade point average and an ACT score of 22 or higher.

Schoolcraft College students who earn their associate in applied science degree with a minimum of a 3.3 GPA are eligible to transfer to Walsh to complete their bachelor's and master's degrees.

The Northwood University agreement allows Schoolcraft students in business administration to transfer up to 91 credits earned at Schoolcraft toward a bachelor of business administration degree at Northwood. Students must earn a minimum of 44 credits at Northwood.

Schoolcraft students who have earned an associate degree in child care and development can transfer up to 74 credits toward a bachelor of science degree in child development at Madonna University. They must complete a minimum of 46 credits at Madonna.

The Schoolcraft and Walsh College agreement allows Schoolcraft students with a grade-point average of 3.3 or higher to transfer a maximum

of 87 credits toward the Walsh College honors fast track for a bachelor of business administration degree in management and a master's degree in business administration at Walsh. Students must earn a minimum of 63 credits at Walsh.

Articulation agreements allow community college students seeking a bachelor's degree to complete more courses on a two-year campus than is normally allowed, thus

saving money with the lower tuition rates. Without such agreements, students generally can transfer only half of the credits in a bachelor's program.

Signing the agreement are, seated left to right, Walsh President Keith Pretty and Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress; Walsh Chief Academic Officer Rod Hewlett and Schoolcraft Chief Academic Officer Camille Colatosti.



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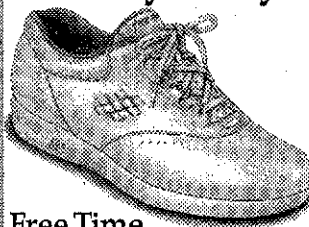
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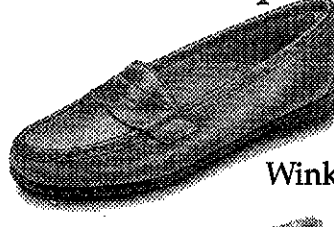
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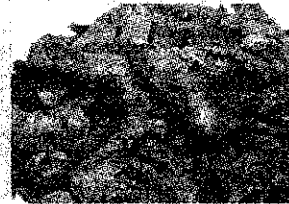


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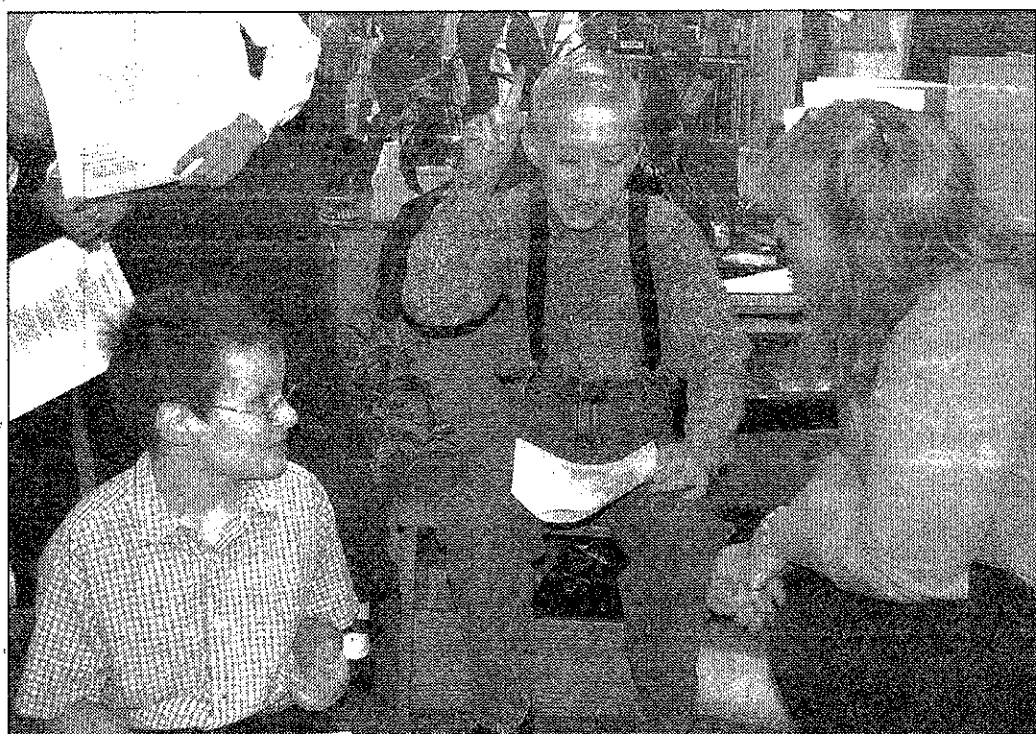
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Junior historians

Brendan Nobel and Joey Kenzie rehearse for Canton Charter Academy's upcoming musical about Michigan history. The program, presented by the school's 75 fourth grade students, will be June 2, and will include what organizers call "an overview of millions of years of Michigan history." Fortunately, the students are able to whiz through the millennia in about a half hour program. Canton Charter Academy is located at 49100 Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 453-9517.



Community Financial scholarship recipients and presenter honorees gather at scholarship reception, (from left) Nichole McLaughlin, Allison Poremba, Margaret Dunning, Doreen Lawton, Matthew Renner, Pridvi Kandagatla, Kathryn Girsks, Grace Huang, Sarah Galli and Yiyang Lu. Not pictured are Katyln Harrison and Jenna Hansen.

Winners pick up college scholarships

Community Financial recently announced the winners of its 2006 scholarship program. The Community Financial Scholarship Fund, an affiliate of the credit union, awarded 10 \$1,000 scholarships to Michigan students.

The winners were selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members and will use the funds to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution. All of the students were selected for their outstanding academic performance and for their involvement in community service.

"These students represent

our future, and by providing these scholarships we hope that we can help them build a solid foundation," said Bill Lawton, board chair of the Community Financial Scholarship Fund.

For 18 years, the credit union's annual scholarship program has awarded more than \$80,000 to college bound members who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to education and their communities.

Community Financial has two annual scholarship funds—one in honor of Margaret Dunning, a longtime credit union volunteer, and another to honor the memory of George Lawton, the credit union's general manager of 29 years.

Dunning and Doreen Lawton, wife of the late George Lawton, joined CEO Bill Lawton, scholarship selection committee members and board directors in making the special presentations at the Plymouth office.

There were eight local

winners of this year's Dunning and Lawton scholarships including Plymouth residents Sarah Galli (Canton High School) and Kathryn Girsks (Salem); Canton residents Katyln Harrison (Plymouth), Pridvi Kandagatla (Salem) and Yiyang Lu (Salem); Northville resident Jenna Hansen (Ladywood); and Novi residents Grace Huang (Northville) and Matthew Renner (Novi). Two scholarships will also be awarded in the credit union's northern Michigan service area.

In addition, the credit union awarded two \$500 scholarships to children of Community Financial employees.

Recipients of this year's scholarships to children of credit union employees included Allison Poremba, daughter of Sales Trainer Connie Poremba and Nichole McLaughlin, daughter of Senior Education Partnership Coordinator Natalie McLaughlin. Both are graduating from Plymouth High School.

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UPPER-BODY STRESS FRACTURES

A stress fracture is an overuse injury that occurs when a bone succumbs to a series of micro-fractures. Long associated with the lower body and running sports, stress fractures are increasingly being discovered in the upper body. Gymnasts and cheerleaders tend to get stress fractures below the elbow. Baseball players are likely to get them around the shoulder, and golfers get them mainly in the lower ribs. Stress fractures in these upper-body areas are difficult to diagnose under any circumstance because they do not always show up on x-rays. To add to diagnosing difficulty, they tend to be thought of, solely, as lower-body injuries. It is hoped, however, that the thinking surrounding stress fractures may be changing.

Stress fractures are among the most common sports injuries, often being a result of participating in activities that involve running or jumping. If you are in need of treatment or would just like to learn more about today's article, contact **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY**, at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

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Crash victim remembered as 'beautiful' girl

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

To those who knew her, Jessica Mitsch of Plymouth Township was a fun-loving, carefree, 24-year-old woman who loved spending her free time with family and friends.

As her best friend since second grade at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, and through high school at Ladywood in Livonia, Stephanie Florence said despite some long work hours, Mitsch liked "to pack in a lot" with those she loved.

"Important to her were friends, her parents and two brothers," said Florence, 24, who grew up in Canton. "She loved to go out, meet people and be with her friends and go shopping with the girls. She was the most loyal friend anybody could ever have."

The thoughts of the good times are sustaining those who loved Mitsch, killed shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, while on her way home from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, where she worked while studying to become a nurse.

According to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Mitsch was taking her usual route home from the hospital — eastbound on Plymouth Road — when the Honda Accord she was driving was struck by a Chevrolet Malibu driven by a 41-year-old Ann Arbor man, who deputies report ran a stop sign while traveling southbound on Gotfredson.

Mitsch was transported in critical condition to St. Joe's and later died from her injuries. Sheriff's Department Commander Dave Egeler said the report to the county



Jessica Mitsch

prosecutor "will probably include a charge of negligent homicide."

Mitsch graduated from Hillsdale College with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and was working on a second degree in nursing at Madonna University. Her mother, Mary Mitsch of Plymouth Township, said Jessica was working in the Progressive Care unit at St. Joe's while studying to become a nurse, following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother.

"She absolutely loved it," Mary Mitsch said. "The nurses in the unit inspired and encouraged her. They were wonderful role models for her."

Mary Mitsch said Jessica loved being in downtown Plymouth, patronizing the restaurants and ice cream shops with her friends.

"She was the typical really bright, really beautiful girl," Mary Mitsch said. "She had a good sense of humor, a great wit and lived every minute of her life to the fullest."

"We are incredibly fortunate to have her for any amount of time we could," Mitsch added. "One of the biggest losses, for me, is for all the people she would have taken care of."

Jessica Mitsch is survived by her parents, John and Mary; her brothers, John and James; and grandparents, John and Dorothy Mitsch and Eleanor Streiff.

Memorials may be made to the Jessica Mitsch Scholarship Fund, c/o Teresa Thompson, Dean of Nursing, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

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OUR VIEWS

Losing barn is a blow to history

An old barn sits near the corner of McClumpha and Joy roads, just as it has for the last century. It has seen many seasons come and go. In fact, several generations have passed since farmer Aruna Cady built the barn on the site in the early 1900s. The barn has long outlived Cady, who died in 1911, and his farm is now part of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Sadly, the barn is scheduled to be torn down, like so many others in recent years. When the wrecking ball falls the old structure, it will be another blow to the area's farming heritage. This particular barn has a proud history. When Cady built it, he used some timbers from another barn that was built prior to the Civil War. Several barn experts have inspected the barn and determined it is a "raised basement" barn with a "gambrel" roof, which has four sides, and is quite rare. They also say the barn is in excellent condition.

The barn was also used as part of the Rotary School Farm. Thousands of Plymouth-Canton students took field trips to the farm until it closed in 1981 because of economic cutbacks. There they learned about the area's agricultural heritage and what life was like before the automobile and fast food changed everything.

In recent years, the school district has used the barn for storage, but officials say it is no longer sufficient for their needs. Plus, the district wants to build tennis courts where the barn now sits. With no use for it, they decided to tear it down.

Local historians were devastated by the news, because they know how important this barn is. There just aren't that many barns left to save. Certainly the Canton Historic District Commission and Canton Historical Society did all they could to save the barn. Since December, they have tried to raise funds to move the barn to Cherry Hill Village. The group was trying to raise \$120,000 to move the barn, but received commitments for only \$25,000. They should be commended for their efforts in trying to preserve this area's heritage.

Canton, which seems to be turning all its attention to the Ford Road corridor and the opening of IKEA, will have the most to lose if and when the barn is torn down — probably sometime this year. Up until 1970, Canton was still the sweet corn capital of Michigan, though you certainly wouldn't know it these days.

Academic All-Stars deserve applause

Intelligent, hardworking, active, optimistic and thankful. These are just a few of the traits that describe this year's *Observer & Eccentric* Academic All-Star Team.

For 21 years, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* has honored outstanding young scholars as members of the Academic All-Star Team. As a local newspaper, we devote a good amount of news space to local schools and education, so it makes sense to honor those who excel.

This year's All-Star Team does excel, indeed! Members are Presidential Scholars, captain of the track team, won awards for playing piano, flute and violin. They act, sing and volunteer at local hospitals and as tutors — in their spare time. They strive for careers as researchers, physicians, lawyers, film directors and chemists so they can save the world. They applaud, honor and thank the teachers who have made an impact on their lives.

They are the the 2006 *Observer & Eccentric* All-Star Team and runners-up.

We have high expectations for all of these students. Today, in a special section inside this newspaper, we salute the more than 40 students who have achieved outstanding academic success throughout their high school careers. They are indeed some of the best and brightest high school students from public and private schools throughout the *Observer* coverage area.

Congratulations to the 2006 *Observer* Academic All-Star Team of **Xiwen Wang**, Plymouth High School; **Paul Moncznik**, North Farmington High School; **Jeff Holycross**, Stevenson High School; **Yiyang Lu**, Salem High School; **Adam Davis**, Plymouth High School; **Kaitlyn Reed**, Canton High School; **Trevor Sponseller**, Salem High School; **Nivedhitha Subramanian**, Canton High School; **Erica Brown**, Stevenson High School; **Anna Malecke**, Mercy High School; **Silvia McCandlish**, North Farmington High School; **Kathleen Kneiser**, Mercy High School; **Zhuijie Wang**, Churchill High School; **Ameya Walimbe**, Farmington High School; **Tyler Temby**, Thurston High School; and **Jessica Erlingis**, Ladywood High School.

And congratulations to Canton Township resident **Bohao Pan** of Cranbrook Kingswood School, who was named to the 2006 *Eccentric Newspapers* Academic All-Star Team.



Geoff Brooks 5-11-2006 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

LETTERS

An evolving Ford Road

In a few weeks, the much-anticipated opening of the new Canton IKEA will take place. The DDA in Canton has been working over the past year on plans to make "Canton's Ford Road" a more desirable place for our community and our visitors. The projects we've been working on include the installation of the rest of the DDA lights to line all of Canton's Ford Road corridor business district; beautiful entrance flowers at the I-275 ramp; a system of way-finding banners which will divide the corridor into "color districts" to help with finding over 300 businesses along Ford Road; enhanced maintenance attention to the I-275 cloverleaf area; new landscaping between the I-275 overpass bridges; and the installation of public art in eight locations along the corridor.

While IKEA has certainly been the focus of a lot of public attention, we have a number of athletic tournaments planned throughout the summer which brings lots of participants into our community from all over the Midwest. To encourage patronage of our local businesses and build awareness of our community's attractions, the DDA has been working with a local marketing team to develop a "Visitors Guide" and map as well as an information "kiosk" which will be located inside IKEA, highlighting our many businesses and attractions. We think Canton is worth "bragging" about. Canton's Chamber, the DDA and the Canton community are focusing their efforts so our visitors don't miss a thing.

Along with the excitement about the grand opening of IKEA, we all recognize there will be some traffic concerns for everyone. Additionally, just to make things as interesting as possible, there will be a few construction projects along Ford Road, and on some of the other main roadways in Canton. Improving roads always tries our patience, but when finished, it is nice to have a smoother, more efficient roadway system. Ultimately, most of the traffic issues will level out after a few months. I hope that you will seek alternate routes to visit your favorite dining spots, and to shop throughout our community and be tolerant of the traffic challenges ahead of us this coming summer. Our Canton Public Safety Department will also be very visible to help keep traffic moving safely and efficiently. While visitors do bring an economic benefit to our community, the main customer for our businesses is US! Supporting our local businesses benefits everyone, and keeps our community strong and economically vital. Patronizing our business community is worth it. So please don't shy away from your favorite spots — they will be looking forward to serving you. The men and women who serve on Canton's DDA have committed to many plans for enhancing and improving "Canton's Ford Road." Some of these goals will take some time to accomplish. In a few years, the character of "Canton's Ford Road" will be a more attractive and interesting corridor for all of us, and an improved business district.

Melissa McLaughlin
Canton DDA chair
Canton Township trustee

A success story

I would like to take this opportunity to

let everyone know about the mallard ducks that hatched in front of the west doors to the Canton Meijer Store. The young duck hatched 11 of the 12 eggs. That number 12 just would not hatch, even with Nancy Spencer watching over them for about six hours on Thursday afternoon. On Friday morning, it was time for them to head for water. They all made it along the front of the building to the creek where they could eat vegetation and get wet. Many of the patrons of Meijer watched as the duck family came to be over the past five weeks. There were no predators to destroy this nest due to the location. So thanks to all the people who walked by them and let them be, they have a chance now.

Gary Kubik
Canton

Make builders pay more

The rejection of the two bond proposals for schools was absolutely the right thing to do and demonstrated that voters are demanding greater fiscal responsibility from their government. Why did it fail? I believe the taxpayers of this area are growing tired of subsidizing the developers in our communities who come here and build their commercial and residential projects, make millions of dollars and dump the costs of new schools and other infrastructure that the population increases bring on the taxpayers. Shouldn't the builders be paying for these new schools or expansions of existing schools? Shouldn't the builders pay more for the new roads and sewers that their developments will require?

A sensible solution would be to charge a development fee for all new construction based on the total square footage built. So if the fee is set at \$2 per square foot, the community would collect \$5,000 for a 2,500 square foot home to help pay for the new schools and roads.

There seems to be no desire on the part of the leaders or residents in Canton or Plymouth townships to slow down or limit the rate of development and urbanization of our once rural and quiet location. If paving over the townships is inevitable, at least let's make the developers and new residents pay for the cost of the new schools and other services that will need expanding.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Looking for answers

Now that the election is over, I would like to wish our two new board members luck. Part one of the bond failed by a small margin. I have to ask the new school board some tough questions. I know that one of the new members was very much against the bond. How do we solve the overcrowding in the elementary and middle schools? Why have some portables been at some schools in excess of 10 years? What is going to be done with the land that was purchased for the new middle school? How are we going to replace the 10 busses that have their frames rusting out?

To the people that voted against the bond, please do not complain about overcrowding of the schools, art and music teachers not having enough space to teach, limited vocational training, rusted out busses, a very old and outdated middle school. To the Plymouth Township voters

that caused this bond to be voted down, you can forget about a new school in Miller Woods. I wish the board will sell this parcel of land and help out our deficit. I would like to thank Dr. Ryan for his hard work pushing this bond. I am sorry that it did not work out for our children.

John Nichols
Canton

Better way?

Many challenges lie ahead for the PCCS board, particularly in light of the failure of the bond issues. While I heard some legitimate questions raised about the bonds, the fact remains that this district has significant needs. I strongly believe there is a need for a new middle school.

The primary argument I heard against the millage was that building new classrooms would lead to larger class sizes, due to funding issues. I'm neither an accountant nor an expert in education administration, but I do not understand how having fewer classrooms at schools already bursting at their seams will not also lead to larger class sizes. Where are these kids going to go, other than be squeezed into the existing classrooms? I saw a number of signs saying, "Vote NO. There's a better way." But I never heard anything about what that "better way" was. I hope the people behind these signs will now step up and help the district find that better way.

Kathryn Sweet
Canton

Congrats and thanks

Congratulations to the top two vote-getters in the May 2 election, Dianne Gonzalez and Steven Sneiderman.

This was my first experience running for an elected office and I must admit it exceeded my expectations in at least two areas. The first was the number of people in the community who were willing to help my campaign in so many ways. The second was the professional attitude all the candidates maintained throughout the forums, meetings and discussions. The Plymouth and Canton communities are fortunate to have involved people who care about the future of our schools. To all of the people I encountered and who helped during the campaign, I extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you.

John Jackson
Canton

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"Doing anything to promote good health is a good idea ... But, it can't be just one place that's trying to get kids healthy. We have to look at what they're doing at school, at home and when they're out with friends. ..."

- Nancy Bitzarakis, school nurse, on the idea of taking sodas out of school vending machines

Adjust views after bond failure

Now that the majority of residents have defeated the \$125 million Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bond, I am sure that there will be a flurry of activity by the board and administration to try and figure out "what went wrong."

I also expect a discussion of who is to blame. Instead of going on a witch hunt, I recommend that the PCCS Board of Education internalize the old adage "When you have a problem, it's best to look inside yourself first."

In my view, last week's vote against the bond was a referendum on the current board and the way district leadership conducts itself. This board is out of touch with what the majority of us are thinking and, instead of gearing up for another bond drive in August, ought make significant changes before asking for another tax increase. Here are my thoughts on what needs to change right away:

■ Start actively listening to the community. This board has become isolated from the people it was elected to serve. Stop attacking people with differing opinions long enough to answer their questions.

Board meetings have become infrequent, and consist of little substance. Our board and administrators must be willing to take major issues head on, and debate all the alternatives thoroughly. Planning needs to become second nature, and contingency planning for worst-case scenarios needs to be undertaken in public.

I disagree with board members and administrators who say that "This sort of planning just makes people uneasy." They assume that the public isn't smart enough to understand the truth. The recent bond vote indicates the public understands the truth all too well.

Our community will be more supportive once they have proof that all alternatives have been considered. "Trust me" isn't going to work anymore. The district also needs to immediately begin fully complying with FOIA laws. As a strategy, the district rarely meets the timing called for by state law.

■ Stop treating those with a different point of view as an enemy of the schools. This goes hand-in-hand with active listening. Anyone who has attended a board meeting lately can see the way citizens with new ideas or difficult questions are treated. Citizen comments are not valued, and the board rarely engages. Citizens' questions go unanswered. Board responses are rude.

The board needs to recognize that democracy means listening to everyone, and although it isn't always the most efficient, it's still the best form of governance. This board needs to engage with citizens at board meetings, especially those with differing opinions. Stop the personal attacks. Quit using words like "scare tactics" and talk of "going to war." Focus intensity and frustration on problems, not on people

in your own district.

■ Every child is precious. Parents who come to the board with questions don't come there because it's a fun experience. Parents wind up at board meetings because administrative processes aren't working. They are many times nervous and frustrated because the district bureaucracy hasn't treated them fairly.

The board owes it to them to have a fair hearing, and react when administrators make mistakes. This doesn't mean always giving people what they want. However, we deserve to see proof that the board is listening, and that when the district makes a mistake, it apologizes and moves quickly to correct it.

■ Parents of private school children finance the district, too. PCCS needs to recognize that every resident and property owner in the district pays taxes to support school buildings. District treatment of private school and community groups these days is indefensible. The district should immediately stop thinking that community use of school buildings as just a revenue opportunity. Athletic facilities that are not being used need to be open to the public. Period.

Parents of private school kids, seniors and families without school-age children deserve to be able to use these facilities after hours and at rock-bottom rates. Find revenue from other sources. Don't rent it back to the people who bought and paid for it in the first place.

■ Develop a serious financial plan. The community deserves a full accounting of district finances, including plans on how the district will be operated in a worst-case scenario. We simply do not have financial transparency anymore. Serious questions shouldn't be answered with "trust me."

It's OK to hope for economic relief, but under current economic conditions, it's just not realistic to believe that big increases in funding from the state are on the way. The board needs to engage the community, employee groups and civic leaders to make sure that everyone understands what is at stake.

In addition, the board needs to be open and honest with the community in describing its offers to employee groups. Upcoming contracts with employee groups can no longer represent a business-as-usual approach, and must take into account the serious financial situation we find ourselves in.

There is no doubt in my mind that this bond election was a referendum on our current board. Our teaching employees do a good job of educating, in spite of the board and some administrators that don't feel it is necessary to serve all of us.

Despite the rhetoric coming out of the district the next couple of weeks, I now know that I am in the majority who think that the board ought to look inside itself, and start serving all its citizens, instead of only themselves.

Michael J. Maloney of Canton is a former PCCS board president and a life-long resident of the Plymouth-Canton community.

Julie Brown

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Faith keeps mourners strong

Graham Martin and wife Mary are grieving the Taylor University students and staffer who died recently in a crash in Indiana. The Martins knew two students, one of whom died, through their Upper Peninsula Bible Camp.

A van carrying Taylor students and staff was struck by a semi-truck on Interstate 69. Four students — Whitney Cerak (a Gaylord resident), Laurel Erb, Bradley Larson and Elizabeth Smith — and one staffer — Monica Felver — were killed. Student Laura VanRyn remains in a comatose state in Fort Wayne's Parkview Hospital.

Graham Martin of Plymouth Township knew two of the students, Larson and VanRyn. "We just stopped in yesterday to see her on our way back from central Illinois," where they'd gone to see his father, who died last week, Martin said Friday.

Laura's making improvement, he said, and there's no sign of brain damage.

"There are little indications she's partially aware of what's going on," Martin said. People from Taylor and others flew in from out of town. The VanRyns live in Grand Rapids.

Brad, 22, was a senior due to graduate this month from Taylor. He and Laura worked at Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, which the Martins run. "He was the kind of individual that was very caring for

other people. He often was able to pick out the kids that needed the most attention," Martin said. As a counselor, Brad welcomed children to camp.

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district employees, administration and school board members for the work that they do every day. I feel confident when I put my daughters on that bus each morning that they are in great hands and receiving a first-class education.

The people who supported me in my campaign are second to none. You guided me through this process, helped with the difficult tasks and kept me focused on the ultimate goal. I only hope that someday I can return the favor.

All the candidates in this campaign are to be commended. Putting yourself in the uncomfortable position of having to defend your views night after night

want to go through that very often."

He and Mary went to Milwaukee for Brad's service, which was well-attended. Three of the couple's four children attended Taylor in Indiana at some point, with sons Scott and Dan earning Taylor degrees.

His dad, Robert Martin, died at 93 last week. "He was the same kind of person as the kids. Everybody loved him, friends, family, neighbors, especially his grandchildren." The senior Martin also had 13 great-grandchildren he loved.

The Martins don't hold negative feelings toward the Canton truck driver who hit the Taylor van.

"We're just feeling bad for what he has to go through," Martin doesn't know if the driver was abusing his time schedule. Laura's dad tried to get in touch with him in the hospital, Martin said, and wanted to let him know people were praying for him.

"I think I would have that same viewpoint. We don't have any animosity to him."

Martin cited the 50th anniversary of five missionaries being killed in Ecuador, which seemed so tragic at the time.

One of the missionaries has a brother who comes to Bible camp in the U.P. with the Martins. Many of those people have come to accept Christ and changed their way of living, he said of the locals.

"The testimony of their lives has affected many other lives." The incident motivated many people to go into mission work.

"That's how we would view the current situation, the driver and everybody involved," said Martin, a Plymouth Salem High School art teacher. "Situations like this are reminders to us of how we need to live day by day."

The Taylor students set a good example of that. Those who have surrounded them with love in the days since the tragedy also set a good example, in my book.

Julie Brown of Plymouth Township is presentation editor for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. She can be reached at (734) 953-2111 or via e-mail at jcbrown@hometownlife.com. Brown is a former staffer for the *Marion (Ind.) Chronicle-Tribune*, the daily newspaper where Taylor is located.

LETTER

Candidate thanks

Thank you to the people of the Plymouth-Canton school district for electing me to the position of school board trustee May 2.

As I stood in the rain on election day, many of you stopped to talk to me and I appreciate it. It is gratifying to see that more than 14,000 citizens took time from their daily activities to cast their ballot.

I want to recognize Joanne Lamar and Carol Saunders for the service they have provided to our district over the years. I'm honored to be a part of the same board on which you both have served with dedication.

In addition, I want to thank the

district employees, administration and school board members for the work that they do every day. I feel confident when I put my daughters on that bus each morning that they are in great hands and receiving a first-class education.

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requires bravery, and I think we all showed it during the three-month long process. I value our new friendship.

To the students of Plymouth-Canton, I have you in the forefront of my mind. I look forward to working with you, understanding your needs and delivering on those requirements.

Finally, thank you to my family. You have been very understanding and helpful during this process. You are most important to me and I know you were with me the whole time, win or lose. I look forward to serving.

Steven Sneldeman
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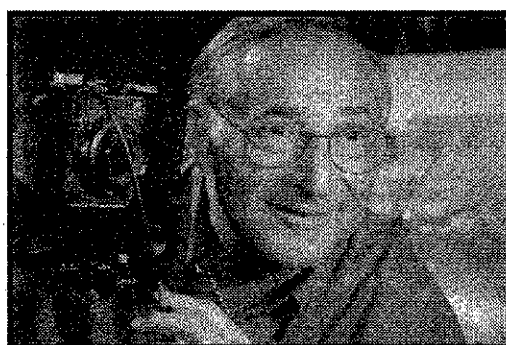
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Schoolcraft commencement start of new chapter in lives

Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer was the commencement speaker Saturday at Schoolcraft College's 41st commencement ceremony at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

More than 1,400 students were eligible to receive diplomas with approximately 500 graduates in attendance. Dennis Archer, chairman of the law firm of Dickinson Wright and former two-time mayor of Detroit, delivered the commencement address.

On Friday, 130 Policy Academy, Police Reserve Officer Training and Fire Technology graduates convened for their graduation. Judge Timothy Kenny, from the Wayne County Third Judicial Circuit Court, Criminal Division, was the keynote speech.

Archer was the mayor of Detroit from 1994 to 2001 and gained national attention for working to repair the city's relations with its suburbs and the local business community. His administration was a catalyst behind the construction of Ford Field and Comerica Park in downtown Detroit. He is currently chairman of the law firm of Dickinson Wright.

Archer, a former president of the American Bar Association, is the first person of color to hold both that post and the presidency of the State Bar of Michigan. He is also a former Michigan Supreme Court justice.

Kenny has served on the circuit court bench for nine years, before which he was an assistant Wayne County prosecutor for 20 years. During his tenure with the prosecutor's office, he served as chief trial attorney, director of the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit, and

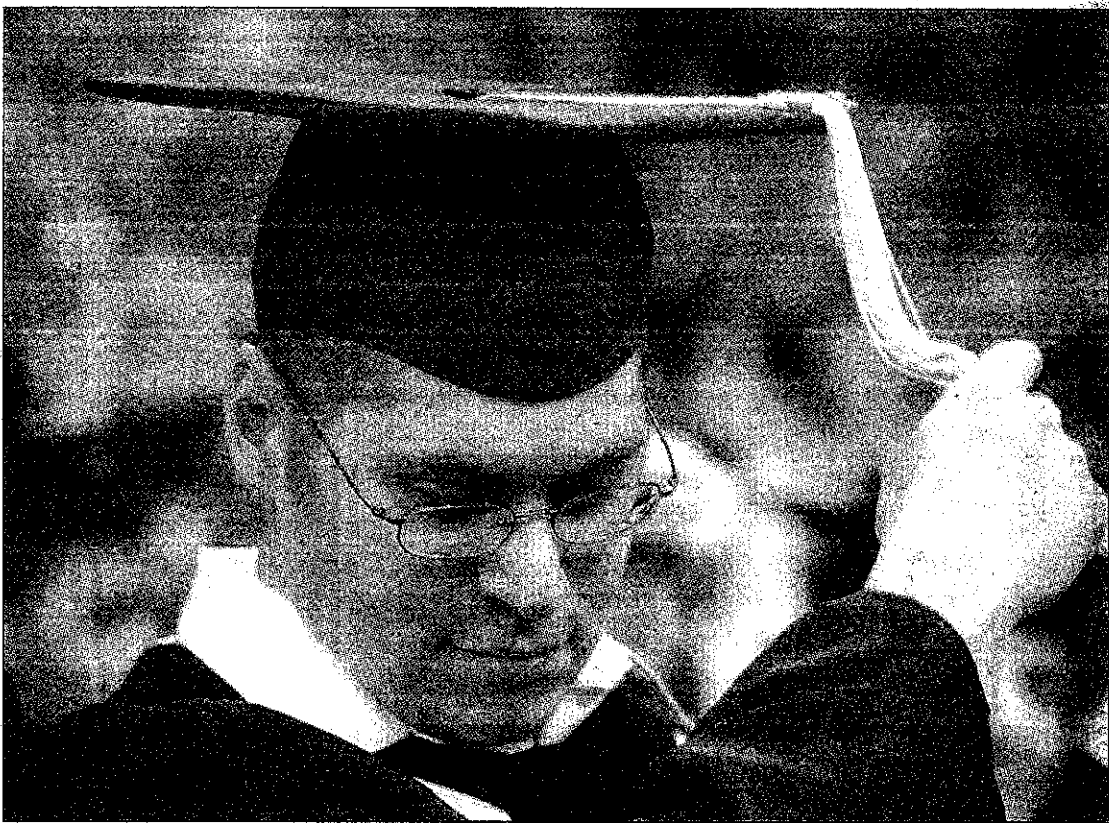


Dennis Balow receives his diploma from Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway Jeffress.

special assistant United States attorney. He also spent several years in private law practice.

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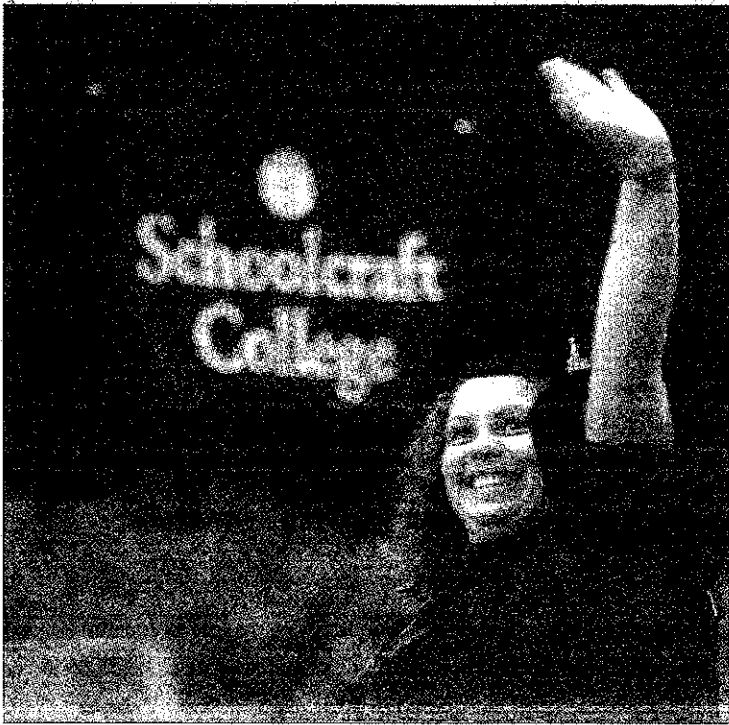
Kenneth Newman of Garden City flips the tassel on his mortarboard to the left side, signifying that he is now a graduate.



Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer encourages graduates to be ethical.



Laura Michalski of Canton spots family in the crowd.



Josephine Covington waves to friends and family during the recessional.

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Simple touch is painful when you have epidermolysis bullosa

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Thurmond's skin is so fragile that her parents can't even give her a big hug.

"If somebody hugs me really tight, I'll blister," Sarah, 16, said.

Unlike most children, she could never play dodge ball, jump off a diving board, climb a tree or be pushed high on a swing set.

Her pain would be excruciating; her scars, possibly permanent.

At times, Sarah has received blood transfusions almost as often as other children have soccer practice. She has undergone 17 skin grafts.

Sarah has suffered since birth with epidermolysis bullosa, or EB — several inherited disorders that leave the skin and mucous membranes so vulnerable that the slightest touch can cause severe irritation, painful blistering and scarring.

A lifelong disease, EB leaves its victims facing a life expectancy of 30 years, although many patients live longer. They are at high risk for infections and skin cancer. Blisters in the mouth, esophagus, throat and stomach can lead to malnutrition.

"It's supposed to get milder as I get older," Sarah said, sitting at the dining room table of her family's Westland home. "But I'll have it for life."

As many as 100,000 Americans, mostly children, suffer from EB.

"I put my faith in God, and my family and friends help me," said Sarah, who hasn't let the disease stop her from attending 11th-grade classes at Westland John Glenn High School.

Sarah's 18-year-old brother Joshua, a Glenn senior, also has EB, but his is slightly milder. He hopes to study accounting and law this fall at Spring Arbor University, in hopes of eventually becoming an attorney.

Their parents, Carol and David Thurmond, had no known family history of the disease, although it is genetic. Josh was born with third-degree burns on his foot and ankle. Sarah had blistering by the time she was a month old.

David Thurmond, 43, drives a route filling vending machines. His insurance covers much — but not all — of the family's enormous medical expenses.

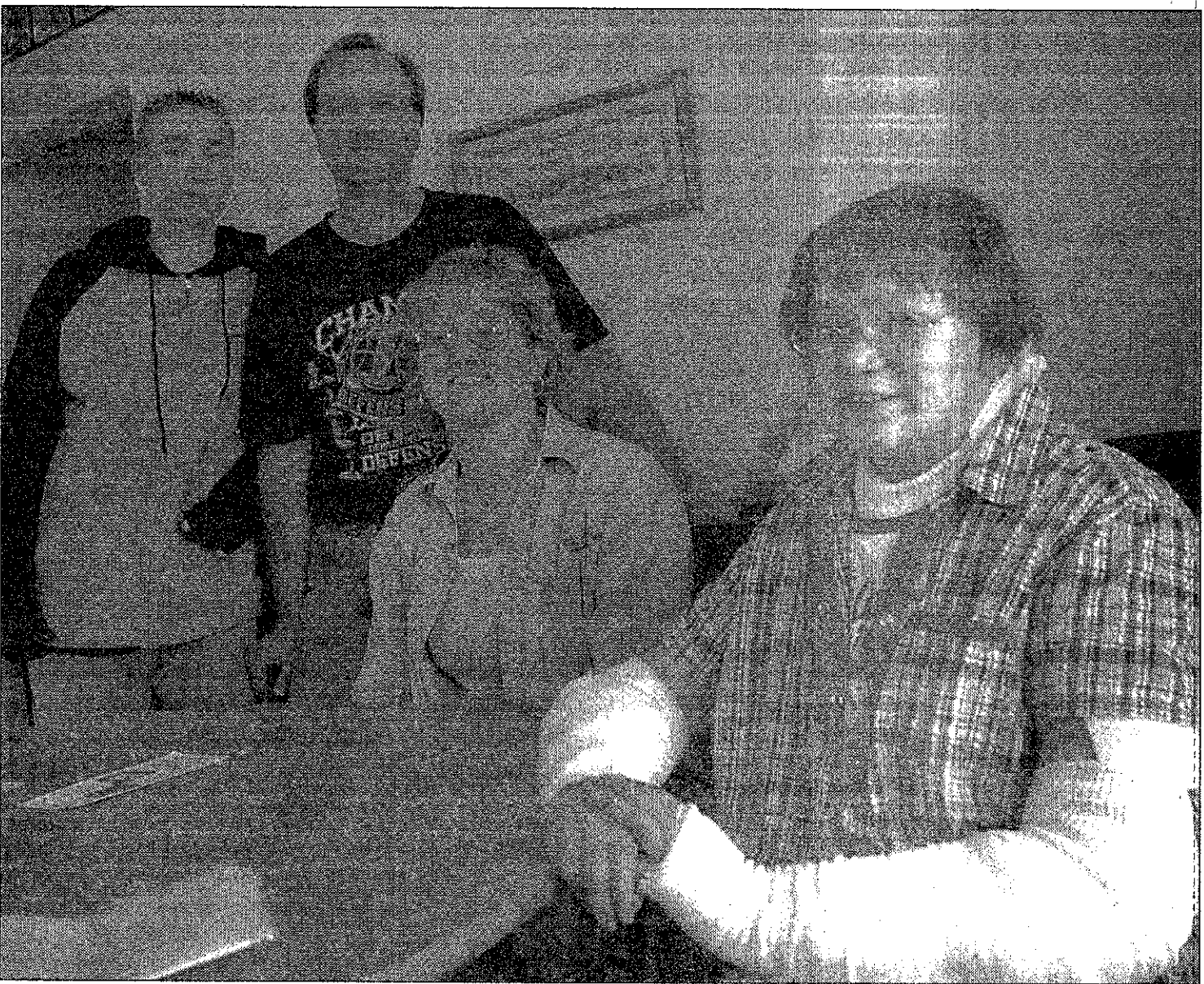
Carol Thurmond, 42, is a registered nurse who can't work outside the home because her children require so much care. Still, she is thankful for the career path she chose.

"EB is an emotional and financial strain," said family friend Robin Holbrook, a Canton resident who helps steer the nonprofit Wayne-Westland Friends of EB.

The group sponsors fundraisers to help families and to provide some funding for medical research. The Thurmond family also has had strong support from Westland Free Methodist Church, their place of worship.

Just two years, ago, Sarah couldn't attend school and had to study in homebound classes. She now has a 3.8 grade-point average.

Most days, while other children are out playing, Sarah goes to bed around 6 p.m. because she has to rise as



Sarah Thurmond (right) sits in the kitchen with her family, including (from left) brother Josh, father David and mother Carol.

early as 3:45 a.m. to get ready for school. She has to put Vaseline and gauze pads on her neck, back, arms, legs and feet — and sometimes her hands. She uses an electric cart to maneuver around school.

"The cart helps to protect me," Sarah said.

Although some students stare at her, most of them aren't unkind to her.

Some days, she has to leave school early due to pain. She has a team of 15 doctors treating her, and a private nurse visits her at home. She depends on pain medication all the time.

"Otherwise, she would just be crying in pain," her mother said.

Sarah has 16 different prescription medications. Twice a week, she receives 11 hours of vitamin C intravenously at home. She has other IV procedures to keep fluids in her body, to protect her against germs and to keep her from becoming malnourished.

"Her biggest risk is infection, because her skin is so raw," Carol Thurmond said.

Currently, Sarah's disease forces her to have life-sustaining blood transfusions every three weeks.

The cost of protective dressing for the Thurmond children, alone, is thousands of dollars each month, making the family's insurance coverage vital.

In what little spare time she has, Sarah's hobbies include making scrapbooks, reading Christian books and romance novels, and practicing her desktop publishing skills.

As Sarah talked about her hobbies while sitting at the dining room table, Carol Thurmond looked proudly at her daughter and smiled.

Smiles seem to come easy for the Thurmond family, despite the difficulties they face every day.

Said the mother: "Sarah even made her brother's high school graduation invitations."

To help the Thurmonds and families like them, send checks made payable to the nonprofit Wayne-Westland Friends of EB, P.O. Box 851092, Westland, MI, 48185. For more information, call (734) 844-1899, check out the Web site www.wfweb.org, or send an e-mail to Friends@wfweb.org.

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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 Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. May 26, 2006.

The bid opening will take place at 10:00 a.m., May 26, 2006 at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 for the following:

Bid for Fleet Street Common Dumpsters

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c/o City Clerk
Plymouth City Hall
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documents from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>. Questions regarding this bid should be directed to the Downtown Development Authority at dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 455-1453.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CULINARY VENTURES, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 6, Section 6-32, of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:


To hear and take testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of Culinary Ventures, Inc. for issuance of a Class C Liquor License Sunday Sales Permit and Official Permit for Difference in Hours of Operation to be open on Sundays between 6:00 a.m. to 12 noon to operate the restaurant for the sale of food to be located at 44314 Cherry Hill Road, Parcel ID # 71-060-99-0003-708, Canton, Michigan 48188.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton Mi., 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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**NOTICE TO ELECTORS**
OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH
OF INTENT TO
ISSUE BONDS SECURED
BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE
CITY AND THE RIGHT OF
REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purposes of paying part of the cost of acquiring and, constructing capital improvements in the City consisting of improvements to the City Hall and the Cultural Center and the acquisition and installation of computer operating systems for various city departments.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.


Linda Langmesser
Clerk, City of Plymouth

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NOTICE:

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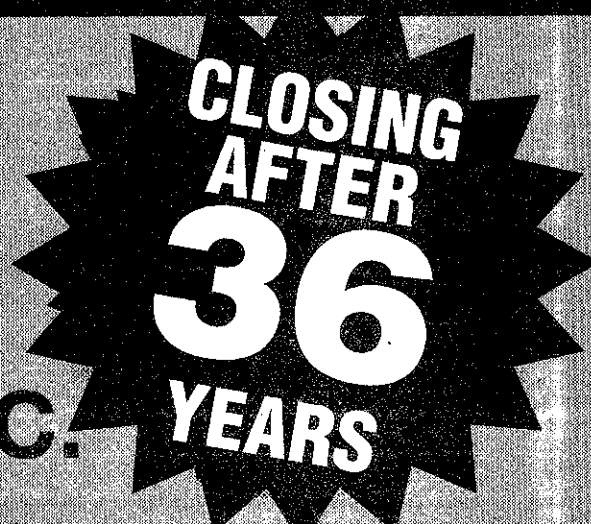
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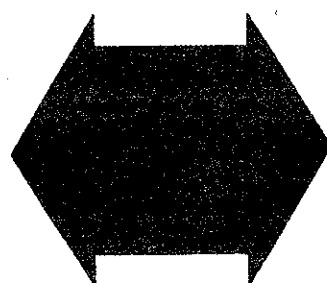
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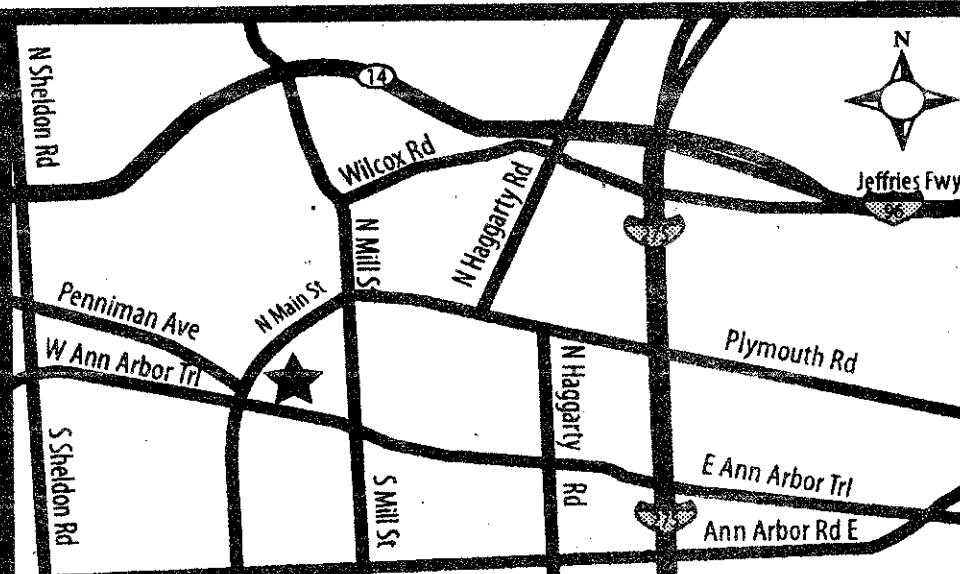
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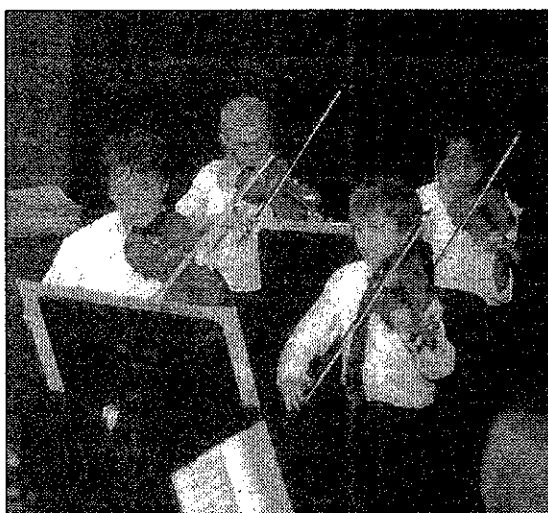
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The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be holding auditions for the 2006-2007 school year on June 9-10 at Evola Music, which is located at 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live



To schedule an audition or for more information contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks. The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In fall 2006 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. Under the tutelage of conductor Ariel Toews, the CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org.

One of Canton's original full-time police officers retiring

This month, 30-year veteran Lt. Eddie Tanner will retire from the Canton Police Department.

Tanner began with the department in 1976 as a reserve officer. He was hired on as one of Canton's first full-time police officers in November of 1978.

During his 30 years of watch over Canton, Tanner participated in several departmental units including the detective bureau, community relations and motorcycle patrol. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1989 and promoted to lieutenant in 1998.

As a command officer, Tanner was responsible for running his patrol shift. He has also been assigned to run several special units in rotation, including accident investigation, evidence technicians, reserve officer

and explorers.

He has received many letters from citizens and organizations thanking him for his kindness and assistance, including a thank-you letter from a child abuse victim -- 13 years after the incident occurred -- thanking him for the kind and gentle way he treated the victim.

Tanner also received numerous department awards including an award for work leading to the apprehension of an armed robber; for exemplary police action, professionalism and investigative efforts resulting in the confiscation of contraband, including drugs and firearms; for assistance leading to the arrest of three armed suspects; and a unit commendation for response to a suicide situation on south-



Tanner

bound I-275, just to name a few.

Tanner will be the first of several command officers to retire from the department.

Canton Police Deputy Chief Laura Golles worked closely with him during her 26 years with the department.

He reported directly to her. She said he has contributed significantly to the organization, and will be missed by colleagues and co-workers alike.

"Lt. Tanner was dedicated, loyal, thorough, likable, and any other good word you can think of," she said.

"He had a great sense of humor, and he was easy to get along with."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO 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. Thursday, May 25th, 2006 for the following:

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A 5% bid bond will be required with this project. Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, from our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish: May 11, 2006

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk. Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Canton Maintenance Facilities Additions/Renovation", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 1, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

CANTON MAINTENANCE FACILITIES ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS

Please note that a Pre-Bid Meeting will take place on 5/18/06 at 10:00 a.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building located at 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI 48188.

Bid documents are available for pick up at TMP Associates, 1191 West Square Lake Rd, Box 289, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. A nonrefundable fee of \$ 25.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

You may contact Brad Sharp at (734) 394-5363 with questions.

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.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

Terry Bennett
Clerk

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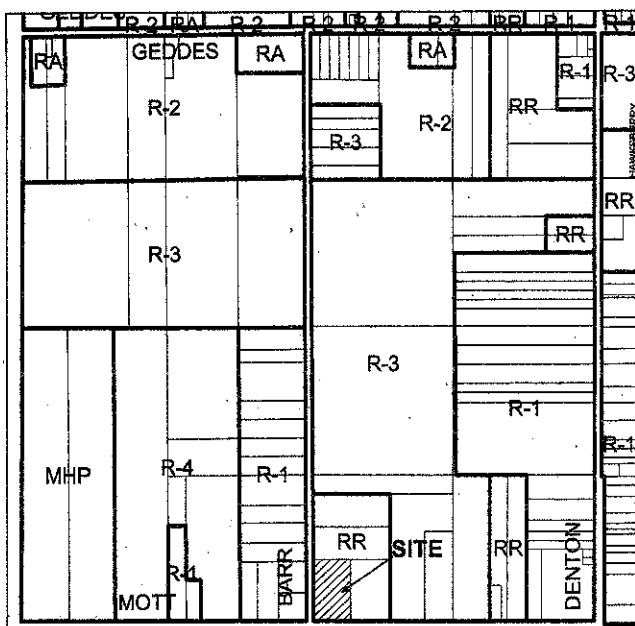
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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, May 15, 2006 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 amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHOPRA REZONING: CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 124 99 0003 003 (5701 BARR ROAD) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located at the northeast corner of Barr and Mott Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, May 11, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



SECTION 31

VIC GUSTAFSON
Chairman

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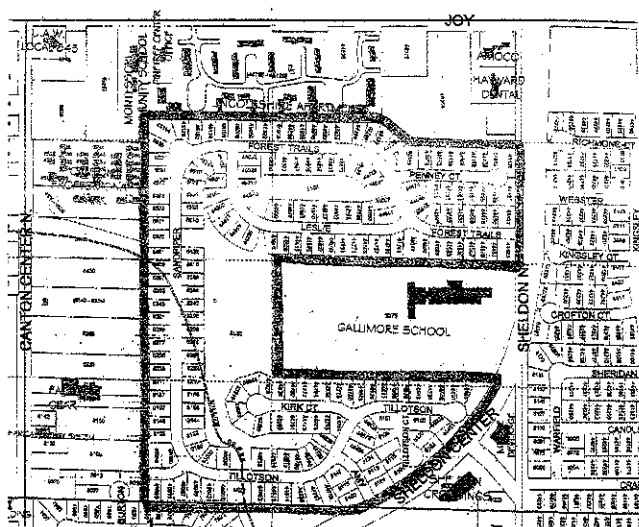
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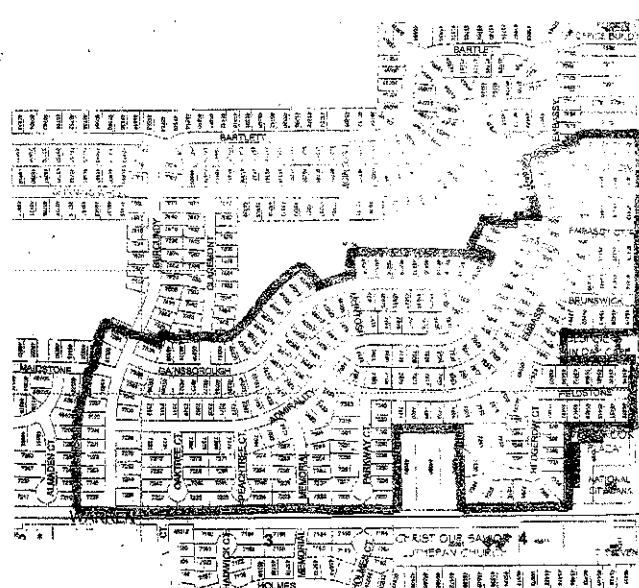
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

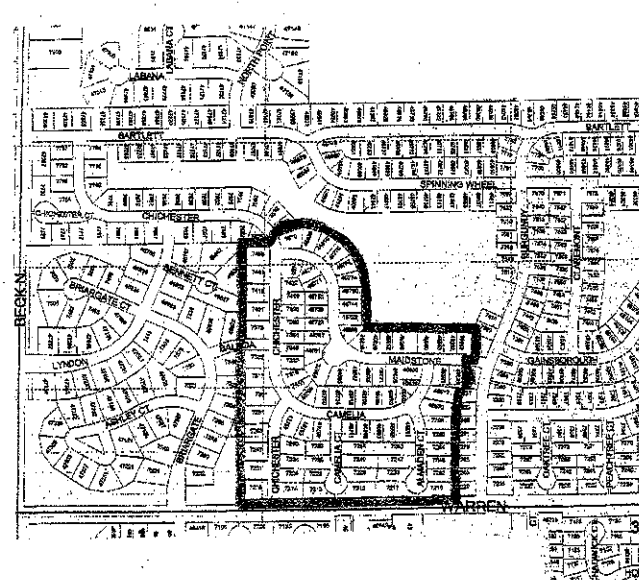
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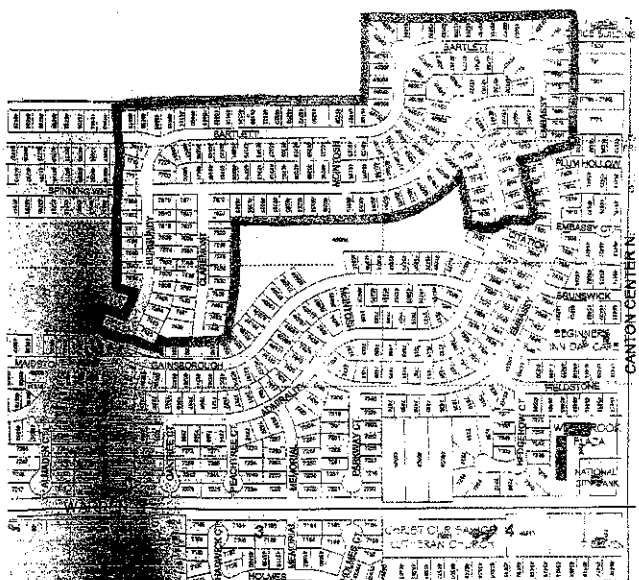
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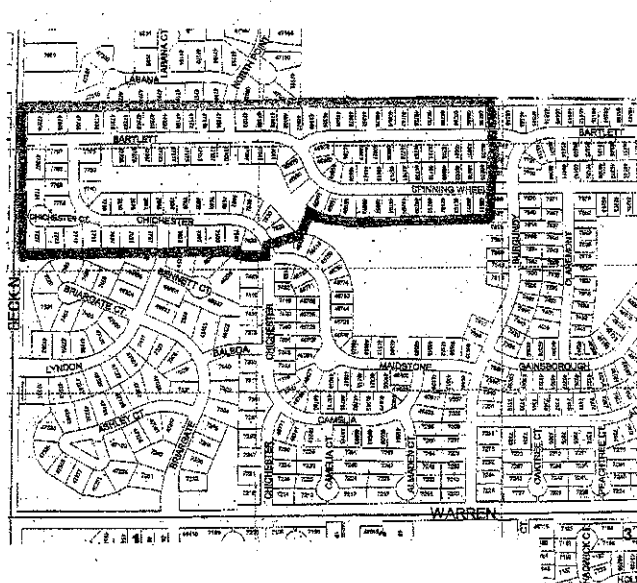
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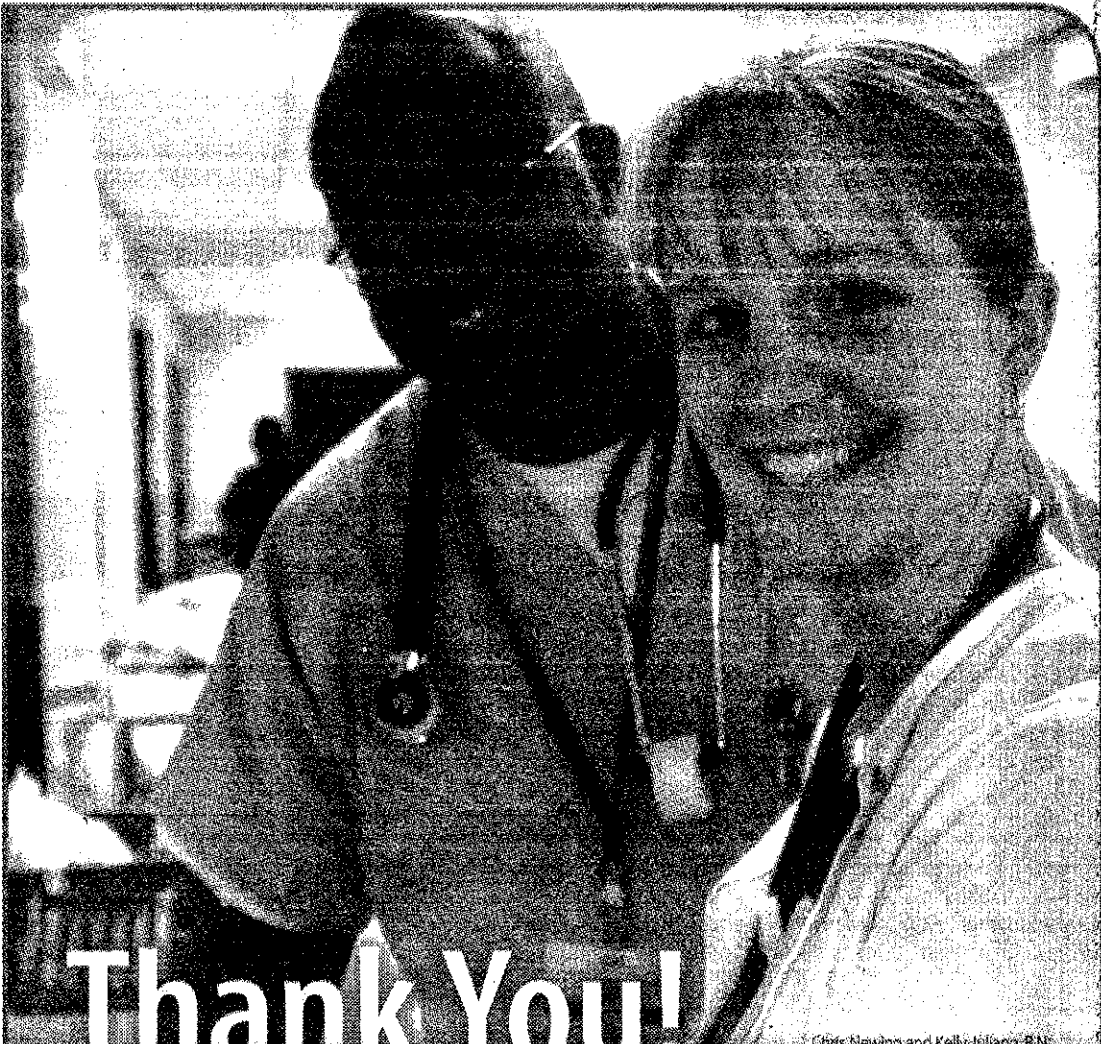
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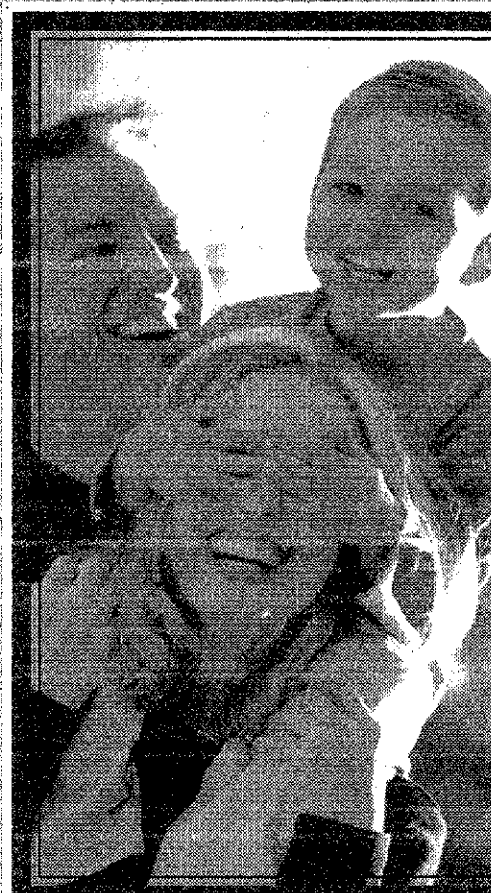
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Youth theater brings Hastings Street back to life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Joshua Williams is glad he wasn't a teenager in 1945. The Redford student's role in *Hastings Street* opened his eyes to the turmoil and racism back then. The Mosaic Youth Theatre uses jazz, swing and blues from that era to tell the story of African Americans living in Detroit's Black Bottom neighborhood and Paradise Valley entertainment district where legendary musicians such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Ella Fitzgerald performed. *Hastings Street* was the main commercial thoroughfare in the area before it was demolished in the 1950s.

The historical drama opens Friday, May 12, and continues to Sunday, May 21, in the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts. It is based on oral histories and follows students in the Y-Gees youth guidance club at Miller High School as they create a play about their lives after a visit from Langston Hughes, an African American writer during the Harlem Renaissance in 1920s New York.

Williams plays Clarence, a member of the Y-Gees. Just like his character, Williams loves to dance. He studied ballet, modern, jazz, and tap from fourth to seventh grade at Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts in Inkster before turning to acting at Thurston High School. Most recently he danced in the Redford high school production of *Seussical*. He joined the Mosaic intermediate training program in August. The youth theater draws members from Southfield to Detroit.

"In 1945 a lot of teens were patriotic, but had to go through racism and most things teenagers don't have to go through today," said Williams, a junior. "My school is very diverse. I have a lot of white and black friends. I don't know how I could deal with it if I couldn't talk with my white friends like in the '40s."

Seon Britton agrees with Williams that he wouldn't want to live back then even though today's teens face problems such as violence, drugs

and peer pressure. The Southfield teen is happy to have been able to join the Mosaic Youth Theatre three years ago. He compares the Y-Gees to Mosaic, calling it an extracurricular activity that allows him to meet new friends and act. Britton, a senior at Southfield-Lathrup High School was in kindergarten the first time he stepped on a stage.

Britton plays Alfred, a jock on the basketball team. Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit originally performed *Hastings Street* five years ago during Detroit's tricentennial celebrations.

"In Mosaic you do something that you love to do," said Britton, who recently received his acceptance letter to New York University where he plans to study theater and communications. "You do school productions but those are not as professional. Mosaic is good if you want to do something serious."

"Hastings Street is a five-year process. We brought it back but interviewed people again to find a connection to the play. The play is the same; the approach is different. There are two things I'm ecstatic about. First this is an ensemble production, no leads, no minor roles. Second, this is the most intense show we've ever done."

Frank Slomzenski remembers *Hastings Street* well. When his parents lost their home during the Depression, the family ended up moving on the fringe of Black Bottom near Eastern Market. Slomzenski, a Livonia resident, worked with the young members of Mosaic to bring the era back to life.

"We lived on Willis near Grand Trunk Railway and I would actually cross Hastings which was an all-black street," said Slomzenski, 74. "The areas were kind of poor."

"It was a mixed neighborhood, Polish and blacks throughout. I played with the kids and we got along fine. Naturally there was prejudice but I didn't see it. There was a race riot in 1943. I remember it even though I was only age 11. Nothing happened in my neighborhood. Those were the

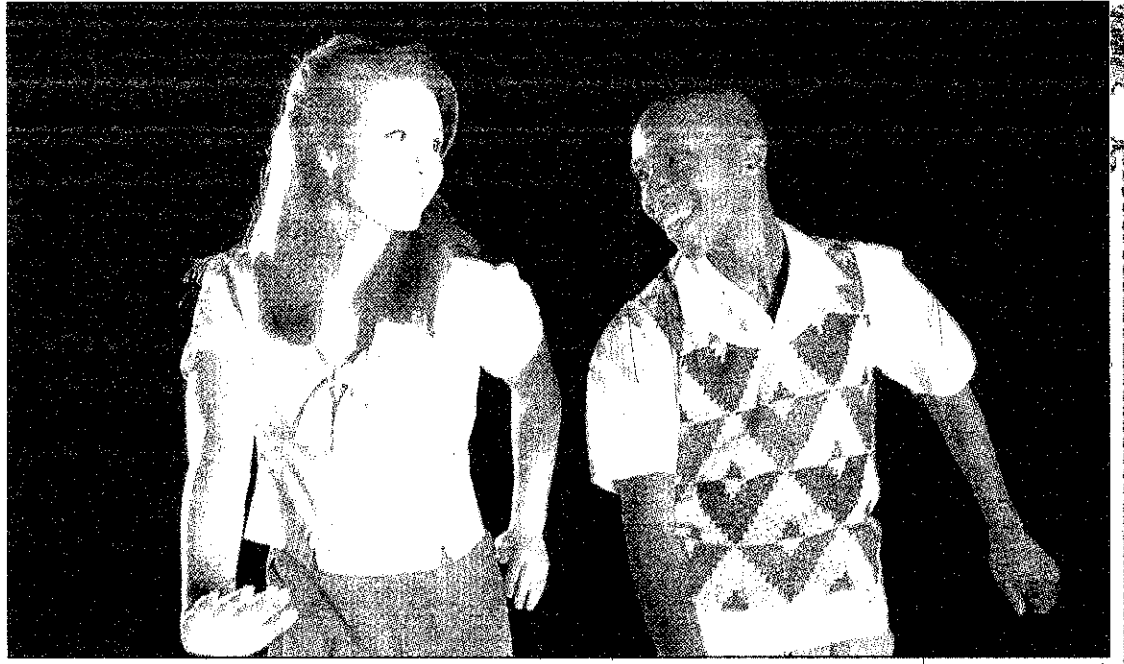
days when boxing was the sport and Joe Louis was well known by everyone. Black and white spoke about him equally."

Hastings Street runs Friday-Sunday, May 12-14 and 19-21, in the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 4 p.m. Sunday.

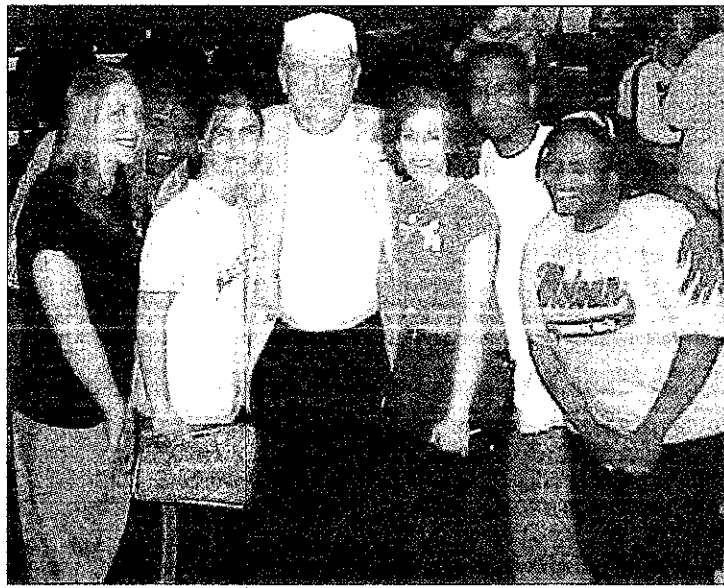
Tickets are \$18, \$12, and available online at www.dia.org, or by calling (313) 833-4005. For information, call (313) 872-6910, Ext. 4005.

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Joshua Williams of Redford swing dances with Kelsey Hubbell, a student at Regina High School in Harper Woods.



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Frank Slomzenski (center), a Livonia resident, with members of Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit.

Symposium spotlights need for collaboration

The third annual Children's Mental Health Symposium will be held 1-3 p.m. Friday at Vista Maria, 20651 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights.

The symposium, sponsored by County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh, D-Redford, will feature panel discussions on "The Need for Cross Collaboration to Better Serve Children with Mental Health Needs."

The program is free and reservations can be made by calling (313) 967-3639 or by e-mail cmarcini@co.wayne.mi.us.

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WILBUR G. SIMPSON

Age 84, May 7, 2006. Beloved husband of Ruth. Loving father of Donna (Brian) Zeller. Dear Grandfather of Dana (Mark) & Erin. Great-Grandfather of Robert & Autumn. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm and funeral home 18425 Beech-Daly Rd. (Between 6-7 mile rds.) Memorial contributions to the Macular Degeneration Foundation or The Yankee Air Museum.

MARCILE SHEDD

Age 87 of Plymouth passed away May 5, 2006. She was raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where she graduated from Western Michigan University earning a Bachelor's Degree in education. She was a school teacher in Vicksburg, Michigan and later moved onto the Redford Union Schools. She is survived by her loving children, Ernest (Charlene) and Allen (Lori) and her grandchildren Russell (Monica), Philip, Alexander, Brandon and Elizabeth. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

SHIRLEY M. CLAYTON

Age 78, of Plymouth, died May 8, 2006. She was born July 9, 1927, in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth community in 1964, from Pinckney. She was a devoted homemaker. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly (Jeff) Webel; her sons, James (Karen), Robert (Pamela), and Michael (Lisa) Clayton; 9 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Lorraine Christenson, Margaret Buchanan, and Jean Stevens; and her brother, Miles Allen. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday 1:30pm. Visitation Thursday 5-9pm. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

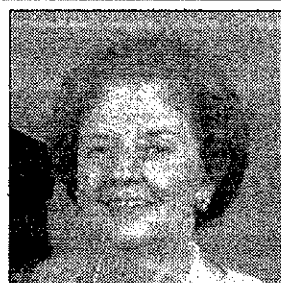
BETTY ANN RYAN

(nee Walker), Age 82, May 3, 2006, of Grand Lodge (formerly of Birmingham). Preceded in death (in 1981) by her husband, Jay Robert Ryan. Beloved mother of Sandy (Peter) Jason, Victoria Giesey-Kassens, and Patrice Ryan. Grandmother of Andrew Jason, Molly Jason (Richard) Moye, Nicholas (Sharon Hinds) Jason, John Giesey, Larry Giesey, and Todd (Robin) Giesey. Great-grandmother of Michaela and John Giesey, Josh & Leah Giesey, and Gabrielle Giesey. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 East Liberty, Milford, on Monday, 11am. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Friends may visit Sunday, 4-8pm. Memorials may be made to a charity of choice. For further information, phone 248-684-6645, or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



CINDY BORGMAN MIKA

Cindy brightened the world for 52 years and died of cancer in Redondo Beach, CA, May 6. She was the wife of Pat Mika, mother of Katie Mika, daughter of Betty and Hank Borgman, and sister of Pete, Brad and Christine Borgman. Born in Detroit, she graduated from Farmington High School and Michigan State University. She managed school lunch programs for Westland and Redford before moving to California and working for Mattel. Services will be in California Saturday, followed by a private memorial in Michigan at a later date. Donations: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Steven White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731.



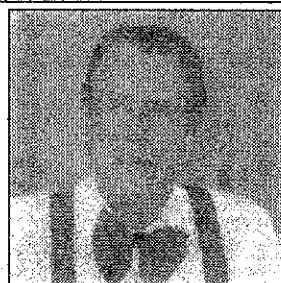
ELEANOR J. NEYNABER

Age 84, of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Stewart. Loving mother of Charles (Barb). Dear sister of the late Edward Buzenberg. Loving aunt of Martin (Sharon), David, and Eric (Kim) Buzenberg. Dear grandmother of Justin. Dear great-aunt of Nicole, Rebecca, Daniel, Philip, Rachel, and Ryan. Lifelong partner of Walker-Buzenberg Furniture Store in Plymouth. Funeral service was held Tuesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Heart Association. To leave a message of condolence, please log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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FRANK H. BOOS, III

May 9, 2006, Age 70. Owner of the Frank H. Boos Gallery and well known as the "Bowtie Guy" from The Antiques Road Show on PBS Television. Beloved husband of Nancy for 41 years. Dear father of Christopher (Geraldine), Jonathan (Sheri), Alexandra Stephenson and Kristina. Loving grandfather of Shelby, Marcus, Jonathan Jr., Lauren and Christian. Funeral service Saturday 10:00am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (between 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Friday 1:00-8:00pm. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

MARY (MAE) E. DIERKES

Age 84 of Lincoln, passed away Thursday, May 4th at her home. On June 5, 1921 she was born to Neil and Mary (Hanlon) Daugherty in Derry, Ireland where she lived until the age of four, when she moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she was raised. She married Donald T. Dierkes in Detroit on January 14, 1942. They resided in Birmingham for 30 years, then moved to Lost Lake Woods in 1985. Mae was a homemaker and a District Manager for Vitality Health Foods. She was a member of St. Owen's Catholic Church in Franklin, St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Black River and St. Anne's Catholic Church in Harrisville. Preceding her in death was her husband and her son Donald T. Dierkes Jr. She is survived by 5 daughters; Celia (Patrice) Fox, Mary Ann (Kevin) Argue, Kathleen Adeock Lighty, Elizabeth Jean (Paul) Anstead, Linda Luise (Michael) White; ten grandchildren, Christopher, Montgomery and Shaleah Fox, Dawn, Garrett, Siobhan and Meghan Argue, Stephanie and Mikael White and Chloe Adeock, and a brother Patrick Daugherty. Funeral Mass was Tuesday at 11:00AM at St. Gabriel's in Black River with Rev. Susan Bereda officiating. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre in Southfield 11:00 AM on Friday. Funeral arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

RICHARD C. McMAHON

Passed away on May 7, 2006. He was a resident of Royal Oak for the past 44 years, and a former resident of Berkeley for 13 years. Richard was born on September 19, 1921 in Highland Park, MI. He is preceded in death by his wife, Rose; sister, Dorothy; brother, Harold. He is survived by daughters, Sally Ann Dobkin, Gloria Jean (William) Geden, son, Richard Francis (Marilyn) McMahon; brother, Ralph (Maxine) McMahon; Raymond (Lorraine) McMahon; George (Mary) McMahon; James (Ruth) McMahon; and sister, Betty (William) Lively; nine grandchildren & four great-grandchildren. Richard was the Vice President of Wallich Lumber Co. and retired after 40 years of service. Member of the Detroit Lumberman's Association and the Hoo-Hoo's Club. Member and Usher of St. Columban Catholic Church. Past member of the Elks Club of Royal Oak. Mr. McMahon served our Country during WWII in the Navy and attained the grade of Chief-Petty Officer. He was an avid golfer and loved his family deeply, especially his grandchildren. Visitation was Tuesday at the funeral home. Mass was held at 10 AM on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at St. Columban Catholic Church with Father George Berendt officiating. Burial at Roseland Park Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences: www.sawyerfuller.com



IN LOVING MEMORY JAMES W. FARNSTROM

November 21, 1957-May 10th 2006. It has now been a year, all the many Iste have past. So has much of the pain of not having you here. I will always Miss your tender kiss, your strong embrace, and not hearing "Honey I'm home" as you walk through the door. But, I and the Whole family will always feel your presence each and every year. From Father's Day, camp Dearborn, East Tawas (4th of July) and let us not forget Shoe-pack! And, all the many Holiday's. You'll be with in our hearts forever

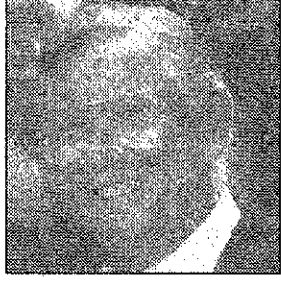
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The keeper of the Stars, joined our two hearts its seem so long ago. He took you home much too soon for me, but I trust in him and know we'll be reunited. When my work on earth is through. Love Always and Forever



ROBERT "BOB" WHITE

Age 59, of Pecos, NM, May 2, 2006 after a sudden illness. Mr. White was born in Ypsilanti, MI. Survived by his son, Robert White of Las Vegas, NV; daughters Melissa White of Albuquerque, NM, Melanie White-Gibson (Peter) of Seattle, WA; his father, Byron White of Livonia; sisters Ann (Earl) Gilson of Livonia, Mary Lamb of Kissimmee, FL; the mother of his children, Dolly Vigil of Pecos, NM; and many other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Edna White, and his in-laws, Jose S. and Valentina Vigil. He received his BBA from Eastern Michigan University, and served his country in Vietnam. He received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He was a member of the VFW and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Robert was an avid outdoorsman, had a great sense of humor, and was a loving father and friend.



EUGENE W. PRESTON

Age 76, of Bloomfield Hills, died May 3, 2006, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Gene was born to James and Pearl Preston on March 25, 1930 in Wyandotte, Michigan, and graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High at the early age of 16. Six years later, Gene graduated from University of Detroit Law School, becoming the youngest person in Michigan to pass the bar. Gene established a successful private practice, but was quickly approached by Ford Motor Company and accepted a position in Industrial Relations. For the next 35 years Gene would remain with Ford, becoming a key member of the national and international labor relations team. Gene was introduced to his future bride, Mary Lou Sullivan, by Roseanne and Bill Calahan - and he knew he had found the love of his life. They were married at St. Charles Church, Detroit, in 1955. During their first five years of marriage, Gene and Mary Lou had five children. The next 45 years of Gene's life were spent loving his children and grandchildren, and celebrating life with his wife and family. Always ready for a good story and to share a laugh, Gene loved life and all things Irish. He had a passion for music (his own peculiar mix of rhythm & blues, Willie Nelson and Irish folk songs), Notre Dame Football (after all they are The Fightin' Irish) and his potluck group of 45 years. But more than anything, Gene loved his wife, children and grandchildren. To celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, Gene and Lou took the entire family to Ireland. For their 50th everyone gathered in Maine, where Gene and Lou once again exchanged wedding vows. Mr. Preston is survived by children Michael (wife Amy), Kathleen Broadway (husband Tim), Margaret MacEachern (husband Duncan), Mary Joanne Smith (husband Larry). Gene is also survived by his grandchildren, Kelsey, Chase, Timmy, Blake, Austin, Michael, Meagan, Oliver and Preston. Gene is preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Mary Lou, his son, Daniel Dunbar Preston and grandson, James. Funeral was held at Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.), Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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Cultural, religious diversity challenged at symposium

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Just as the ethnic makeup of the nation is changing, so is its religious composition. If changes in the way people think about religion, diversity and tolerance aren't made, the country could be on a track that brings grave consequences.



Metzger

Padma Kuppia, one of the founders of the Troy Interfaith Group, was the master of ceremonies for the event. Born in India and raised in New York before moving to Michigan, she said there's an "unspoken racism" in Michigan that wasn't apparent in New York where immigrants are more common.

"I wanted to get involved with the National Day of Prayer and found out organizers wanted it to be Christian-only," Kuppia said. "I never imagined in my America there would be someone who didn't want me at the table."

United Way research director Kurt Metzger walked symposium attendees through the results of the 2001 American Religious Identification Survey, a sampling of 50,000 households that asked the question, "What is your religion, if any?"

The findings were that religious group identification dropped from 90 percent in 1990 to 81 percent; the proportion classified as Christian dropped from 86 percent to 77 percent; the percentage of those who identified themselves as non-Christian increased from 3.3 percent to 3.7

percent, and the percentage of people who declined to answer rose from 2 percent to 5.4 percent.

University of Michigan professor Ralph Williams said the United States is a complex social experiment that, from its outset, acknowledges the experiment is ongoing.

"America is a project, not defined by any point in history," he said. "Even the founders didn't conceive that they had achieved perfection."

He said the founders created a system that "took a poise, not a position" capable of turning, shifting and accommodating as the condition of the project changed.

"The project is to be managed, not solved," Williams said. "When something is solved once and for all, things are excluded that are not part of the solution."

Williams said the country is caught up in a culture war where the prize is deciding whose memories will be allowed to matter and whose memories are what constitute identity. Too often, he said, the national discourse is centered around extremes where few can agree and the final arbiter is the court.

"We too often use the language of law to solve disputes," he said. "That creates spectacular winners and sore losers. Can't we get together and talk about things and form a civil consensus?"

The outcome of creating an "us and them" atmosphere of extremes is that it leads to very dangerous places. There's a slippery slope, he said, that leads from separation to holocaust.

"When the social premise is 'blank is the other,' then 'blank' becomes the enemy," Williams said. "Therefore, the enemy must be destroyed. We can never allow social laws to identify 'the others' as the enemy because that means, eventually, the death camps for someone."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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MAY

Lifeworks

Series continues with Rev. Dick Bonk talking about Creating and Re-creating Relationships 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Willow Metro Park Saturday, May 13. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. Lunch break at your expense half way through ride. The group meets every Saturday morning at various locations. For a schedule or information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Spring salad luncheon

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 (cost is \$6), presented by New Beginnings United Methodist Women, at the church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Call (313) 255-6330.

Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays (May 17), and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays (May 18): at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

Code discussion

The Da Vinci Code is soon to be released as a movie. Join us for a two hour presentation on the Code, focusing on the relationship between faith and reason, assistance and limitations of the study of history in matters of faith, agnosticism, three pillars used to support our faith, Constantine's role in the church, who is Jesus really? 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Fellowship Hall, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. Presenter is David J. Conrad, director of faith formation. Call (734) 425-5950.

Annual May fair

Rides, games, Vegas, bingo, beer tent, live entertainment, softball tournament, May 18-21, at Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

Feather bowling

6:15 p.m. Friday, May 19, bus leaves Ward Presbyterian Church parking lot in Northville for the Cadieux Cafe. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation, a deli tray and pop. Call (248) 374-5920.

Citizens for Peace

Hold a time of prayer open to the

community 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Open to church and community friends. Spring retreat, get on board on your fast track to inner peace. Love donation. Open to church and community friends. To RSVP, call (734) 459-7231.

Family game night

6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Come and join fun and fellowship. Games and cards are provided but you are welcome to bring your own games and teach someone how to play a new game. If you have any questions, call Linda Bodnovits at (734) 425-5653.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Kensington Metro Park Saturday, May 20. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. Lunch break at your expense half way through ride. The group meets every Saturday morning at various locations. For a schedule or information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Concert

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia conclude its 2005-2006 Concert Series 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, with a special concert featuring director of music and concert organist, Mark Lohmeyer, at the church's 34 rank Casavant pipe organ and the Christ Our Savior Festival Choir singing some of their favorite anthems from this past year. Lohmeyer will play Totentanz or Deathdance by composer William Albright. This piece is played by the feet alone on the pedalboard of the organ. You will be able to watch the performance of this very intense piece on the projection screens. The concert is free and open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

Leadership and self-deception
Lecture series with the Rev. Dennis Skiles continues to May 31, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

Wine, cheese and theology

Evenings of conversation asking the question, Is there a place for the church in the 21st century? 7 p.m. Wednesdays to May 31, at Church of Our Savior, Presbyterian U.S.A. 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Rev. Jim Faile leads the discussions. The public is invited. The church holds worship and Sunday School 10 a.m. Sundays. For more information, call (248) 626-7606.

UPCOMING

Flea market

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Call (313) 255-6330.

Dinner and concert

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass 7 p.m., Thursday, June 8 (dinner at 6 p.m., \$6 per person), at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N.

Territorial, west of Sheldon. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and information.

Summer fun

Two sessions from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m. begin June 12 and continue weekly through week of Aug. 21, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. Each week children will engage in activities including the sciences, math, health, music, arts, and exercise. For ages 4-10 (children who are 3 but have been enrolled in preschool are welcome. Cost is \$60 per week and includes T-shirt, snacks and field trip fees. Call (734) 981-0286.

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Levee, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Purpose Driven Life

Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors.

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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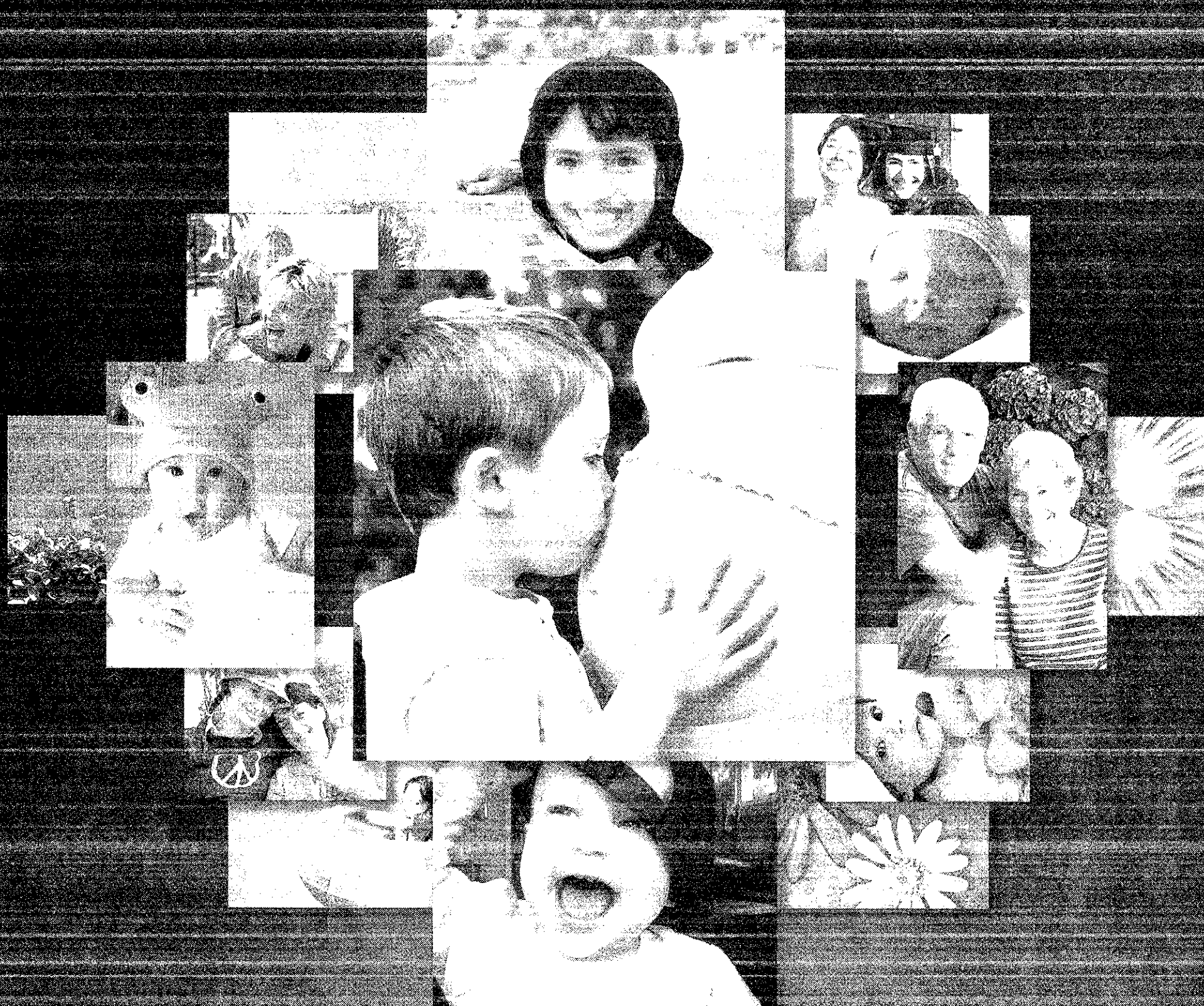
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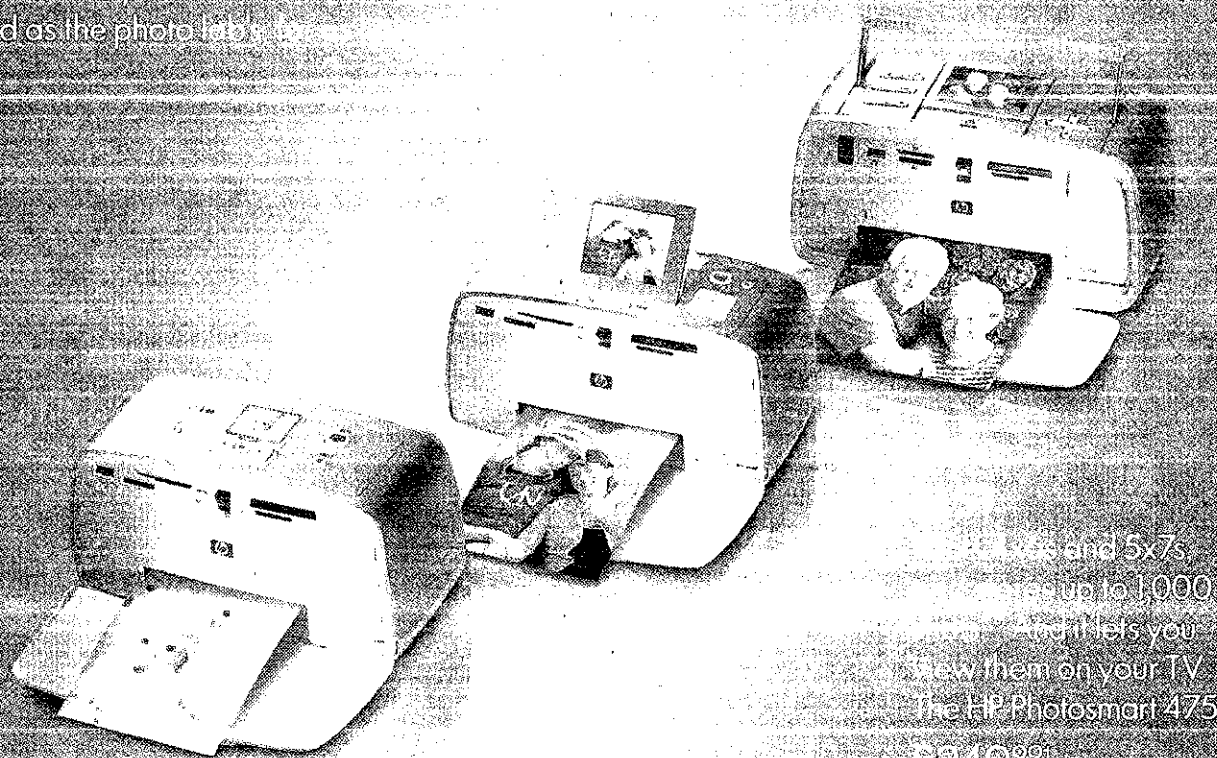
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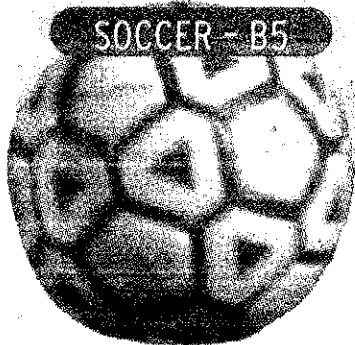
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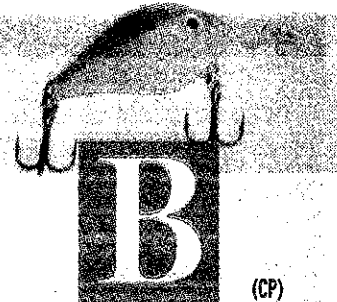
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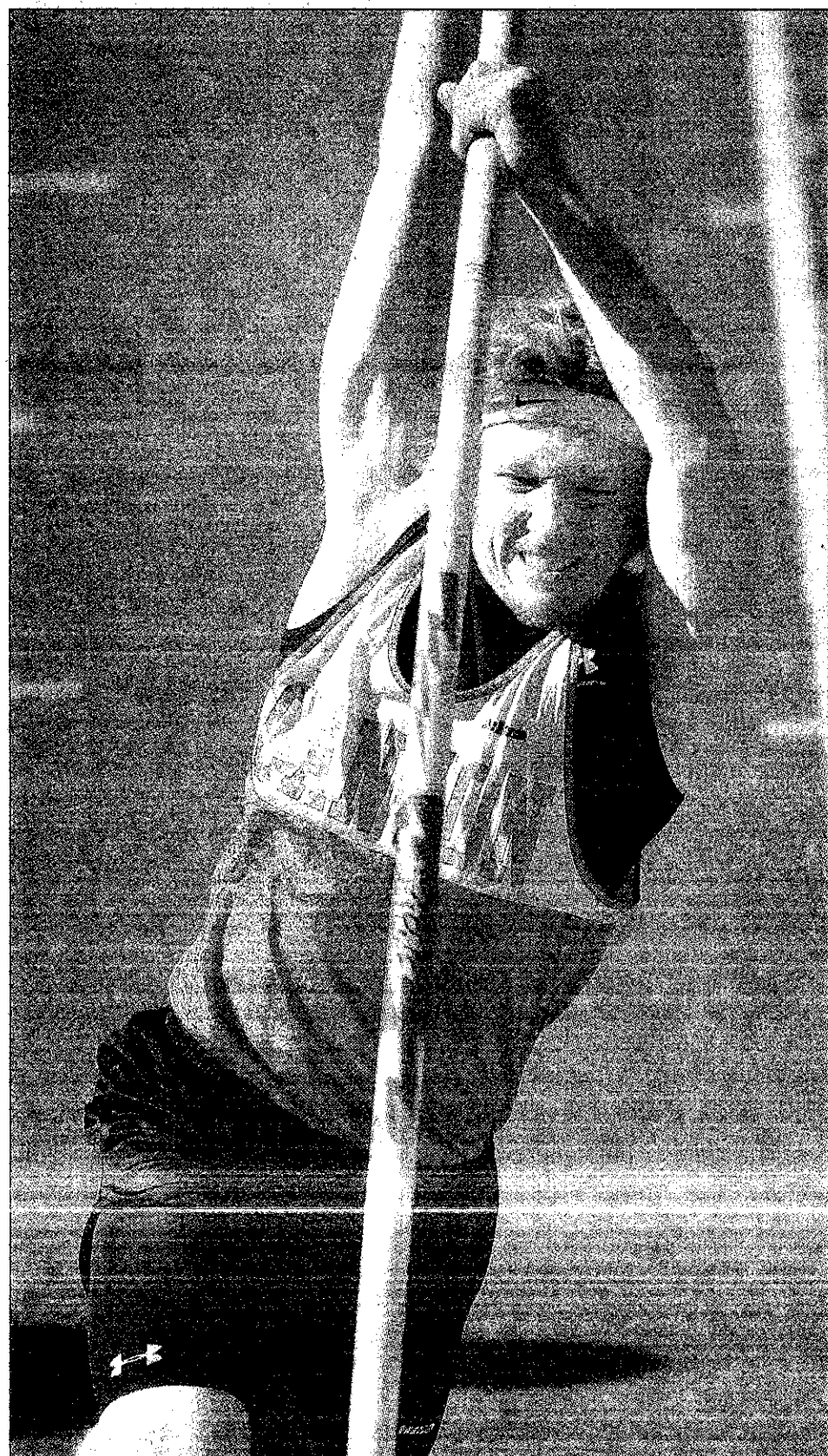
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2006 Observerland Relays



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton pole-vaulter Rob Lindman played an instrumental role in the Chiefs' strong showing in the field events at Saturday's Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill. Canton won the event by one point over Livonia Stevenson.

Down to the wire

Canton vaults to exciting track-and-field crown

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

As if to make the finish to the 36th Observerland Relays even more exciting, Canton runners dropped the baton early in the final event Saturday night.

"And we don't practice that!" coach Bob Richardson said tongue-in-cheek after guiding the Chiefs to their fifth championship in the last seven years.

Canton made up lost ground on the final three legs of the 1,600-meter relay to capture second place and edge Livonia Stevenson by a point for the overall title, 64-63.

Host Livonia Churchill won the race and shared third place in the team standings with Northville, each scoring 58 points.

Canton just needed to be in front of Stevenson, which had a 57-56 lead with one event remaining, at the end of the 1,600 relay.

In one of the most dramatic finishes in meet history, Canton anchorman Cyrus Azizi overtook his Stevenson counterpart on the final leg. The 10-8-6 scoring gave the Chiefs just enough to turn a one-point deficit into a one-point victory.

"We had three seniors on that team," Richardson said of the unit that included Andy Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock and junior Andrew Manuel. "They're kids who've been with us; they've grown up and seen past teammates and how much heart they had."

"They showed what kind of heart they have, too. Nothing was going to stop them from doing what they had to do to win the meet."

"It's hard to teach someone to have heart. It's just there. A lot of freshmen and sophomores saw that, and it planted a seed that will stay in their minds."

Winning breeds success, according to Churchill coach Rick Austin, who said he had to tip his hat to the Chiefs.

"They really know what it takes to win," he said. "They've won so much in the last 10 years they understand what it takes."

Ironically, defending champion Churchill scored in more events (12 of 16) and won more (four) than any other team. Canton and Northville scored in 10 and won three apiece.

Stevenson earned points in 11 and had one first-place, but its lone victory was a big one. It came in the next-to-last event, the 400 relay, and vaulted the Spartans into first place.

Throughout the meet, it had been Churchill, Canton and Northville jockeying for position at the top, and Stevenson was in the lead for the first time.

After a poor showing in the field events, the Spartans had been steadily piling up points until they, surprisingly, moved into first place.

"I thought they came out of nowhere," Austin said. "(Several other teams) were only a few points back, which made the final event so exciting. No one team dominated, so you end up with a roller-coaster ride throughout the meet."

Like a close horse race in the home stretch, it was Stevenson (57), Canton (56), Northville (54), Plymouth (52) and Churchill (48) heading into the final relay.

"You can't ask for more drama," Richardson said. "To me that's why this is the showcase track and field meet in southeast Michigan."

"We knew it would be close; we knew it would come down to the final event," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "We didn't come out of the field events in good shape. That was part of the problem."

"We were catching up most of the meet, so it's a little deceptive. We kept climbing and climbing and climbing. After the 400 relay, we went from

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Sidelines

Sox call up Haeger

Plymouth Township off-season resident Charlie Haeger, a 22-year-old knuckleballer, made his Major League debut Wednesday night at

Comiskey Park for the World Champion Chicago White Sox against the Los Angeles Angels.

Haeger got the call when Sox starter Jose Contreras went on the disabled list.

The Redford Catholic Central High graduate posted a 3-0 record with an earned run average of 0.68, including 31 strikeouts in 40 innings, for Class AAA Charlotte Knights.

Haeger, who as a sophomore helped the Shamrocks to the 1999 Division I state title, is the younger brother of MU baseball coach Greg Haeger.

MU softball rolls

Madonna University's softball team knocked off two opponents Tuesday at the first day of the NAIA Region VIII tournament in Marion, Ind.

The Crusaders defeated Bethel College (Ind.), 12-4, sparked by a 14-hit attack.

In the second game of the day, a two-run double by Christina Finch enabled Madonna to nip top-seeded Aquinas College, 3-2.

The victories advanced the 34-13 Crusaders into the winner's bracket of the tournament, with a Wednesday encounter with Cornerstone University.

(That game will be detailed both at www.hometownlife.com and in Sunday's Observer.)

Coaches: Please call in results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of their spring sporting events to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright.

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No contest: Chiefs slam Salem, 16-1

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

One minute there was a leak. The next minute there was a flood.

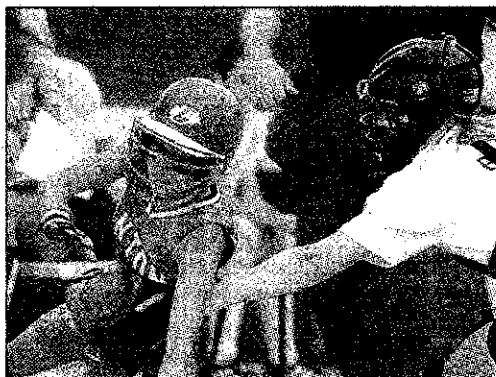
A pair of one-out walks led to a five-run fourth inning for Canton, which went on to submerge Salem, 16-1, Tuesday night in the

two teams' annual under-the-lights showdown at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

The game was called after the sixth due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 10-run mercy rule.

The Chiefs, who were clinging

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem catcher Maureen Bohr tags out Canton's Chelsea Quiroz in a bang-bang play at the plate during the first inning of Tuesday night's game at Massey Field. The Chiefs won, 16-1.

Clutch hits lead Chiefs past Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton second baseman Chris "Woody" Woudstra may be getting a new nickname soon if he continues to deliver late-game heroics like he did twice this week.

"Mr. Clutch" may be more appropriate for the junior, whose one-out double down the left-field line in the bottom of the seventh scored Justin Latin and knotted the game against P-CEP rival Salem at 2-2.

The Chiefs won the contest in the eighth when sophomore Ben Vaughn led off with a laser-like triple up the right-center field gap and scored on Latin's suicide squeeze, which followed a pair of intentional walks.

On Monday, Woudstra stroked the go-ahead RBI hit in the Chiefs' 6-5 victory over Wayne Memorial. The triumph left the Chiefs with a 13-9 overall

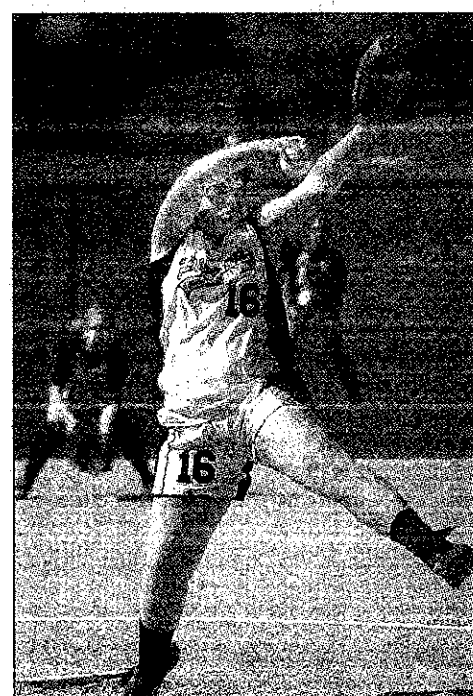
mark and 8-3 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem dropped to 5-17 and 2-9, respectively.

"That's two days in a row Chris has gotten a big hit for us," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team played in four straight extra-inning games dating back to Saturday's opening game of the "Big 11" tournament at Livonia's Ford Field. "Ben Vaughn had a great day, too, against Salem, going 4-for-4."

"It was a well-played game all-around and the ending couldn't have been any more exciting than it was. We got good pitching from Caleb Larnier, Brad Barath and Justin Latin, and Josh Ritter did a nice job for Salem."

Salem led 2-1 heading into the seventh thanks to run-scoring hits from Brad Way and Sam Ott. The Chiefs' first run came in the third when Woudstra reached on an error, stole second and scored on Tarik Khasawneh's single.

Ritter pitched seven innings, scattering eight hits and two walks while striking out a pair. Barath was the Chiefs' most effective pitcher, shutting out the Rocks for five innings after taking over for starter Caleb Larnier in the third.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior pitcher Claire Ostrowski has helped the Plymouth softball team earn two consecutive Division I district titles. Ostrowski, who is 12-4 this season, has started every game for the Wildcats over the past two-plus seasons.

Plymouth's Ostrowski windmills 'Cats to wins

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With the bases around her loaded with Walled Lake Western Warriors Monday afternoon, Plymouth pitcher Claire Ostrowski did what she always does when faced with adversity on the mound (which, by the way, isn't often).

In rapid-fire fashion, Ostrowski firmly flipped the softball from her pitching hand into her mitt, generating a POP! POP! POP! POP! sound that echoed from one dugout to the other.

"I do that whenever I'm in a tough situation," explained Ostrowski. "It helps me get my wrist snap down. And while I'm

doing it, I always say a prayer." The ball-snapping ritual worked for Ostrowski — just like almost everything else the junior has done on the mound over the past 2½ years. The next batter hit a weak ground ball that Plymouth shortstop Kim Klonowski easily scooped up and turned into a threat-ending third out.

Ostrowski has been the catalyst of the Wildcats' surging softball program, which has captured two consecutive district titles in its three-plus years of existence. She's started every varsity game in the school's history and has already thrown five no-hitters, including

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EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (Jake Maloney, 50-0.75; Mike Martin, 48-2; Nick Salley, 44-10.5), 143-1.25; 2. Harrison, 137-10; 3. John Glenn, 134-5.25; 4. Canton, 129-7.75; 5. Redford Union, 128-11; 6. Stevenson, 127-6.75. **Individual best:** Chris Pyant (Harrison), 50-3.

Discus: 1. Franklin (Kris Bollerud, 145-3; Justin Polehna, 129-1; Mike Wood, 122-8), 397-0; 2. Canton, 382-5; 3. Catholic Central, 382-3; 4. Harrison, 381-5; 5. John Glenn, 373-6; 6. Churchill, 369-9. **Individual best:** Kris Bollerud (Franklin), 145-3.

High jump: 1. Canton (Eric Thornton, 6-0; Andy Rossow, 5-10; Steve Paye, 5-8), 17-6; 2. John Glenn, 17-0; 3. Churchill, 16-11; 4. Farmington, 16-10.5; 5. Plymouth, 16-10; 6. Northville, 16-8. **Individual best:** (tie) Eric Thornton (Canton), Cam Sarchburg (Plymouth) and Ian Thornton (John Glenn), 6-0.

Long jump: 1. Plymouth (D.J. Coleman, 20-11.25; Rico Tyus, 18-9.5; Labrodric Caldwell, 18-7.5), 58-4.25; 2. Harrison, 57-5.25; 3. John Glenn, 56-7.25; 4. Canton, 56-3.25; 5. Churchill, 55-9.5; 6. Northville, 55-6.75. **Individual best:** D.J. Coleman (Plymouth), 20-11.25.

Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Derik Peterman, 11-0; Josh Hubenschmidt, 11-6; Ryan Santa, 13-6), 36-0; 2. Northville, 36; 3. Franklin, 35-0; 4. Plymouth, 33-0; 5. Canton, 31-6; 6. Salem, 29-6. **Individual best:** Ryan Santa (Churchill) and Mike Yassay (Northville), 13-6.

6,400-meter relay: 1. Churchill (Brandon Grysko, Brian Robertson, Joe Varilone, Timothy Howse), 18:53.2; 2. Northville, 18:59.3; 3. Catholic Central, 19:04.8; 4. Stevenson, 19:14.3; 5. Plymouth, 19:22.9; 6. Farmington, 19:43.3.

110 hurdles: 1. Cavan Corcoran (Northville), 15.6; 2. Jason Heist (Farmington), 15.8; 3. Sidney Stewart (Harrison), 15.8; 4. Nathan Gholston (Plymouth), 15.9; 5. Paul Rosin (Lutheran High), 16.3; 6. Baze Efremov (Salem), 17.2.

Distance medley: 1. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Matt Rosochacki, Justin Huey, Sean Dillon), 11:23.6; 2. Lutheran High, 11:32.4; 3. Stevenson, 11:36.2; 4. Northville, 11:39.1; 5. Churchill, 11:40.8; 6. Salem, 11:41.8.

800 relay: 1. Canton (Eric Piwowar, Dalton Walser, Andrew Rossow, Cyrus Azizi), 1:30.7; 2. Plymouth, 1:31.5; 3. Franklin, 1:31.9; 4. Farmington, 1:32.0; 5. Stevenson, 1:32.4; 6. Churchill, 1:33.2.

1,600 run: 1. Jasen Turnbull (Northville), 4:33.3; 2. Matt Rzepka (Stevenson), 4:35.9; 3. Jimmy Walsh (Salem), 4:41.2; 4. Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth), 4:42.2; 5. Brian Chambers (Garden City), 4:45.6; 6. Timothy Howse (Churchill), 4:45.8.

3,200 relay: 1. Northville (Habib Khan, Tommy Farrell, Ian Gunn-Boyar, Nick Kolbow), 8:24.8; 2. Catholic Central, 8:29.5; 3. Stevenson, 8:31.8; 4. Franklin, 8:32.4; 5. Plymouth, 8:38.0; 6. Churchill, 8:38.9.

100 dash: 1. Jared Owens (Redford Union), 11.1; 2. Nana Adomako (Stevenson), 11.2; 3. Eric Piwowar (Canton), 11.2; 4. D.J. Coleman (Plymouth), 11.2; 5. Stephen Byars (Farmington), 11.4; 6. John Stewart (Clarenceville), 11.9.

Sprint medley: 1. Canton (Andy Rossow, Dalton Walser, Josh Butler, Cyrus Azizi), 2:28.6; 2. Franklin, 2:31.2; 3. Stevenson, 2:32.4; 4. Churchill, 2:37.0; 5. Plymouth, 2:37.4; 6. Farmington, 2:39.5.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Churchill (Ryan Santa, Andy LaBerge, Mark Zehner, Jacob McDonald), 1:04.1; 2. Farmington, 1:04.2; 3. Stevenson, 1:06.1; 4. Lutheran High, 1:06.4; 5. Northville, 1:06.9; 6. Harrison, 1:07.2.

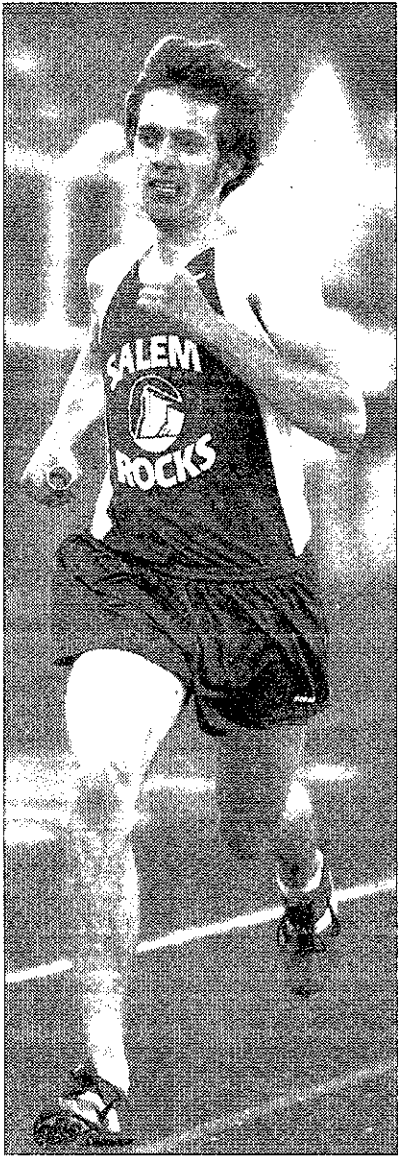
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Nana Adomako, Kevin Murawski, Pat Clasgens, Brian Chandler), 43.8; 2. Farmington, 44.1; 3. Redford Union, 44.6; 4. Franklin, 44.9; 5. Canton, 45.6; 6. Harrison, 45.7.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (David St. Amant, Andy LaBerge, Jacob McDonald, Billy Gutowski), 3:28.0; 2. Canton, 3:29.8; 3. Stevenson, 3:30.4; 4. Northville, 3:31.5; 5. Farmington, 3:32.4; 6. Plymouth, 3:36.2.



ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Members of the Canton boys track-and-field team pose with their first-place Observerland Relays trophy Saturday night.



ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Salem distance runner Jimmy Walsh placed third in the 1,600-meter run at Saturday's Observerland Relays with a time of 4:41.2.

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sixth to the top, because it was so tight in there."

Stevenson's Nana Adomako, Kevin Murawski, Pat Clasgens and Brian Chandler ran a season-best time of 43.8 in the 400 relay.

"That team has been together for three years now," Shaw said. The seniors have been doing that since their freshman year.

"That was our best time this year in the 1,600 relay, so we can't complain. We dropped two seconds, so it wasn't that the kids didn't try."

Canton had victories in the high jump, 800 and sprint medley relays, but the Chiefs also fared well enough in non-winning events to build up their point total.

"We preach to the kids, 'You have to score in a lot of events,'" Richardson said, adding the Chiefs shuffled their lineup a few times due to injuries and still scored.

"Our kids are just amazing," he said. "We have so many versatile athletes. The coaching staff did a fabulous job to prepare them."

"It's fun to be a part of such a great tradition and a great group. I feel privileged to be in charge of it, because we have great kids and fabulous coaches."

Churchill also won the pole vault, 6,400 and shuttle hurdle relays. Brandon Grysko and Brad Evans had one landing effort each, according to Austin. The school



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Plymouth's Derek Lax takes the handoff from Matt Lewandowski in the 4x6400-meter relay during Saturday's Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill.

In one of the most dramatic finishes in meet history, Canton anchorman Cyrus Azizi overtook his Stevenson counterpart on the final leg. The 10-8-6 scoring gave the Chiefs just enough to turn a one-point deficit into a one-point victory.

the 1,600 team of David St. Amant, Andy LaBerge, Jake McDonald and Billy Gutowski also performed well in other

"We're a very young team, most

of our guys are juniors and sophomores," Austin said. "I was pleased to see they were actually disappointed they didn't finish higher. That bodes well for us in the future."

"They understand what it takes to win it now. Our young guys will be back to try again next year, and they'll be hungry to win it."

Redford Union's Jared Owens edged Adomako to win the 100 dash; Northville's Cavan Corcoran and Jasen Turnbull won the high hurdles and 1,600 run, respectively.

Plymouth won the long jump and distance medley relays, Livonia Franklin the discus and Novi Catholic Central the shot put.

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OSTROWSKI

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three this season.

NO SURPRISE

Ostrowski's pitching numbers are staggering — but not surprising, according to Plymouth coach Val Canfield.

"The very first time I saw Claire pitch, I knew we were going to have a successful future here," said Canfield. "The first time I saw her, she had a lot of zip on the ball. Since then, she's developed movement on her pitches and she's increased her placement."

"Claire is not only a great pitcher, she's a wonderful leader, too. She has a lot of charisma and a great sense of humor."

Ostrowski's pitching career was born five years ago in the backyard of her Canton home. With her dad serving as the catcher, she'd try to duplicate the wind-milling action she saw other more-established pitchers practice.

"At first, I tried to figure out how to pitch on my own," she said. "But once I got my first pitching lesson, they told me that just about everything I was doing was wrong."

"Once I started working with (pitching instructor) Doug Gillis when I was 14 or 15, he told me that my back leg was dragging the opposite way than it should be. Once I fixed that, my velocity and my control improved."

So did the Wildcats' softball fortunes.

Ostrowski's mound repertoire currently includes eight different pitches that range from a sizzling, straight-forward fastball to a knee-buckling curve.

"My change-up needs work," said Ostrowski, who has racked up a 12-4 record this season. "A lot of my power comes from my wrist snap, and I can't snap my wrist when I throw a change-up."

BRING ON THE PRESSURE

Ostrowski admitted she enjoys the heat that comes with standing in the middle of the diamond with a softball in her right hand and the game on the line.

"I like being involved in every pitch," she said. "I don't know how well I'd like playing another position. Last year when we played Canton, I wondered what it must have been like to be an outfielder while Molly Conlon was pitching. They hardly ever got the ball hit to them. I don't think I would have liked that."

Ostrowski is not only capable — she's also durable. She hasn't missed a start at Plymouth. In one tournament last year, she pitched all seven games.

"Once in a while, my elbow will get sore, but not much," Ostrowski said. "My legs are the first things to get sore when I pitch a lot because I rely on them for a lot of my power."

"Claire never tires," said Canfield. "In fact, she seems to get stronger with every pitch, with every inning."

Despite all the victories Ostrowski has registered on the mound, her most vivid high school softball memory is of a game the Wildcats lost last season.

"I can still remember the songs the Chelsea girls were singing when they ran onto the field (during a Division 1 Regional game) last year," Ostrowski said. "They thought they were going to beat us easily and they were really relaxed. But we were actually winning 1-0 until the seventh inning when they scored two runs and beat us. It was tough losing that game, but I think we proved to people that we were a good team."

Ostrowski, who has earned a solid 3.0 grade-point average, has her sights set on pitching at the next level.

"I've received a couple of letters from colleges," she said. "I'm from Tennessee, so my dream is to pitch for the University of Tennessee. That would be great."

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Plymouth bats smoking in triumph

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

They didn't connect with the cardboard "HIT ME" sign that a pair of students held beyond the left-field fence Monday afternoon, but members of the Plymouth softball team hit the ball just about everywhere else against Walled Lake Western.

Led by Lauren Stemberger's 3-for-3 effort, Plymouth banged out 13 hits — including doubles by Madison Dresser and Kim Klonowski that one-hopped the fence — during their 9-1 rout of the visiting Warriors.

Stemberger nearly hit for the cycle, registering a single, double and triple before getting walked in her final plate appearance. The senior third baseman also knocked in three runs.

With the win, Plymouth improved to 12-4 overall, 9-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-2 in the WLA's Western Division. The Warriors dropped to 5-11 overall and 3-7 in the WLA.

"I thought the girls played spectacular today," said Plymouth assistant coach Kim McKenzie, who filled in for head coach Val Canfield, who was serving a one-game suspension after getting ejected from the second game of Friday's double-header against Northville. "The girls are playing very relaxed and they're playing as a team."

"Our hitting is so much better than it was at the beginning of the season. It's really becoming the focal point of our team."

The Wildcats received another stellar effort from junior right-hander Claire Ostrowski, who tossed a complete-game five-hitter. Ostrowski, who struck out two, worked out of two bases-loaded jams in the second and fourth innings.

"I thought Claire did a tremendous job today," said McKenzie. "They loaded the bases a couple of times, but Claire seems to get stronger in those kinds of situations."

The Warriors grabbed a short-lived lead in the top of the second when Trish Hackman reached on an error, stole second and eventually scored on Emily Carlson's two-out single.

PREP SOFTBALL

The Wildcats responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the second thanks to RBI hits from Stemberger and Erin Rodes. Western shortstop Kaitlyn Seaman prevented further damage when she made an over-the-shoulder catch of Amy Bondy's flare to left-field, ending the inning with two runners on board.

After Ostrowski set down the Warriors 1-2-3 in the top of the third, the Wildcats took command with three in the bottom of the frame. With one out, Danielle Bondy single, Dresser doubled and Klonowski brought them both home with a two-bagger that missed hitting the bull's-eye sign by 10 feet. Stemberger brought home the third run with a sharp single to left.

The most bizarre play of the game unfolded in the fourth when Plymouth's Rachel Juco dropped down a perfect bunt along the third-base line. Warrior third baseman Heather Becker fielded the ball cleanly but threw high to first base. By the time the Warriors were able to retrieve the ball, Juco scored to pad the Wildcats' lead to 6-1.

Plymouth tallied its final two runs in the sixth on an RBI double from Stemberger and Rodes' groundout, which scored Stemberger.

Dresser matched Stemberger's effort by going 3-for-4 with two doubles and two runs. Freshman second baseman Beth Heldmeyer also sparked at the plate, reaching base on all four of her plate appearances and scoring two runs. She also stole two bases.

CANTON 10, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0: On Monday, Stephanie Sadek improved to 3-0 by holding the Zebras to two hits in the six-inning, mercy rule-shortened contest. Sadek struck out four and did not walk a batter.

"Stephanie Sadek's change-up was working really well today," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "She did a good job of keeping their hitters off-balance."

The Chiefs broke open a 4-0 game with a five-run fifth inning. They sealed the victory with a single run in the sixth.

Offensively, the winners were led by

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Alyssia Johnson (2-for-2), Sadek (1-for-3, three RBI), Chelsea Quiroz (2-for-4), Mary Kate McWhirter (2-for-2, four RBI) and Abby Skrzytek (2-for-4).

CANTON 9-10, W.L. WESTERN 0-5: On Friday, the Chiefs swept a twinbill from the Warriors thanks to outstanding pitching from Hillary Payne (first game) and Sarah Anthony.

Payne threw a complete-game four-hitter in Game 1, striking out six. Offensively, the Chiefs were paced by Lauren Delapaz (3-for-3, three RBI), Payne (3-for-4), Alyssia Johnson (3-for-4) and Anthony (2-for-3).

Anthony yielded nine hits while striking out six in the nightcap. Canton's hitting stars were Anthony (3-for-3), Rachel Wade (3-for-4), Delapaz (2-for-3, two doubles, two RBI), Johnson (3-for-3) and Ashley Trent (2-for-3).

SALEM 1-17, W.L. NORTHERN, 2-4: On Friday, the Rocks scored first in the opener of the twinbill when Danielle Dipietro singled and scored on a fielder's choice. The Knights won the game with a pair of unearned runs in the sixth inning.

Melissa Leach took the loss for Salem, giving up seven hits while striking out four.

Dipietro, Mo Bohr and Kait McKinley all enjoyed strong offensive games for the Rocks.

In the nightcap, the Rocks exploded for 14 hits led by Abby Pairitz's four safeties. Deonna Szawara, Dipietro and Amanda Emmons also had strong games at the plate. McKinley added two doubles and three RBI.

Salem scored three in the first inning and 11 in the second.

Abby Pairitz earned the mound victory, allowing seven hits while striking out three.



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Friday, May 12

Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

Plymouth at Gibraltar Carlson
Invitational, 10 a.m.
PCA at Lutheran Westland, noon

PREP SOFTBALL

Thursday, May 11

Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
PCA at Bethesda Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 12

Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

Canton Classic Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Thursday, May 11

Canton at Northville, 5:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 3:45 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

Canton at Troy Athens Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Salem at Jackson NW Invite, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Thursday, May 11

Northville at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 3:45 p.m.

Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

Canton at Troy Athens Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Plymouth at Mercy Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Salem at Jackson NW Invite, 9 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Saturday, May 13

WLA Conference Meet
at Livonia Stevenson, 7 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, May 11

Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, May 11

Salem at Plymouth, 3 p.m.

Friday, May 12

Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 3 p.m.

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Friday, May 13

Mich. Hawks vs. Hamilton Avalanche
at Stevenson High School, 7:30 p.m.

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GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 184

SALEM 193

May 4 at St. John's G.C.

Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst and
Chrissy McHenry, 42 each; Laura Sims, 49;
Elizabeth Grace, 51.

Salem scorers: Ashley Smith, 40 (medalist).
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 6-0 overall;
6-0 WLA.

PLYMOUTH 202

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 211

May 3 at Idyl Wyld

Franklin scorers: Alison Sanborn, 48; Jessi
Stichur, 51; Keely Mog and Tess Allen, 56
each.

Plymouth scorers: Amanda Kerr, 43 (medal-
ist); Trisha Burns, 51; Liz Anderson, 52;
Elaine Lafayette, 56.

Franklin's dual meet record: 2-3 WLA.

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Rocks' Slabey blanks Zebras

Katie Shull and Kelly Adsit both scored goals to lead Salem to a 2-0 victory over Wayne Memorial Monday night. Shull was assisted by Amanda Evers while Adsit's net-finder was assisted by Tara Duncan.

Jill Slabey was flawless in front of the net for the Rocks, recording three saves to record the shutout.

"We played really well between the 18's," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We just need to do a better job of putting the ball into the back of the net. We had 11 shots, so the opportunities were there."

Nora praised the play of his defense, particularly the efforts of Amanda Krause and Kristin March.

PCA 10, ZOE CHRISTIAN 0: The Eagles improved their record to 9-0-1 overall and 9-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Sara Ross and Mim Monroe shared net-minding duties and combined for the shutout.

Nine different players scored for the winners: Jalese Debiassi (two goals, two assists), Peggy Abraham (goal, two assists), Karen Cleary, Abby Lorion (goal, two assists), Katie McDougall, Jenna Misch, Leanne Molnar, Meghan Polara, Sarah Roth, Josie Santos and Brooke Williams. **NORTHVILLE 4, PLYMOUTH 0:** Wildcat net-minder Brittany

Warner was brilliant in the loss, turning away 15 Mustang shots.

"The talent Northville has is unbelievable," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, whose team dropped to 6-7. "Courtney Pickard did a great job for us. She marked their top player, Danielle Toney, and did a nice job with that."

PCA 2, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 0: The Eagles knocked off the Lancers for the second time this season thanks to a pair of goals from Abby Lorion and stellar goal-tending by Sara Ross.

PCA's first goal came on a set play when Brooke Williams delivered a perfect corner kick to Lorion, who headed the ball in from directly in front of the net.

Lorion's second goal, which as assisted by Lauren Beckett, came from approximately 25 yards out.

"The girls are playing as a team and they're really moving the ball around well," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "This is a very unselfish team. The only thing they're worried about is winning — not about who gets the goals."

ROCHESTER 4, SALEM 0: On Saturday, the Rocks were blanked by one of the state's most powerful teams.

"Considering the result, it's not what we were shooting for, but we didn't play poorly," said Nora. "It was scoreless



Salem's Caryn Kosteva (left) and her Rock teammates upended Wayne Memorial, 2-0, Monday night. Kosteva is pictured above in a game earlier this season.

20 minutes in, but then there was an eight- to nine-minute stretch when they scored three goals.

"We kept them in check throughout most of the second half. They scored one with about 10 minutes left."

Chiefs work overtime to knock off Zebras

Playing in their third consecutive extra-inning game on Monday, the Canton rallied from a 5-3 seventh-inning deficit to post a 6-5 win over Wayne Memorial.

The victory lifted Canton to 12-9 overall and 5-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The host Zebras slipped to 5-11 and 2-5, respectively.

Shawn Little (5-2) notched the win for Canton after shutting out the Zebras over the final 2.1 innings. Little, who relieved starter Kyle Gring with two outs in the sixth, struck out five and walked one. In 5.2 innings of work, Gring yielded three earned runs, five hits and a pair of walks.

The seventh-inning, game-tying rally unfolded when Little singled and scored on senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh's double. Corey Lewis then delivered a clutch RBI single that scored pinch-runner Keith Campbell.

The game-winning run came in the eighth when sophomore Ben Vaughn singled, stole second and scored on Chris Woudstra's two-out single.

Offensive stars for Canton were Khasawneh (3-for-4, RBI), Little (2-for-3), Woudstra (2-for-5, RBI) and Brad Barath (1-for-4, RBI). Canton outthrew Wayne, 11-8.

PREP BASEBALL

CANTON 7, FARMINGTON 3 (8 innings): On Saturday in the opening game of the Big 11 Tournament at Livonia's Ford Field, sophomore pitcher Erik Wright tossed a complete-game three-hitter, striking out 14 Falcons.

The big offensive blow for the Chiefs was Shawn Little's bases-loaded triple in the top of the eighth. The three-bagger was Little's second of the contest.

Brad Barath contributed two hits for the winners.

Canton sent the game into the extra frame with a run in the top of the seventh. Barath sparked the rally with a one-out single. He later scored the tying run.

SOUTH LYON 6, CANTON 5 (8 innings): In a second-round Big 11 tournament game, the Lions overcame a 5-0 first-inning deficit to nip the Chiefs.

W.L. WESTERN 11, PLYMOUTH 5: On Monday, the host Warriors rode the pitching of Dan Wingblad and an 18-hit offensive attack to the six-run win. Plymouth, which dropped to 8-12 overall and 4-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, got a home run from Nate McManus.

Alex Harvey (1-2) took the loss for the Wildcats.

Salem's boys tennis team remains unbeaten in WLAA

Salem's boys tennis team continued its successful run through the Western Lakes Activities Association with a pair of victories over cross-campus rivals Plymouth and Canton earlier this week.

On Tuesday, the Rocks downed the Chiefs, 6-2. One day earlier, they knocked off the Wildcats, 7-1. No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington spearheaded both victories with deci-

sive two-set decisions over Canton's Eric Szydlowski (6-2, 6-1) and Plymouth's Don Zhang (6-3, 6-2).

Salem will take its 10-0 mark into today's conference finale against Westland John Glenn.

On Saturday, Salem finished second in the eight-team Woodhaven Warrior Classic. Saline took the top honors with 18 points, followed by Salem (16), Trenton (14), Warren

DeLaSalle (13), Woodhaven (11), Kalamazoo Loy Norrix (eight), and Riverview and Carleton-Airport, both of whom finished with seven points.

No. 3 singles player Blake Foster and No. 4 singles player Neil Bakshi both went 3-0 for the Rocks.

SALEM 6, CANTON 2
Tuesday at Canton
No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S)

defeated Eric Szydlowski, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Mike Keesey (C) def. Pete Bartlett, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Blake Foster (S) def. Nathan Larimore, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Ryan Hollingsworth, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Pawel Kargol-Dave Geick (S) def. Alex Marinica-Mike Darouie, 7-5, 6-7, 6-2; No. 2: Alex Fabiszewski-Nimit Desai (C) def. Alex Poe-Cam Loftus, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Jake Burnstein-Kevin Steinman (S) def. Greg Warnecke-David Kang, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Steve Van Dusen-Matt Benson (S) def. Nirusan Loganathan-Tom Williams, 6-4, 6-7(4), 6-4.

SALEM 7, PLYMOUTH 1
Monday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Don Zhang (P), 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Pete Bartlett (S) def. Luc Lucaj, 7-6, 6-2; No. 3: Blake Foster (S) def. Dan Jeong, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Max Korpai, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Dave Geick-Pawel Kargol (S) def. Dave Snyder-Brett Kavulich, 6-2, 7-6(5); No. 2: Kevin Welch-Doug Eggleston (P) def. Alex Poe-Cam Loftus, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Jake Burnstein-Kevin Steinman (S) def. Anoop Gopal-Nick Mazzocco, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Steve Van Dusen-Matt Benson (S) def. Eric Korpalski-Brad Yergenson, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

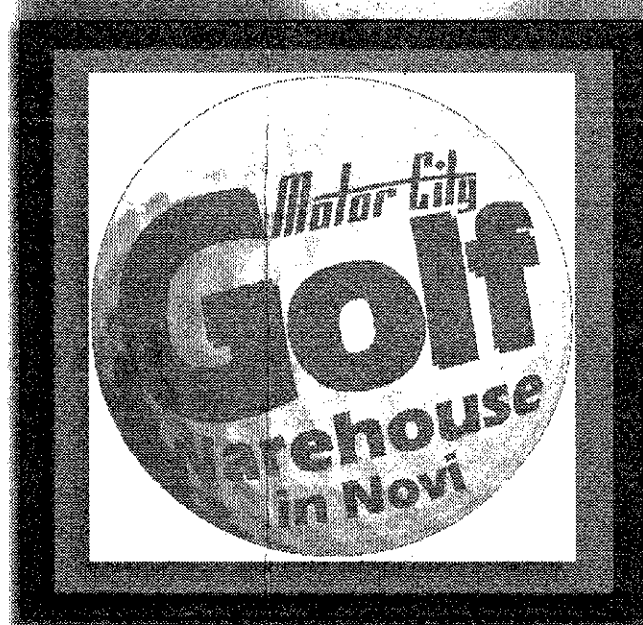
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4, CANTON 4
May 4 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Mike Keesey (C) defeated Kyle Fox, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Brandon Filiak (LF) def. Nathan Larimore, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Tony Semonick (LF) def. Ryan Hollingsworth, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Dan Camilleri (LF) def. Cory Hurst, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Alex Fabiszewski-Nimit Desai (C) def. Feras Ackal-Zack Shaver, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Greg Warnecke-David Kang (C) def. Joe Fenner-Justin Adams, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; No. 3: Koosh Patel-Anton Schauerle (C) def. Derrick Martinez-Brent Rossier, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Steve Trapp-Ron Perian (LF) def. J.P. Lafontaine-Dan Popoff, 6-1, 6-3.

Franklin's dual meet record: 1-8-1 overall, 1-7-1 WLAA.

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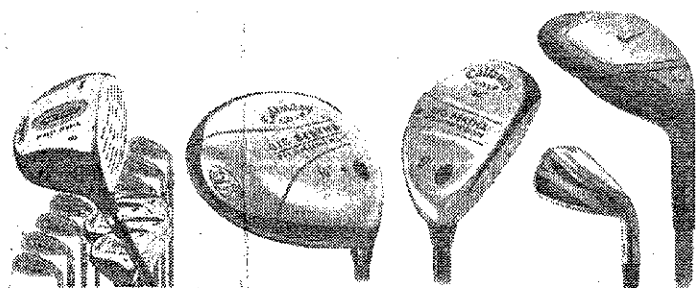
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Warriors are back on the winning track

On Friday, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team upended Walled Lake Unified, 13-1, to improve its record to 8-3. Walled Lake slipped to 0-9.

PCS, which outshot Walled Lake 45-18, received multiple-goal efforts from Mitch French (three), Devin Murphy (three), Ryan Gubert (two) and Ray Gilmore (two). Alex Caryl, Pat Goulet and Nick Cote scored single goals for the winners.

Cote (three), Joey Underwood (three), French and John Savino all notched assists.

"We overcame a slow start and really picked up our offense," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "The groundball and face-off play was outstanding. Devin Murphy had a great game. He has a way of getting open and tonight he finished well.

"Our midfield defense was solid. Mike Cooley and John Sidor played well and I thought Pat Goulet did the little things to help us win. We gave Chris Sorensen the night off and Justin Scott played great in his place. He stopped the ball well and cleared effectively."

Scott finished with nine saves. Johnny Groat led the Warriors with nine groundballs.

PCS led 2-1 after one quarter, 6-1 at the half and 12-1 with 12 minutes to play.

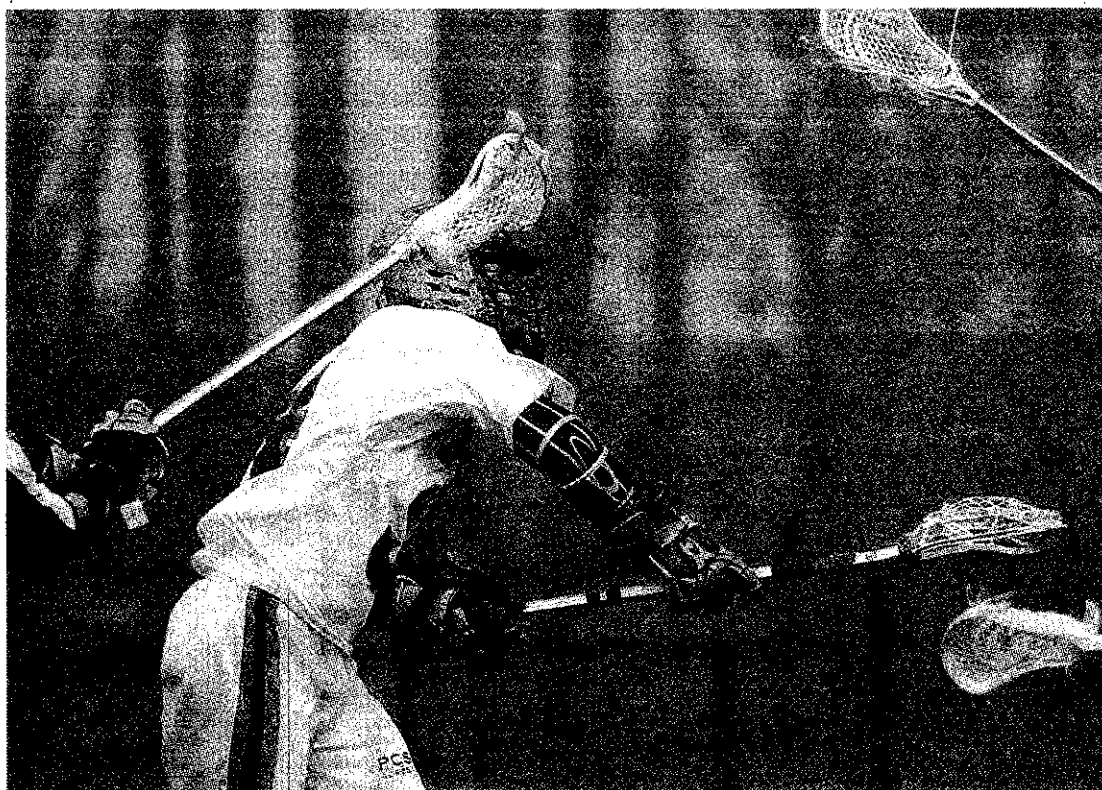
On May 3, the Warriors knocked off Saline, 7-4. It was the first setback of the season for the Hornets (9-1).

"It felt good to get back on track," said Costello. "This was a game we needed to win. They came in undefeated and we had to prove a point.

"The entire roster contributed. Ray Gilmore continued his strong play and Mike Cooley really helped out on defense and face-offs.

"Ryan Gubert is quietly becoming an offensive weapon. We will need that in the second half."

Goal-scorers for PCS were Groat (two), Cote (two), Gubert (two) and French. Gilmore, Groat, Savino, Goulet and Gubert were all credited with assists. Saline outshot PCS, 23-22. PCS led 3-1 after one quarter, 4-1 at the half and 5-3 after three quarters.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse player Mitch French helped his team to a pair of victories last week. The Warriors are 9-3 overall.

PREP STATE RANKINGS

Boys Tennis

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 — 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 2. West Bloomfield; 3. Grosse Pointe South; 4. Troy; 5. Ann Arbor Huron; 6. Novi; 7. Utica Eisenhower; 8. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central; 9. Holland West Ottawa; 10. (tie) Birmingham Brother Rice, Saline.

Division 2 — 1. Okemos; 2. Birmingham Seaholm; 3. Birmingham Groves; 4. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; Battle Creek Lakeview; 6. Portage Central; 7. East Lansing; 8. Grosse Pointe South; 9. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern; 10. Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Division 3 — 1. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 2. Bloomfield Hills Andover; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; 4. East Grand Rapids; 5. St. Joseph; 6. Sturgis; 7. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern; 8. (tie) Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Allegan, Holland Christian, Spring Lake.

Division 4 — 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills; 2. Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian; 3. Lansing Catholic Central; 4. Almont; 5. Flint Powers Catholic; 6. Buchanan; 7. Parchment; 8. Grosse Ile; 9. Essexville-Garber; 10. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Girls Soccer

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 — 1. Novi; 2. Portage Central; 3. Rochester; 4. Northville; 5. Livonia Stevenson; 6. East Kentwood; 7. Lake Orion; 8. Brighton; 9. Midland Bow; 10. Ann Arbor Huron.

Honorable Mention — Plymouth Canton, Rochester Adams, Grosse Pointe South, Walled Lake Central.

Division 2 — Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 2. Birmingham Seaholm; 3. Birmingham Marian; 4. Dexter; 5. Portage Northern; 6. Okemos; 7. Auburn Hills Avondale; 8. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 9. Royal Oak Kimball; 10. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

Honorable Mention — Birmingham Groves, Potoskey.

Division 3 — 1. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 21. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; 3. Flint Powers Catholic; 4. Williamston; 5. Jackson Lumen Christi; 6. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 7. Grosse Ile; 8. Frankennuth; 9. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 10. Royal Oak Dondero.

Honorable Mention — Brooklyn Columbia Central, Laingsburg/Bath Unified, Stockbridge, South Haven.

Division 4 — 1. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic; 2. Kalamazoo Christian; 3. Ann Arbor Greenhills; 4. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett; 5. Clawson; 6. North Muskegon; 7. Lansing Christian; 8. Grandville Calvin Christian; 9. Charlevoix; 10. Three Oaks River Valley.

Honorable Mention — Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian, Plymouth Christian, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Softball

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 — 1. Harper Woods Regina; 2. White Lake Lakeland; 3. Jenison; 4. Milford; 5. Portage Northern; 6. Fenton; 7. Grand Blanc; 8. Bay City Central; 9. Plymouth Canton; 10. Howell.

Honorable Mention — Flushing, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, Portage Central, Alpena, Troy, Detroit Cass Tech, Belleville, Romeo.

Division 2 — 1. Wyoming Rogers; 2. Comstock; 3. Ortonville-Brandon; 4. Escanaba; 5. Wayland; 6. Trenton; 7. Dearborn Divine Child; 8. Richmond; 9. Dowagiac; 10. Pinconning.

Honorable Mention — Flint Powers Catholic, Goodrich, Livonia Ladywood, Stevensville-Lakeshore, Clio, St. Clair.

Division 3 — 1. Freeland; 2. Riverview Gabriel Richard; 3. Scottville-Mason County Central; 4. Ravenna; 5. Saginaw Swan Valley; 6. Unionville-Sebewaing; 7. Hemlock; 8. Niles Brandywine; 9. Reese; 10. Ida.

Honorable Mention — Portland, Gladstone, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, Kalamazoo Christian, Watervliet, Buchanan, Gobles, Lansing Catholic Central, Lake Fenton.

Division 4 — 1. Coleman; 2. Custer-Mason County Eastern; 3. Muskegon Catholic Central; 4. Bay City All Saints; 5. Frankfort; 6. Allen Park Cabrini; 7. Elsworth; 8. Petersburg-Summerfield; 9. Maple City-Glen Lake; 10. Hillman.

Honorable Mention — Adrian Lenawee Christian, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Lake Leelanau St. Mary's, Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian, Beal City, Blanchard-Montabella, Posen, Wyoming Rogers.

Baseball

(By the Coaches Association)

Division 1 — 1. Grosse Pointe North; 2. Grandville; 3. Jenison; 4. Grosse Pointe South; 5. Utica Eisenhower; 6. Allen Park; 7. Lake Orion; 8. Walled Lake Central; 9. Oxford; 10. Muskegon Mona Shores.

Division 2 — 1. Grand Rapids Catholic Central; 2. Battle Creek Lakeview; 3. Flint Powers Catholic; 4. Holland Christian; 5. Hamilton; 6. Ludington; 7. Mt. Morris; 8. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 9. Midland Bullock Creek; 10. Paw Paw.

Division 3 — 1. Berrian Springs; 2. Blissfield; 3. Saginaw Nouvel Catholic; 4. Cass City; 5. Riverview Gabriel Richard; 6. Hillsdale; 7. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 8. Bridgman; 9. Rudyard; 10. Leslie.

Division 4 — 1. Homer; 2. Climax-Scotts; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest; 4. Rogers City; 5. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett; 6. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; 7. Hillman; 8. Southfield Christian; 9. Lansing Christian; 10. Muskegon Catholic Central.

Girls Golf

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 — 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 2. Grand Blanc; 3. Traverse City Central; 4. Farmington Hills Metcay; 5. Traverse City West; 6. Temperance-Bedford; 7. Grosse Pointe North; 8. Mt. Pleasant; 9. Rochester; 10. Northville; 11. Brighton; 12. Holt.

Division 2 — 1. Birmingham Seaholm; 2. Grand Rapids Christian; 3. East Lansing; 4. Livonia Ladywood; 5. Greenville; 6. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern; 7. East Grand Rapids; 8. Dexter; 9. Okemos; 10. DeWitt; 11. Battle Creek Lakeview; 12. Caledonia.

Division 3 — 1. Grosse Ile; 2. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; 3. Whitehall; 4. Grand Rapids Catholic Central; 5. Alma; 6. Grand Rapids South Christian; 7. Jackson Lumen Christi; 8. Hillsdale; 9. Flint Powers Catholic; 10. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 11. Hamilton; 12. Ann Arbor Greenhills.

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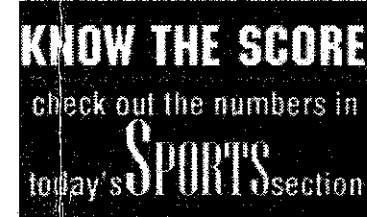
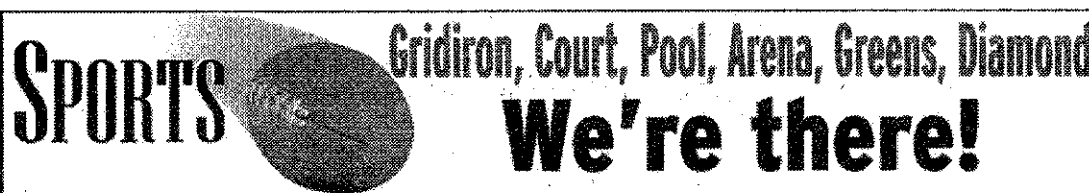
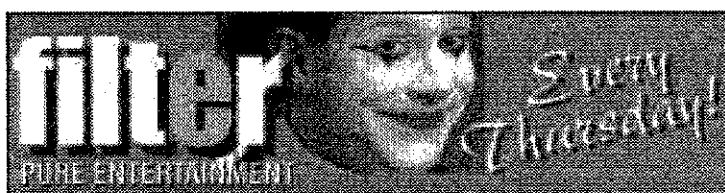


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Fishing seasons have arrived in Michigan

The last Saturday in April got a special nod from avid trout anglers in the state.

After a nearly seven-month closure of trout fishing on most streams, opening day is met with as much anticipation from avid trout chasers as opening day of the firearms season is by deer hunters.

The spring air runs thick at this time of year, dripping with anticipation of the first hatch, the first bite, and the first fish in the landing net.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

feisty wild trout.

For others, however, opening week will bring disappointment and despair because family or work obligations or other reasons have kept you home.

Psssst.

Here's a not-so-secret, secret: There's some fun and productive trout fishing awaiting anglers right here in Oakland County.

The Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources annually stocks over 13,000 brown trout in three streams in southeastern Michigan. Early this month — to allow time for the fish to acclimate themselves to the water before the fishing began — the state dumped 5,700 brown trout into the Clinton River; 6,500 browns into Paint Creek; and another 1,200 into the Huron River.

The fish used for the Clinton and Paint Creek stocks averaged about 7.4 inches in length while the fish released in the Huron averaged 9.4.

In addition, over 600 browns ranging in length from 15 to 25 inches were released into the Huron just below Proud Lake. The Huron plants were part of an early catch-and-release, flies-only season that runs on a stretch of the river just below Proud Lake from April 1 up to opening day. Those fish are now legal to keep.

OK, I'll be fair and admit that the fishing on any of these streams will not come close to matching the opportunity nor the ambience encountered on one of Michigan's Blue Ribbon trout streams. But they do provide opportunities to get out of the house and satisfy the desire to catch a trout — at least until the time is right for a trip north.

There are a lot of rough fish like suckers and chubs in these streams so don't get discouraged when the catch doesn't start out to be what you expect. Be persistent and experiment until you find the recipe for success.

The nice thing about these close-to-home getaways is that they attract all types of anglers, from bait dunkers and spinner nuts to devout fly fishers. Remember to give the fly guys room. There are lots of little nooks and holes they can't get in to so if you're fishing with hardware or live bait be courteous and give the fly fishers some space. There are plenty of holes and plenty of fish.

Remember, too, that this is a planted, limited resource. Take home a couple fish for a meal but try to resist the temptation to always fish for a limit. Leave a few for the next time and the good fishing will last well into the summer months.

NEW BASS RULES

Speaking of catch-and-release fishing, bass anglers are reminded that Michigan now has an early catch-and-immediate-release bass fishing season.

On inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula, the new season runs from the last Saturday in April to the regular bass season opener on the Saturday before

Memorial Day. On Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers, the season runs from the last Saturday in April through the Friday before the third Saturday in June.

In the Upper Peninsula, the catch-and-immediate-release season runs May 15 to the regular season opener on the Saturday before Memorial Day.

The word "immediate" was included into the phrase "catch-and-release" to hammer home the point that anglers MUST IMMEDIATELY return bass to the water after catching them. It is illegal to put fish into a livewell for later release — a common tournament practice — during this early season. Bass are spawning in the

spring and prolonged absence from the nesting area could be detrimental to reproduction.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

YMCA SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its spring soccer program. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers, referees and anyone else needing more information should call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

Other upcoming YMCA programs include:

■ **Summer baseball** — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, which costs \$15.

■ **Summer softball** — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 8 and 11 years old. All leagues are machine pitch. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week.

The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

■ **Summer flag football** — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 6 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There is one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

For more information, call (734) 453-2904.

SAND VOLLEYBALL

For the second-consecutive year, a pair of sand volleyball tournaments featuring area high school players will be held this summer in Northville. This year's Summer Challenge varsity events will be held Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 23. There will also be a Freshman/Sophomore Challenge on Saturday, July 22.

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Monday, June 12, 2006
The Senior Alliance
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The Multi-Year Plan draft will be available online May 22, 2006 at www.TheSeniorAlliance.org. Written comments accepted until June 12, 2006.

For more information, call 734.727.2058.

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Local kickers ready to help Hawks soar to title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

When the Michigan Hawks kick off their W-League season Saturday night at Livonia Stevenson High School, their roster will read like a "Who's Who" of area women's soccer.

Fifteen of the team's pool of 24 players honed their skills with the Michigan Hawks, a Livonia-based premier youth soccer club that has won numerous state cup and national titles.

The Hawks, formerly the Midwest Division champion Detroit Jaguars, feature several familiar names including Stevenson High grad Melissa Dobbyn, an All-Big Ten player from the University of Michigan and 2005 W-League MVP.

Dobbyn is joined by Salem High products Marissa Sarkesian and Jordan Falcusan, currently teammates at Texas A&M. The Hawks, coached by former Detroit Rocker and Salem High girls varsity coach Doug Landefeld.

They will take on the expansion Hamilton (Ontario) Avalanche of the Eastern Conference's Northern Division in their opener. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Stevenson with those 18-and-under admit-

ted free. Adult tickets are \$5 at the gate. Dobbyn finished fourth in the W-League, North America's premier league for women, in goals (13) as the Jaguars finished 11-3.

"She's going to draw a lot more attention than last year," Landefeld said of his standout striker. "Melissa had a special season last year, but we've added more around her this year. She just loves playing at this level and she defines this team because of the way she approaches the game."

Due to college commitments, not all of the Hawks have been able to practice the past 10 days. But Landefeld said most of the players will be in town by Friday.

"We started with six last week, we're still waiting for some players but everybody will be there on Saturday - all 19," the Hawks coach said. "Since this is a crossover game and it doesn't count in the (Midwest Division) standings, it's perfect for us because we're hoping to get all 18 or 19 the opportunity to play in front of their own home crowd." The addition of Michigan State's Maureen Pawlak and Erin Doan should make the Hawks even more formidable in 2006.

"I think we'll be pretty good

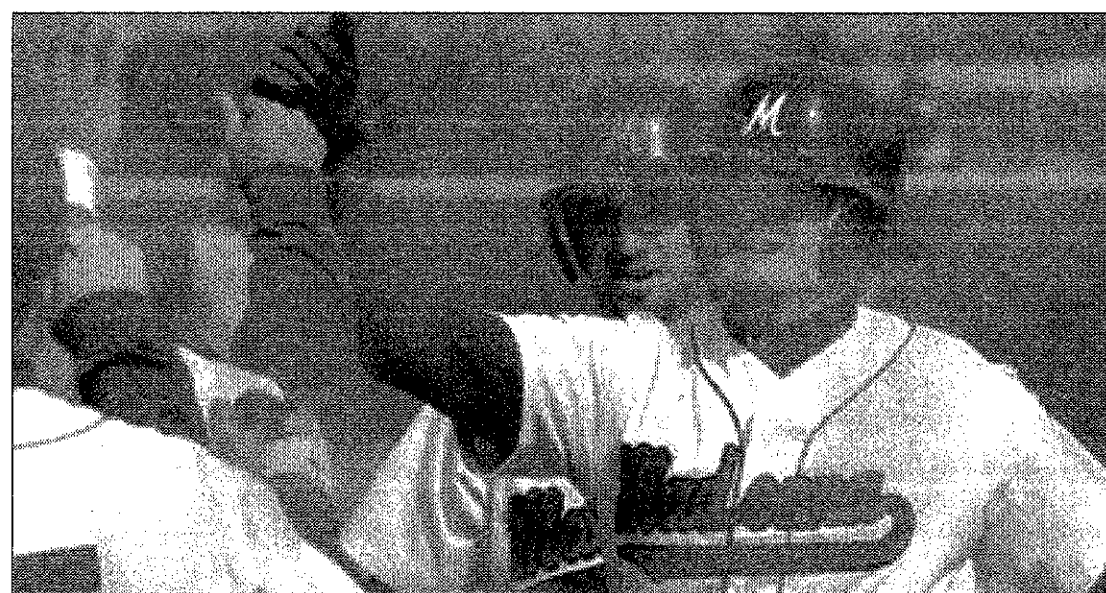
again," Landefeld said. "We've added those MSU girls who are local in Doan and Pawlak. Both are very good players."

Other newcomers for the Hawks include Jessica Okoroafo (Purdue), a member of the U.S. Under-20 National Team Development Pool; Erin Koheim, MSU; Nicole Lecznar, Wake Forest; and Stephanie Wurth, Dayton.

Among the returnees off the Jaguars' roster include goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming, Pepperdine University; Northville High's Nicole Cauzillo (University of Kansas), Trisha Roberts (Eastern Michigan University), Cat Panabaker (Oakland University) and Lea Hill (DePaul).

Other members of the Midwest Division include the Chicago (Ill.) Gaels, Cincinnati (Ohio) Ladyhawks, Cleveland (Ohio) Internationals, Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever, London (Ont.) Gryphons, Minnesota Lightning and the West Michigan Firewomen.

The Hawks will play 16 Midwest Division games, including a 7:30 p.m. May 19, matchup at Stevenson against the Fever. Call (734) 542-4936; or visit www.michiganwolveshawks.com.



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Ben Ramsey (right), shown being congratulated earlier this season after hitting a home run for Madonna University, made an award-winning impact for the Crusaders this season.

MU's Ramsey honored

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The way Madonna University started the 2006 baseball season wasn't what Ben Ramsey envisioned when he transferred over from Indiana Tech.

Ramsey, a hard-hitting senior third baseman, struggled at the plate in March, when the Crusaders made junks to California and Tennessee. By the time he and the rest of his teammates played a game at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia, his batting average was about .200 and the team was 3-11-1.

"We went out to California and played a lot of good competition," noted Ramsey. "They had 30 games under their belt by the time we got out of the gym. And, a lot of guys struggled early. ... I was stuck at the three-hole just because coach had confidence in me after a month of batting .200."

But one pep talk with his teammates and a month of home-cooking later, and nothing could be sweeter for Ramsey and the Crusaders. Ramsey wound up batting .365 with 11 homers and 47 RBI and was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

And Madonna, toughened up from those March battles against Top-25 opponents, went on a team tear. The Crusaders (30-19-1) wound up winning both the WHAC regular season and postseason tournament. They are this week participating at the NAIA Region VIII tournament at Marian College in Indianapolis.

"We've got a good ballclub, a bunch of good hitters," Ramsey continued. "It's great to hit in a lineup where the guy behind me's got nine homers and the guy ahead of me's got six homers."

"We're just beating the ball around the ballpark and it takes a lot of the pressure off."

The turnaround started immediately after the Crusaders returned from their tough road trip, a junket head coach Greg Haeger wanted in order to get his team "battle-tested" for the postseason wars. Ramsey knew he had much more to give, and had a chat with teammates Greg Spanel and Clint LaFountaine - friends who transferred with him from Indiana Tech.

"I told them coming out of California (that) I was struggling, but it's a new season when you get to the conference," Ramsey said. "I wanted to be conference player of the year. I accomplished that and it's great."

All three transferred after Indiana Tech head coach Steve Devine, a good friend of Haeger's, was let go following the 2005 season.

When Devine's successor called Ramsey and didn't even know what position he played, the infielder knew it might be time to go to the fourth college of his career.

And after being let loose, Devine made sure to put a bug in the players' ears about playing for Haeger.

"Steve Devine is a great friend of mine," Haeger said. "Steve got these kids to want to play here. When he was asked to leave, he felt he was putting them in the best possible place."

Also aware that Madonna would be a good fit for him was Ramsey, a 6-1, 200-pounder who Haeger said is now being scouted by professional teams.

"Coming from Indiana Tech to here I wanted to win and I knew these guys (Crusaders) had a lot of good players coming back," Ramsey said.

So for Ramsey, Spanel and

LaFountaine to defeat Indiana Tech for the WHAC tourney title, which they did on May 5, it was almost like adding insult to injury for their former school.

"I know all but six guys on that team," he said. "The fact they played as hard as they did you have to tip your cap to them. But it was nice to beat them, this was why we transferred."

Meanwhile, Haeger said the WHAC honor couldn't have gone to a more-deserving player.

"To Ben's credit, after a slow start he kept plugging away," Haeger said. "He's such a great competitor with so many skills."

He can hit, he made maybe two errors as a third baseman all year. There's a kid who's going to play a few more years of baseball and I'm proud of him."

Other WHAC honorees

Haeger, for the second consecutive year, was named WHAC Coach of the Year.

"It is a credit to the kids and to my assistant coaches (Stu Rose, Chris Czarnik) for putting the work in. Coaches awards are team awards in my opinion."

Madonna players named to the WHAC All-Conference team included Ramsey, senior first baseman Todd Kalmbach, senior second baseman Jason Barbeau, junior outfielder Tony Luttmann (Farmington), sophomore designated hitter Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill), sophomore pitcher Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) and senior pitcher Derek Dufrane (Belleville).

Honorable mention selections included Kyle Fedorka, Justin Fabian, Kevin Entsminger (Canton/Redford Catholic Central), LaFountaine, Spanel and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills).

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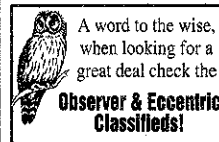
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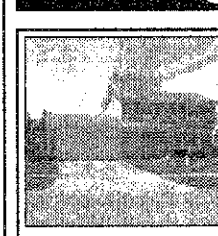
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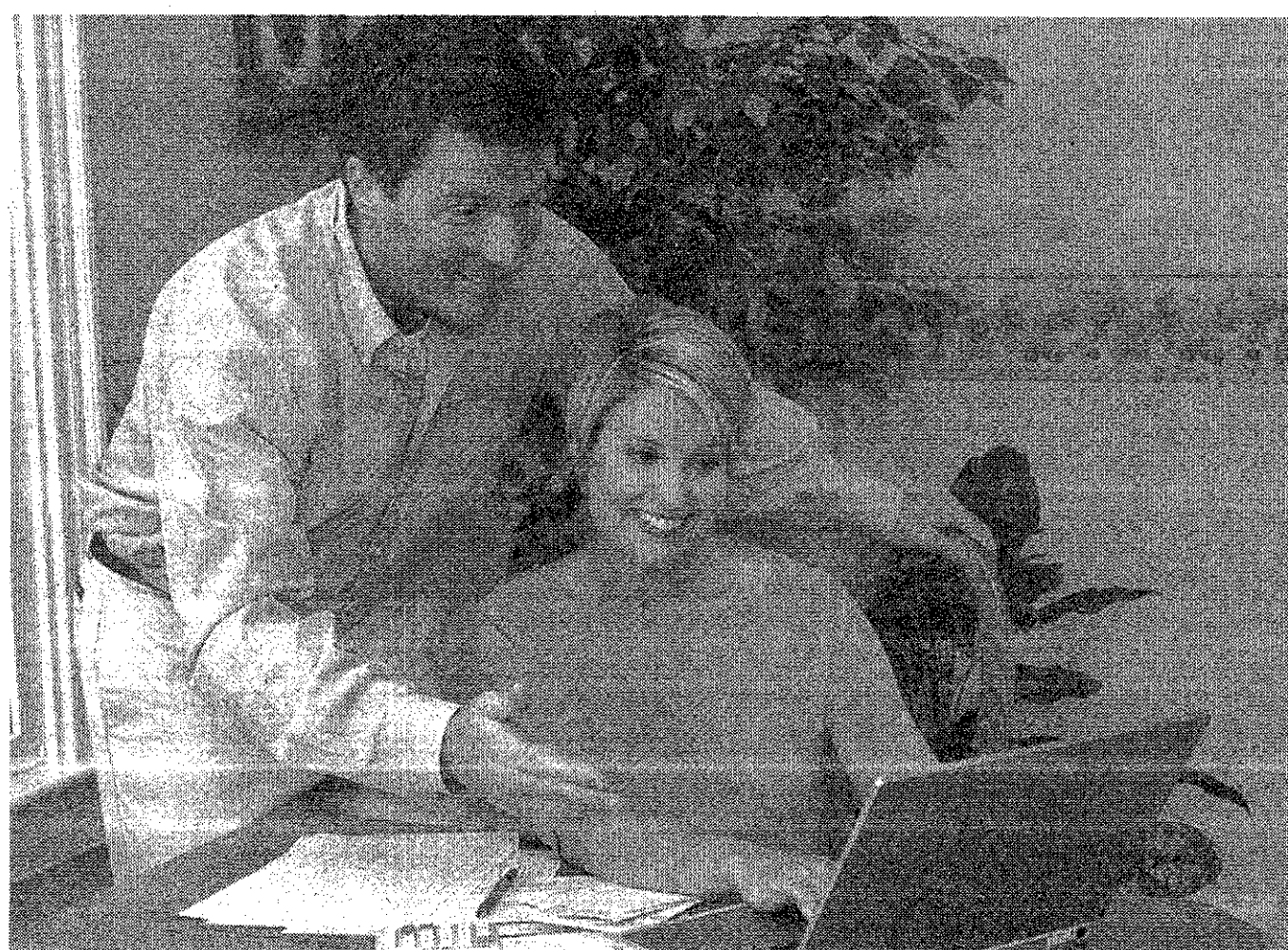
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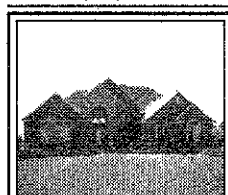
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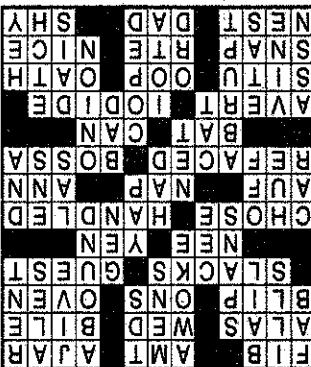
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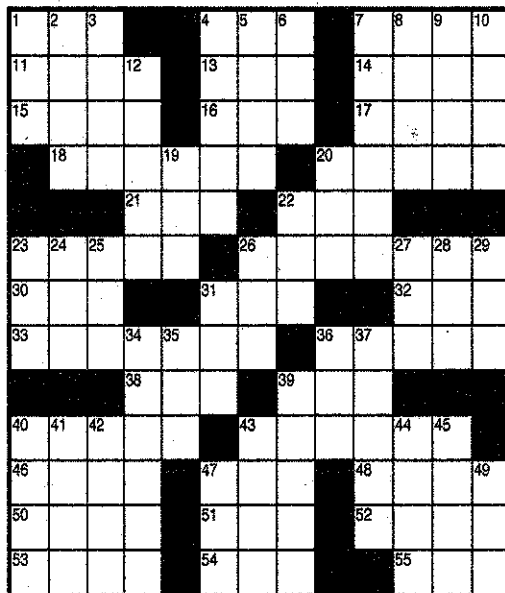
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OHL Whalers thrilled with 'dynamic' top draft choice Cooper

As promised, the Plymouth Whalers selected for talent instead of need in the first round of Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft.

If Central Scouting's assessment of Vern Cooper is accurate, the Whalers took a dynamic offensive player with their first pick (13th overall). Cooper scored 45 goals with 47 assists in 41 games last season for the Sudbury Nickel Capitals. Central Scouting had this assessment of Cooper:

"It seems like the 'new' game was implemented just for Vern. A speedy player that is entertaining to watch. He has great anticipation and combined with one-step quickness, intercepts many passes, flies down the wing, the defense gets back peddling, the ice opens up from his speed and then his playing or scoring abilities become threats very quickly."

"He's the most entertaining and exciting player in the draft," Central Scouting's Doug Bonhomme told the Sudbury Star. "His explosive acceleration will get everyone's attention - players and fans - real quick."

Cooper, who has Native American status that grants him dual citizenship between the United States and Canada, is mulling over the choice that all players of his talent deal with - do they play in the Ontario Hockey League or go the United States college route?

"Vern is probably the most dynamic player in the draft," said Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "I don't think there's anyone in the draft as fast as he is. His offensive skills are tremendous. We had him rated number one overall. We just talked to him and he's excited to come here. I have a pretty good relationship with his agency and they've assured me he is coming to Plymouth."

Plymouth took right-handed defenseman Tom Kane with the second pick in the draft in the third round (73rd overall).

Kane scored six goals with 17 assists and 159 penalty minutes in 49 games last season.

"Our scouts really like his toughness," Vellucci said. "He makes a great first pass. Every one of our scouts wanted to take him. They felt we needed a tough, stay-at-home defenseman who can pound some people."

Plymouth had two selections in the fourth round. The Whalers took defenseman Jordan O'Neill from the London Jr. Knights with the 73rd pick. The 6-foot-1, 170-pound O'Neill tallied 18 goals and 23 assists in 70 games last season.

Plymouth then took right wing Steve McDonald from the Toronto Red Wings with the 76th pick. McDonald scored 10 goals with 15 assists in 52 games last season.

"He can play forward or defense and we took him as a defenseman," Vellucci said of O'Neill. "Guys like O'Neill - who can play two positions - are valuable with all the injuries you can have over a season. He's another big kid,

too. We got a lot of calls around the league after we selected McDonald. A lot of teams expected him to go earlier than the fourth round. He's a tough winger, goes up-and-down his wing, has some hands and can score. Overall, he's a solid player."

Plymouth went local in the fifth round, taking Harrison Township native Chad Rutkowski from the Detroit

Honeybaked 90's. Rutkowski - a 6-2, 178-pound centerman - scored 33 goals with 16 assists for 49 points and 78 penalty in 49 games last season for Honeybaked.

"We had Rutkowski rated higher than the fifth," Vellucci explained. "Maybe some teams were afraid to draft him because he's an American and might go the college route, but he definitely wants to play in

the OHL. He's another big body, a scorer and a local kid."

The Whalers continued with their local connection when they took center A.J. Jenks from the Detroit Honeybaked midgets with the 132nd selection. Jenks scored 17 goals with 22 assists in 62 games last season.

Plymouth has a history of selecting players out of upstate New York and went back to the

area when they selected left wing Kevin McCarey, who scored 12 goals with 17 assists in 42 games for the Syracuse Stars.

Although many of these players should report to Plymouth's rookie camp May 20, they'll be hard-pressed to make the team for 2006-07. The Whalers have thirteen or more players returning from a team that won the West

Division last season and is on the upswing.

In addition, Vellucci anticipates signing several players from last year's draft.

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With a sixth seed in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, this week in Illinois, WSU meets meet Southern Indiana (37-16) in Thursday's opener.

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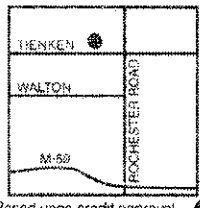
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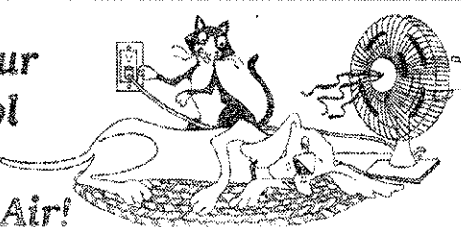
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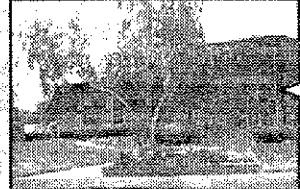
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project completion? Whether the person was your co-worker, consulting client, supervisee or boss, you may have been climbing the walls.

Is this unusual? "When you hear about good managers, you hear that they're very good at focusing," observes Pam Lenehan, who serves on the board of two large corporations and is president of Ridge Hill Consulting L.L.C., in Boston. "Technology has created a generation of poor managers, because people aren't giving their attention to the problem at hand."

Rick Brenner, principal of Chaco Canyon Consulting in Cambridge, Mass., specializes in fine-tuning teams and their leaders, and resolving conflict. He maintains that a distracted multitasker may be a micromanager, an employee on overload or a person with unreplaceable skills.

Does that mean that if organizations are responsible for developing a work style that is less than civil, then individuals can blame it on their

companies? Regina Barr, founder and president of Red Ladder Inc., in St. Paul, Minn., consults on multi-departmental projects. She often finds herself leading meetings where attendees chronically check in on their PDA's and voice mail. "They're never fully present in meetings, because they're managing multiple projects and initiatives," she states. She acknowledges that downsizing has contributed greatly to increased work loads, and the problem isn't necessarily generational. "As level of responsibility increases to director, VP or senior executive," she explains, "there's a feeling that it's almost a need to stay on top of things at all times. After meetings, people know there will be numerous e-mails and voice mails." In other words, they're heading that workload off at the pass.

Laura Browne, program manager of the Phoenix-based WOMEN Unlimited Inc., which provides mentoring and development programs for high-potential women, contends that multitasking "isn't necessarily about getting it done the best way, but getting it done quickly and not necessarily making people feel good about it." She also points out that many people are proud to be effective multitaskers: "They feel that they can cram a lot more things in a day than others."

THE OFFENSIVE

When you're certain that your project takes precedence, that you're not being selfish,

you might do what Barr does, which is to state prior to meetings that multitasking disrupts the team and the workflow. Suggest that the person send an alternate rather than "half-attend." She advocates "addressing it upfront so it doesn't become an issue."

Such behavior can become predictable, particularly when you're working where a person doesn't complete projects, according to Barr. Lenehan advises that you "use this as a leadership opportunity." Outline the tasks and schedule, with a little breathing space for you. Browne agrees with the extra time, because it accommodates the multitasker's tendency to become distracted. "Give them brief reminders to get them back on track," she recommends. "Stop by their desk or send quick emails to remind them of what you need and when you need it." She points out that orbiting multitaskers will tackle parts of projects more quickly than entire projects, but that you won't change them.

"Get the person excited about the task so he or she will want to focus on it," Browne states. "Show how it will benefit them to get it done as quickly as



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possible." Lenehan says that you need to be direct, not too polite. You might mention, for example, "Look, I need this material or this project isn't going to get done. Do you want to be responsible for this? I need all of your attention for five minutes."

If shaming the multitasker doesn't work, lather the person with attention. A stroke in time can save your project.

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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Responsible for overseeing all machine operators and machine set-up personnel and their activities. Responsible for maintaining proper production levels from production machinery. Must work with all departments to resolve any problems related to products on a daily basis. Must effectively communicate between departments or personnel for prompt problem resolution. Must also be self motivated and proactive in dealing with personnel and manufacturing issues. Candidate must have strong production, CNC machining background. Please forward salary requirements with resume to: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Box 1348, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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Part Time person needed to merchandise snack foods at local Meijers stores. Exp. helpful but not necessary. Evenings & weekends a must. Please call 1-800-968-7685 Ext. 247 and leave a message

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www.canton-mi.org or may be viewed at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188. Applications may also be picked up at the Canton Administration Building, Human Resources Division, on the Canton Township website. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file in the Human Resources Division prior to 4 p.m., May 19, 2006. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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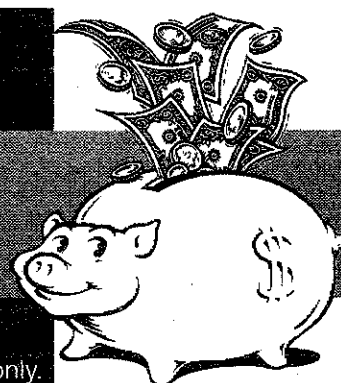
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Sat. May 13, 8-2pm. Small appliances, clothing, toys, house-hold. 25716 Ridgewood, SE corner of 11 Mile/Farmington.	LIVONIA Fri & Sat, May 12 & 13, 9-4, 39336 Lyndon, S of 5 Mile, W of Newburgh.	PLEASANT RIDGE - ARTSY GARAGE SALE , 36 E. Woodward Heights Blvd. May 13th, 9am-5pm. Art & craft supplies, electronics, vintage and newer: clothes, jewelry, books, LP's/CD's, household items & much more. *No early sales*	ROYAL OAK Vinsetta Park Neighborhood Association, Sat. only! May 13, 9am-4pm (S of 12 Mile, E of Woodward).	WESTLAND COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Millpointe Condominiums Btwn Newburgh & Hix, south side of Palmer. May 18, 19, 20, 9am-5pm.	PLYMOUTH Thurs-Sat, 9-7 Jewelry, dishes, furniture, etc. 14139 F Drive, btwn 5 Mile & North Territorial, W. off Ridge. 734-453-1632	LEATHER SECTIONAL Beautiful, Emerald Green, 5 piece, by "Executive Level". Bench made, listed for \$24,600, sell for \$18,000, will take best offer: 5 piece wicker & wrought iron King bdrm set, all for \$499. (734) 717-5018	WIDE CUT MOWER , Troy-Built, 9 HP, 33in. mulching deck, electric start, 4 speeds + reverse. \$695, 248-726-9698	ENGLISH BULLDOG 11 month old, male, neutered AKC registered. 248-736-7607
FARMINGTON HILLS Old Farm Colony Sub Sale! May 13, 9am, 5/10 Mile, E/Middlebelt, enter Glencreek, Mattell collectibles, Gluck pottery & more!	LIVONIA Fabulous 2 family sale. Power Wheels vehicles, tons of toys - Barbies, Ninja turtles, Star Wars, puzzles. Top brand kids clothes sizes 10-16, booksm housewares, 13 ft. x 33 in. pool. May 11-13, 9am-5pm, 32445 Hees, Joy & Hubbard.	PLYMOUTH - 265 River Oaks Dr., off Riversdale, btwn Ann Arbor Trail & Hines Dr. Fri-Sat only, 8am-4pm. Rain or shine. No early's. Oak furniture, electronics, boy's clothes, etc.	ROYAL OAK BIG SALE! Patio furniture, tv, stereo equipment, furniture and much more. Thurs-Fri.-Sat. 8-4pm. 1211 N. Maple Ave.	ALL HOME FURNISHINGS plus chrome & glass furniture, weight lifting equip, computer, etc (248) 788-1590 or 248-252-8675	ROYAL OAK Furniture, baby items, much more! Fri. 10am-4pm, 212 Royal Ave., S of 13, W of Main.	MUST SELL! - 2 end tables/lamps, twin mattresses, 6 chairs, 2 golf covers/wall units. Reasonable, 248-851-9726	LAWN MOWER Honda, 3 speed, self-propelled, rear bagger/mulcher. Zone-start safety system. Used 2 seasons. \$200 - 248-641-7567	GOLDEN DOODLES \$750-\$850, 1 Blondes & 3 Brunettes, with micro chip vet checked. Sat. visits. 248-760-1818
FARMINGTON HILLS Huge "Spring Cleaning" Sale at Steppingstone School - Saturday, May 13 from 9am-5pm. Indoor Garage Sale. Kids, office equip, furniture - Bake Sale, Vendors (Creative Memories, Lia Sophia, and more!) 35700 12 Mile (just west of Drake) in Farmington Hills. (248) 324-0692 for info.	LIVONIA 5/11 & 5/12, 9am-3pm. Baby items, toys, clothes, bitty baby, furniture. 17363 Woodside.	PLYMOUTH 15251 Maxwell, Intersection of Maxwell & 5 Mile, 1/2 mile W. of Haggerty. May 12 & 13, 9-3pm. Entire house full of great items! Books galore!	ROYAL OAK Fri., 5/12, 8am-1pm. 320 and 414 Hawthorn Ave. MULTI-FAMILY!	BEVERLY HILLS EVERYTHING GOES! Furniture, artwork, HD TV/7.1 Surround System, mountain bikes, mens suits & clothes. 16987 Georgina, 13 Mile & Pierce, May 12, 13, 14. Call (248) 540-6880	AREA RUG - 5X8, Couristan. Upholstered chair w/ ottoman, rocker. Lounge chair, upholstered. Double dresser w/ mirror & 1 nightstand. After 6pm call, 248-477-7162	PERSIAN CARPETS Top quality, hand woven, for sale by private owner. Very reasonable price, all sizes & colors, 100% wool and wool & silk mix. installment payments avail. 248-357-3911, 313-838-7900	STEEL SHELVING 7 ft. tall, some 12X36, some 18X36. Call: 734-455-4478	GREAT DANE PUPS Blue Giant, 10 left, (web) www.danescountry.com (734) 513-8602
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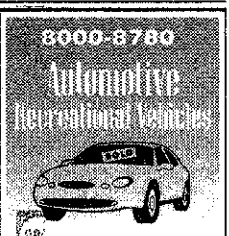


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BY DALE BUSS

We're all doing so much hand-wringing over gas-line prices these days — and how to afford them — that it's easy to lose track of the fact that cars are meant for pleasure as well as business. Now, driving some vehicles may constitute a guilty pleasure more than anything else. But that shouldn't entirely disqualify them from your considering owning or leasing them.

Three-dollars-a-gallon gasoline or not, it's a great pleasure to drive the Infiniti G35X sedan and Audi A6 Avant crossover. Among the many cars I've driven recently, these two take the cake in terms of responsiveness and pure driving enjoyment. And while that isn't much solace when it costs \$40 to fill their tanks, at least you're getting a thrill in driving either of these two vehicles that you're not going to get from your fuel-sipping econobox or your family-sized SUV.

G35X and the A6 Avant aren't strictly competitors — the former comes in at a suggested retail price of under \$40,000, the latter mostly above \$40,000. But they're certainly kindred spirits in sheet metal when it comes to creating a satisfying driving experience.

The A6 Avant is the latest manifestation of Audi's rework of the entire A6 line, which included a makeover of the A6 sedan for the 2005 model year. And while it does offer the practicality of its wagon formation, don't allow yourself to be fooled: A6 Avant is all about driving excitement.

First of all, even though it is sheathed in a wagon body, A6 Avant leaves nothing on the table design-wise. It has the distinctive bull nose that Audi is using so successfully as a design cue throughout its lineup, and from there, A6 Avant recedes pleasantly, in a highly streamlined formation that is about as sharp as you can get a rear cargo box to look.

But it's once you get inside the A6 Avant that you really start to appreciate what Audi has accomplished with the car. Start it up, and you're quick to realize how much performance and responsiveness that Audi has squeezed from the car's 3.2-liter, six-cylinder engine, which delivers 255 horsepower. Shifting with the car's automatic, six-speed Tiptronic box is fantastically smooth. All of this adds up to a spirited zero-to-60mph time, Audi, says, of just seven seconds.



The 2006 Audi A6 Avant offer the practicality of its wagon design while still being fun to drive.

A6 Avant also comes equipped with a nifty suspension innovation: Its Adaptive Air Suspension system enables Avant to be raised or lowered depending on terrain and driving needs, by a full two inches from the lowest to the highest ride height. I confess that I did little but tinker with this feature, but it's yet another aspect of A6 Avant that makes this car so practical as well as enjoyable.

A6 Avant's interior is a nice place to spend a nice ride. Both road and wind noise are remarkably faint. The 10-speaker audio system is a revelation. Visibility is outstanding, thanks to the huge array of glass surrounding the cabin.

All in all, this car is my favorite Audi. It's pricey, but it's worth it.

G35X all-wheel-drive isn't so pricey: The sticker on the 2006 model I drove was \$37,000-plus. The G35X delivers everything you could want in a small-ish performance vehicle that also provides enough room for passengers and plenty of amenities besides. This car is, first of all, a lot of fun to look at, just

like most Infiniti models these days. There's nothing particularly spectacular about its streamlined design, except that it is very crisp and well-executed.

And my favorite perspective on the car's design is the most important perspective: from the driver's seat. From there, I loved looking out in front of me at the small flares atop the front fenders of the car, which created a visual representation of what it felt like I was doing when I was driving the G35X: absolutely slicing through the air.

I loved the power and pose of the 3.5-liter, DOHC, 24-valve V6 engine that was stroking at the heart of this car, generating 280 horsepower and giving me utter confidence in every driving situation. Better than that, the G35X delivers 24mpg on the highway and 17 mpg in the city, meaning that it doesn't sock you with a significant fuel-efficiency penalty for such great performance.

Look up the A6 Avant and G35X if you want to make driving fun again!

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7 Web sites you won't want to miss

Another week, another batch of insanely cool and useful new Web sites.

In this column you'll learn how to create an online calendar, whip together a Web page, uncover startling facts about your neighbors' homes, and find a pickup game of, well, anything.

GETHUMAN

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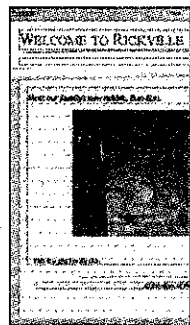
Google's new marketing slogan must be, "We're not just a search engine anymore!" The company continues to roll out compelling new products, the most recent being Google Calendar (google.com/calendar).

Why bother with a calendar that lives on the Web? Lots of reasons: You can access it from any Internet-connected PC; you can share your calendar with friends, family and even co-workers; you can easily invite others to events on your calendar; and you can have event reminders automatically sent to your inbox or cell phone.

Google also lets you import a growing number of freely available "public calendars" - everything from U.S. holidays to DVD release dates to the 2006 Detroit Tigers schedule.

GOOGLE PAGES

Want to slap together a Web site but don't know the first thing about, well, slapping together Web sites? Google Pages (pages.google.com) is the answer. If you can operate a word processor, you can design a basic site.



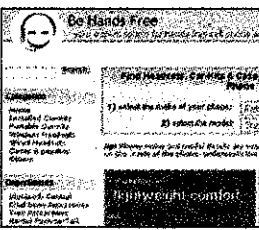
And I do mean basic. Google Pages isn't for blogging (use Google's Blogger site for that) or sharing photos with family members (try Picasa, another Google freebie). It's for creating simple Web pages containing text, images and links.

Just choose one of several dozen attractive designs and start typing. Google Pages is blissfully easy to use, making it ideal for children, novice users, or anyone who wants to establish a Web presence in a hurry.

HANDS-FREE HELP

As you've no doubt heard, Detroit just passed a ban on cell phones. You can still take calls in your car, but you'll need hands-free hardware to make it legal.

You can connect a wired headset to just about any phone, but the best solutions are wireless (though you'll need a Bluetooth-equipped phone to take advantage of them).



I hope to have some reviews of headsets and car kits in an upcoming column. In the meantime, check out the selection at Be Hands Free (behandsfree.com), which lists compatible

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D4

Entertaining idea



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Farmington Hills home of Yale and Anna Levin was designed for entertaining. Its great room can seat 34 people without furniture being moved. The entertainment unit, built on site, contains a TV, DVD/VCR and fireplace. The residence will be featured on House Tour 2006, presented by Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Home designed with parties, gatherings in mind

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Yale and Anna Levin wanted to live near their two married children and their grandchildren.

So they do. The couple moved from Southfield to Farmington Hills and now live in the same subdivision as the children and grandchildren, within walking distance.

And Yale and Anna wanted a house that would be good for entertaining, a welcoming setting for the parties and family gatherings the couple love to present.

So they have one - and do they ever! The 5,300-square-foot, Georgian Colonial style residence is

PLEASE SEE ENTERTAINING, D6



Anna Levin has a home made for entertaining. And the design includes such esthetic elements as wall molding built to fit around these framed works, Salvador Dali's 'Alice in Wonderland' series.

HOUSE TOUR 2006

■ **What:** A tour of six spectacular homes in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. The event is presented by the Temple Israel Sisterhood and benefits projects of the sisterhood.

■ **When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 31.

■ **Tickets:** \$25 in advance, \$30 tour day. To order tickets by mail, send a reservation form and a check (payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood) by Thursday, May 18, to: Barbara Ben, 4234 Barn Meadow, West Bloomfield 48323. Tickets are available until tour day at the Temple Israel office. Call (248) 661-5700.

■ **Information:** Call Janie Roth at (248) 865-3008, Beverley Wolgin at (248) 626-2657, or Barbara Ben at (248) 855-9792.

Make her berry pancakes on Mother's Day

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Years ago Mother's Day traditions often included giving Mom a bouquet or corsage of carnations and taking her out to dinner.

Going out was important, because it meant she would not have to cook for the family, or be tempted to help out her incompetent tribe as they struggled to prepare, serve and clean up after the meal.

One tradition that continues is serving Mom breakfast in bed. It is still a classic moment in many households, complete with a tray holding a vase with a fresh rose, orange juice in a fancy goblet and a special breakfast treat. Berry Surprise Pancakes are the perfect centerpiece for this breakfast.

Pancakes in general are a good choice for

inexperienced cooks and families where a wide span of ages is represented in a team effort. Making the batter is easy, requires no special equipment, and multiple hands can do the pouring and cooking. Pancakes are good for single-parent households, too. Mom can make the batter the night before and refrigerate it, allowing children to simply pour, fry, flip and serve a breakfast made with pride.

The "surprise" in these pancakes comes from the berries inside them. A topping made with two more varieties adds to the surprise. The use of three different fruits for this breakfast also creates a larger "bang for the buck" in the synergistic interplay that boosts the power of the health-protective phytochemicals unique to each type of



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Purée'd raspberries and strawberries top these blueberry pancakes. Make them for Mom on Sunday.

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In Sonoma Valley near Kenwood, Calif., there's a 2,000-acre ranch on the east side of Highway 12. The volcanic red ash soil and terraced hillside vineyards extend for two miles and reach more than 1,000 vertical

floor into the Mayacamas Mountains.

This winery, the Kunde Estate Winery & Vineyards, has been owned by the Kunde family since 1904. Now, over 100 years later, the red soil, the vineyards and the value wines produced continue to be a source of Kunde family pride.

The vineyards were first planted beginning in 1879, using zinfandel and cuttings of cabernet sauvignon brought from Chateaux Margaux and Chateau Lafite Rothschild. The Century Vines Zinfandel vine-

yard contains 28 acres of 120-year-old vines.

"It is maintained by replacing old vines with new, using cuttings from the original vineyard," said Keith Kunde, vineyard manager. "But to preserve the authenticity of the wine from this century-old vineyard, the fruit from the old vines is harvested separately to make the wine known as Kunde Estate Century Vines Zinfandel."

STEP BACK IN TIME

Because the Kunde family is trying to maintain the Century Vineyard the way it was grown in the 19th century, they still dry farm it. In fact, there is no provision for irrigation. Since dry farming is so stressful for newly-planted vines, it may take seven to eight years of struggle before young vines can compete among the older, established ones.

"My grandfather, nicknamed 'Big Boy,' had a great palate but did not have a head for business," Kunde recalled. "So when his sons returned from World War II, the bank had foreclosed on the ranch. The boys got a loan to save the ranch plus open a butcher shop. They butchered during the day and planted vineyards on evenings and weekends."

In the early 1980s, Keith Kunde, his brother, Jeff, and cousin Bill were running the ranch. "We wanted to open a winery," Keith said. "It took us another 10 years but it finally

WINE PICKS

WHAT TO BUY FROM KUNDE ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

2004 Kunde Magnolia Lane Sauvignon Blanc (\$15) shows crisp, bright grapefruit and papaya with an aromatic lift provided by a touch of viognier, then finishing with a note of mineral and lime. A great value. Try with sushi or Asian stir fry.

2004 Kunde Chardonnay, Sonoma Valley (\$16) is loaded with citrus and floral aromas followed by vanilla and toast from small French oak barrels. Try with roast chicken seasoned with rosemary and garlic.

2003 Kunde Reserve Chardonnay, Sonoma Valley (\$35) is outstanding year after year. It's balanced, creamy and delicious with bright fruit flavors, finishing with notes of toast, butter and a touch of honey. A satisfying wine.

2001 Kunde Merlot, Sonoma Valley (\$18). A dry summer, small berries and small crop contributed to the intense flavors, bright fruit profile and structured finish of this wine. 2002 Kunde Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley (\$21) showcasing a big, concentrated fruit profile with spicy notes over black fruits, is generous, layered, and complex. A very sexy cab at a great price.

2002 Kunde Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley (\$60) was crafted exclusively from the winery's hillside vineyards. Its big, yet mellow tannins complement rich fruit in a wine that's luscious now yet ageable.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it directly from the winery.

Kunde wines. Since the winemaker is part of the terroir, keeping the same winemaker allows him to get to know the available fruit and develop the best interpretation.

"I respond to winemaking as a creative pursuit combined with the craft of using technology to achieve a desired result," said Noyes. "The great thing about making wine for the Kunde family is they have given me the power to make the strict fruit selection necessary to craft the best wine possible."

"We have seven different microclimates on the ranch," Noyes said. "In trying to become more focused, we have reduced the number of varieties we grow from 27 to 17 and we produce only about 13 or 14 different wines each year. Because we do not use all of the fruit we grow, we sell the excess to other wineries - fruit good enough to become the reserve program somewhere else."

"We've had offers to purchase Kunde Estates," Keith admitted, "but I feel that it is not mine to sell. If I purchased this land, then I could sell it, but it was my great-grandfather that bought it. It is mine to enjoy and my responsibility to make it better."

"We are fortunate that our parents gave us a gift of this land. We realize, that it is the volcanic red soil on this property that binds us as Kundes."

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opened in 1990. It was a slow year for wine sales that seemed to get worse. Fortunately, we were small and beginning to grow, so that by the time the boom of 1994 was upon us, we were prepared."

WINEMAKING

Winemaker David Noyes, with 10 years experience at Ridge Vineyards and several Bordeaux chateaux, is the first and only winemaker at Kunde Estates. This is an important part of the consistent style of

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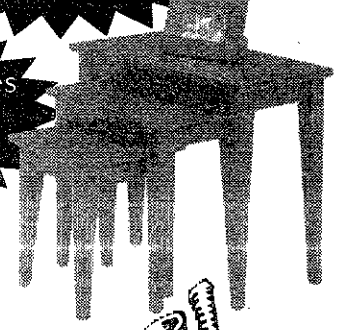
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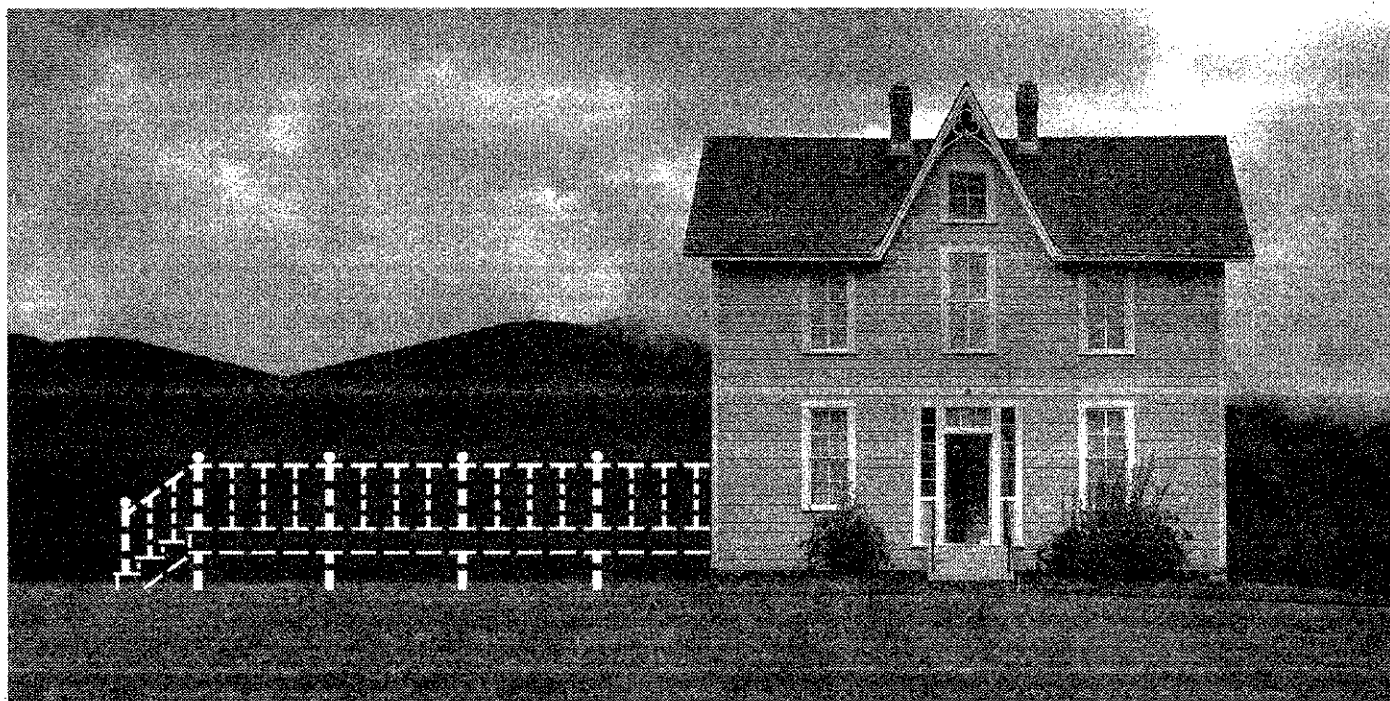
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Consider more than price, style when buying quality furniture

Candy of Redford asks: "I am getting ready to purchase furniture for my home, and am overwhelmed by all of the choices and the price ranges. What makes one brand of furniture better than another?"

Many people are only price-motivated when buying furniture. There are many things to consider when making these large purchases.

The style of the furniture, the available fabric selections, fabric fiber content, price, warranty, quality, and the reputation of the furniture dealer along with the reputation of the furniture manufacturer are all relevant factors to consider before placing your furniture order.

Obviously, you will know instinctively if you like the style, color and price, so for the purpose of this article, I will focus on what makes for quality furniture.

UPHOLSTERED PIECES

When you are buying upholstered pieces, you will want to make sure the wood used for the frame is kiln-dried hardwood. The joints should be glued, and screws or dowels added for stability.

Before ordering a piece of furniture, ask your

salesperson to show you an item on the showroom floor made by the same manufacturer that you are interested in.

You will want to see a floor sample that is upholstered in a patterned material so you can check for pattern matching.

This means that the pattern should run continuously from the cushions on the back, to the seat cushions, down the front of the piece of furniture and onto the skirt, if it has one. The pattern on the fabric should look continuous, even though it is on different parts of the furniture.

While looking at this floor sample, check the welt on the cushions. The welt, or cording, that runs along the edge of the cushions should always be cut on the bias. This allows for the fabric to give a little when it is sat on.

The two things that disappoint furniture buyers the most are poor fabric performance and cushions that lose their shape prematurely.

Look closely at the fiber content. Many fabrics are rated for their wearability with a low, moderate or high rating. The fabric is put through tests that count how many "double rubs" it takes to show wear.

Ask the furniture salesperson for information on the wearability rating for the fabric you are interested in.

Make smart fabric color choices, too. Darker colors with patterns will be more forgiving to an active family than pale colors or solids.

When you are looking at seat cushions for a sofa or chair, find out if the manufacturer offers you upgrades.

If you can order a seat cushion with springs, wrapped with down feathers and then a layer of fiberfill, you will have a comfortable piece of furniture that will retain its shape for years to come. This is an upgrade worth every penny.

Look for eight-way, hand-tied springs in the frame of your upholstered piece of furniture. This method of fabrication allows for even distribution of weight, great resiliency and shape retention.

Many of the items mentioned aren't readily visible to the furniture shopper.

An informed salesperson is a must while making these costly purchases. And ask to see any literature that the furniture manufacturer may have provided that gives detailed information on its product line.

NON-UPHOLSTERED ITEMS

When buying case goods (non-upholstered items) such as dressers, desks and end tables, look for quality hardwoods used throughout the piece.

All drawers should be glued and dovetailed. Avoid plastic drawer tracks and stapled drawer bottoms. These will surely fall apart.

The back sides of these case goods should also have a finished look. Real wood should be used

to finish the back sides, and no staples here either.

Dressers should have dust covers between the drawers, and the drawers should glide effortlessly in place.

BUDGET

To achieve all of the goals of quality furniture, you may be out of your allotted budget. Choose some of the more important elements of quality furniture and analyze how you will be using the piece.

For example, a bedroom dresser will get more daily use than a hall chest would in a foyer. It's perfectly fine to buy for looks and a good price in the foyer, and save up for something with more quality in the bedroom where it will get continuous use.

I encourage you to shop at furniture stores that sell quality furniture. Take the time to compare different quality features and pricing. Check out the manufacturer warranties as well as the warranties offered by the furniture store.

This is an area of shopping where doing your homework and taking your time will be worth all of the effort.

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Testing of front loaders

A few weeks ago, I informed you that I would be buying a new front load Maytag Neptune washer and dryer and reporting back to you what we thought of their performance.

I say "we" because my darling Valorie will be playing a big role in what I report to you.

All of this comes about because I have been bad-mouthing Maytag and all front loaders for the past six years, and please don't for a minute think that a manufacturer

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

approached me to test their products. They aren't that smart!

This all came about because I have close friends in Chelsea who have been selling Maytag products since 1928.

They have gone through their own little hell with the Neptune washer, and swear to me that the problems of the past are all corrected and it is now a terrific product.

I trust my friends like family, but I just can't say Maytag Neptunes are good; I must test them.

The telephone calls and e-mails received from consumers who want to tell me about their past problems total around 20,

and I must say I've heard them all before.

I can't do anything for you when the manufacturer doesn't meet your expected obligations. I've complained for years how poorly they perform on the aspect of customer satisfaction.

How do they correct this problem? Just read my column of a few weeks ago, when I announced that all manufacturers of major appliances have cut off the warranties on all components of a product at the one-year mark.

No more warranty, folks, on items such as the compressor of your refrigerator, the transmission on the washer — everything ends at the one-year mark.

Let me put it to you in understandable English: "We are losing a lot of money repairing our products which are simply not built with the quality of yesterday. We no longer care about what you think of us, and your brand loyalty is a thing of the past. We will now be selling service contracts at an ever-increasing rate and make a lot of money doing so."

Sorry, I have to stop here and go back to testing my new washer and dryer. Please keep in mind that these products are replacing a 30-year-old washer and dryer, and we expect changes in performance.

Noticeable after installation is the appearance, which has brought our laundry room up to the 21st century.

Gosh, they look good with all

sorts of little lights that come on across the panel, curves built into the cabinets — excuse me, it's just a washer and dryer. The younger generation would say, "The appearance rocks."

Valorie had several towels ready to go for the first test wash, and the No. 1 lesson was using the proper amount of detergent.

In the washer we received a free sample of Tide, the soap that consumers are told they need to use from now on. I don't believe this yet. I'm going to use our regular soap and make sure to use a very small amount, or I'm told I'll have suds up to the ceiling. Is it possible that the Tide soap package already in the washer, supplied by Tide, is an advertising gimmick? Do you think that Tide pays Maytag or Maytag pays Tide? Something going on here.

OK, the soap's in a dispenser and I like the system, it's very easy. The washer begins to fill and is set for medium wash and cold rinse. It is so quiet during the fill cycle and then the wash cycle is just as quiet. (Talk about quiet, this is it!) My rating on sound level is A-plus.

I hope you'll tune in my next column for my viewpoints on this washer. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on WAAM-AM (1600) at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28.

Vintage on view

Show offers collectible apparel, jewelry

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Collectible baubles are one thing. Antiques you can wear and use are another.

And there will be plenty of wearable items from the past on hand at the Bloomfield Hills Antique Jewelry & Vintage Apparel Show.

In its fourth year, the annual event draws antique jewelry and clothing dealers from the tri-state area and New York.

This year's show, which is scheduled Saturday at the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills, showcases items, most of which are wearable, from 38 dealers.

"We cover the gamut from the 1900s on," said Eric Olbrich, owner

of W & D Promotions, which organizes the event. "And we cater to the novices, the collectors and people who attend just for curiosity."

Vintage men's clothing and accessories will be available, in addition to women's apparel and jewelry.

Attendees may bring collectibles for appraisal, sale and trade, as well.

Local participating dealers include Paris Antiques of Royal Oak and Mother Fletcher's of Ferndale.

As with all collectibles and fashion, the trends are ever changing. Vintage eye wear, furs and items from the '50s and '60s are the hottest selling antiques right now, said Olbrich.

TRENDS OF OLD

- **What:** Bloomfield Hills Antique Jewelry & Vintage Apparel Show.
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 13.
- **Where:** Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.
- **Tickets:** Adults, \$5; children under age 12, free.
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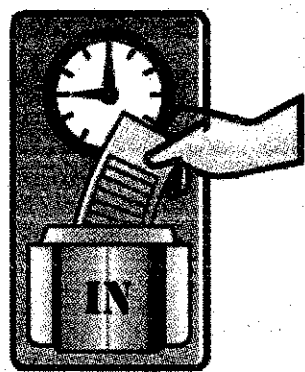
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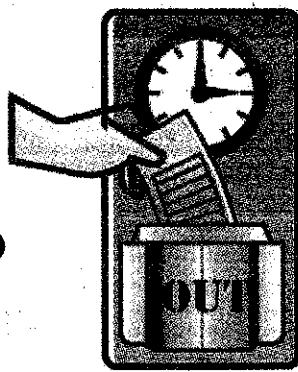
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of your family's constantly
changing e-mail addresses and
phone numbers!)

JotSpot Family includes a
family directory, calendar (great
for scheduling birthday parties
and other events), recipe list and
birthday list. It also lets family
members post photos, compile a
family tree, and even contribute
to a blog. I especially like the
option to send an e-mail to all
family members at once. My
only complaint with JotSpot is
its limited mapping feature, but
otherwise it's a great way to con-
gregate in cyberspace.

SPORTSVITE

I've been trying to find a soft-
ball league for, oh, about five
years. I'd just about given up
hope when I discovered
Sportsvite (sportsvite.com), a
new matchmaking service that
connects players with other
players, teams with other teams.

Just sign up (it's free), create a
profile, and indicate the kinds of
sports you like: archery, bowl-
ing, lacrosse, yoga – even chess
and poker are among the choices.

From there you can search for
nearby teams and players, invite
others to pickup games, create a
team of your own, and so on.

Alas, because Sportsvite is re-
latively new, few players have
registered in my area, and I've
yet to find a local softball team I
can join.

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PANCAKES

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fruit.

Replacing some of the less nutritious white flour with whole-grain wheat flour is another health bonus.

Whole-wheat pastry flour, found in many supermarkets, gives a better result than regular whole-wheat flour. Its milder flavor tastes better than the whole-wheat flour most commonly found, which is mainly for bread-making. Whole-wheat pastry flour also produces a more tender result. For the same reason, look for buttermilk made without additives, just from milk and enzymes. Fat-free, light, or regular will be equally good.

BERRY SURPRISE PANCAKES

1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
 1/2 cup whole-wheat pastry flour

1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 cups buttermilk
 1 large egg
 1 large egg white
 8 ounces fresh blueberries
 1 small container fresh raspberries (about 1 cup)
 1 pound strawberries, hulled and cut up
 Sugar (preferably superfine), to taste
 Canola oil spray

In a mixing bowl, whisk together the all-purpose and whole-wheat flours, baking soda and salt. In a small bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, egg and egg white until blended. Pour liquid ingredients into dry ones, whisking just until blended. (Do not overmix, some small lumps are fine.) Stir in the blueberries. Set batter aside.

In a blender or food processor, purée raspberries and strawberries until smooth. Taste and, if too tart, gradually add sugar, 1/2

teaspoon at a time, until lightly sweetened. Transfer to a serving bowl and set aside.

Spray a large griddle or frying pan with canola oil spray. Heat until hot over medium-high heat. Using a 1/4 measuring cup, pour batter into pan, making 4-inch pancakes.

Cook until tiny bubbles appear on top of pancakes and bottoms are lightly browned, 3 to 4 minutes.

Turn and cook until pancake resists when pressed lightly in the center and bottoms are lightly browned.

Serve immediately with the puréed berries for a topping.

Makes 6 servings or 24 pancakes. Per serving: 245 calories, 4 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 44 g. carbohydrate, 10 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 404 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy* and recipe creator for American Institute for Cancer Research's Stopping Cancer Before It Starts.

ENTERTAINING

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ideal for entertaining, as functional and comfortable as it is spectacular and spacious. It incorporates practical and esthetic details.

The house was built by taking down a pre-existing house to two walls. The Levins improved upon elements they liked from their Southfield home, with family gatherings and other types of entertaining in mind.

"Everything we did here was based on the other home and our needs with what we do," Anna Levin said.

"We have a very large family and we are the nucleus."

The public has a special invitation to see the residence, as it is featured on House Tour 2006, presented by Temple Israel Sisterhood.

"We look for homes that would be interesting for people to see, whether because of collections, the architecture ... Sometimes it's because of the decorating," said Beverley Volgin, who is co-chairing the event with Janie Roth.

Reasons this residence is interesting include that it is the first "bigfoot" house in the subdivision, and is so wheelchair accessible, she said.

PLANNING

Planning the Levin home took one year, and building took another 15 months.

The project was another family affair. The builder was David Plautz of Crest Building Company of Clarkston.

Toby and Amanda Fraifogl of Studio Fraifogl of Clarkston were responsible for the interior design (cabinetry, moldings and lighting), decorating and furniture.

Carol Plautz of Frames N Art of Clarkston reframed all the art works to match the new interiors.

Carol is David Plautz's wife. Amanda is David's daughter, and Toby - who is also an architect - is Amanda's husband.

For the Levins, an entertainment-friendly home includes wheelchair accessible features, plenty of handy storage space, and lots of room for cooking for large groups.

Among the beauty of the house are the many family heirlooms, collections and art works on display; and such elements as the hand-scraped, random-planked Brazilian cherry wood floors.

The residence also contains a library with detailed cherry wood cabinets and molding, antique brass hardware and sconces, and a large partners desk with a granite top; and a wood-paneled, mirrored elevator that has a ceramic floor.

A bedroom on the upper level was removed to make a two-story foyer with window landings. The deep yellow of the walls is picked up in the pattern of the rug at the door and on the stairs.

GREAT ROOM

Groupings of chairs, sofas and tables in the great room designate the dining area, two conversational areas and game area. Indirect fluorescent lighting is around the perimeter of the room. A large circular window crowns the row of windows at one end.

Toby Fraifogl designed the large white entertainment unit - built on site - that houses a TV, DVD/VCR and fireplace.

Sixteen people can sit at the dining table. The molding on the nearby long wall was designed to fit around the framed works on display, Salvador Dali's *Alice in Wonderland* series.

Recently, 55 Passover guests were served in the great room. The room can seat 34 people without furniture being moved, and more than 60 after slight rearrangements are made.

Extra tables and other supplies are stored behind one wall, accessed by a hidden door.

"I don't really change the room that much, I just shift it a little," Levin said.

COOKING

Features in the kitchen - which itself is large enough for entertaining - include a farm sink, a walk-in pantry, a coffered ceiling, two skylights, cherry cabinets with pewter hardware, and a wine rack under a marble-topped island.

The doorway, 4 feet wide,

allows two people carrying trays to go through at the same time without having to turn sideways.

The microwave and many of the cabinets were placed lower for Anna's benefit. (The same consideration went into designing the his and her vanities in the master bathroom; Anna's is lower than Yale's.)

"I'm a short person so for me this is fine," she said.

When extra cooking room is needed, as it was for the recent holiday, the Levins use the kitchen in the garage, which contains a six-burner gas stove, a commercial exhaust fan, and a double stainless steel commercial sink with an overhead spray and drain boards. Utility tables are added for more work space.

"Passover has so many different dishes it's better to keep it all here," Levin said.

The step at the doorway can be removed, exposing a motorized lift for wheelchairs.

OTHER FEATURES

Such wheelchair accessible elements as 3-foot-wide doors and space for a 5-foot turning radius are found throughout the home. An example is the downstairs powder room, where a wheelchair can easily fit under the sink. The powder room is also an example of the stylish elements in the house, including a wood-stained railing, white plantation shades at the large window, and a custom-made mirror by Frames N Art. Walls are terra-cotta with a hint of rouge, and the ceiling and molding are white.

The porch is paneled in cedar and has a ceiling fan. It also has screens that can be raised and lowered electrically.

A larger basement was added to the original basement area. The addition has a higher ceiling, and houses five video arcade games for the grandchildren.

The Levins have been living in the home since July. It has been the setting for a variety of different events since then, including a reception with 110 people. Nine events took place there in a period of three months.

"We built it to have fun," Anna Levin said.

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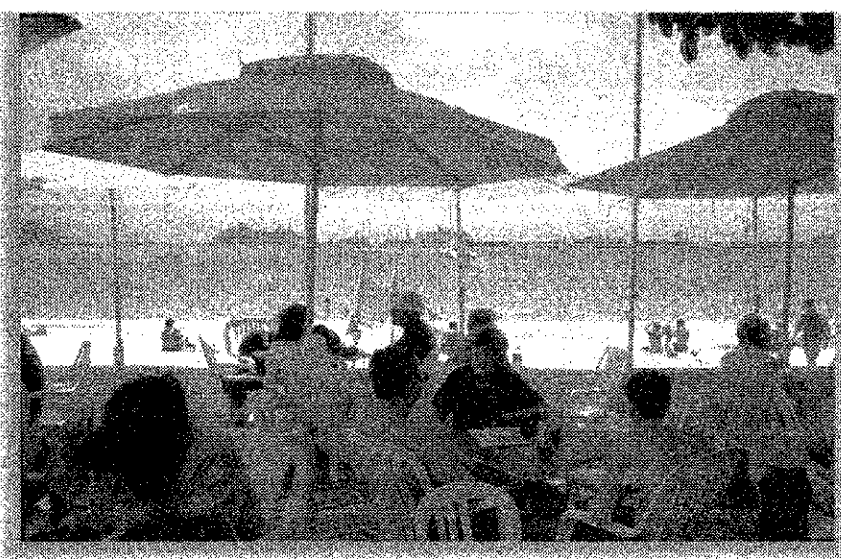
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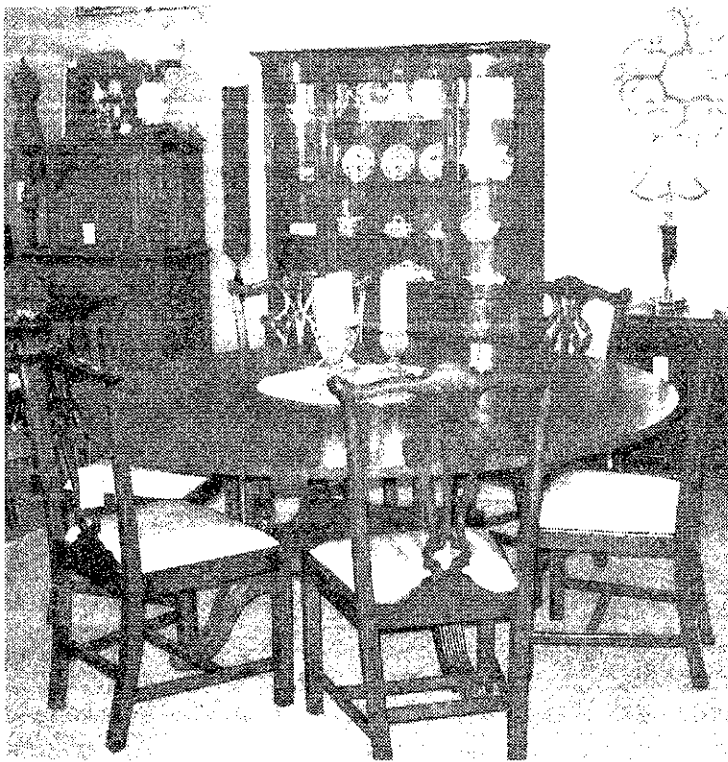
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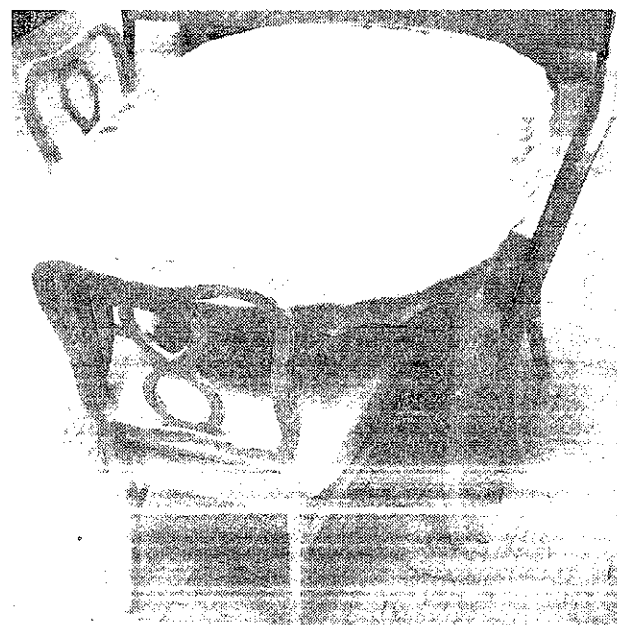
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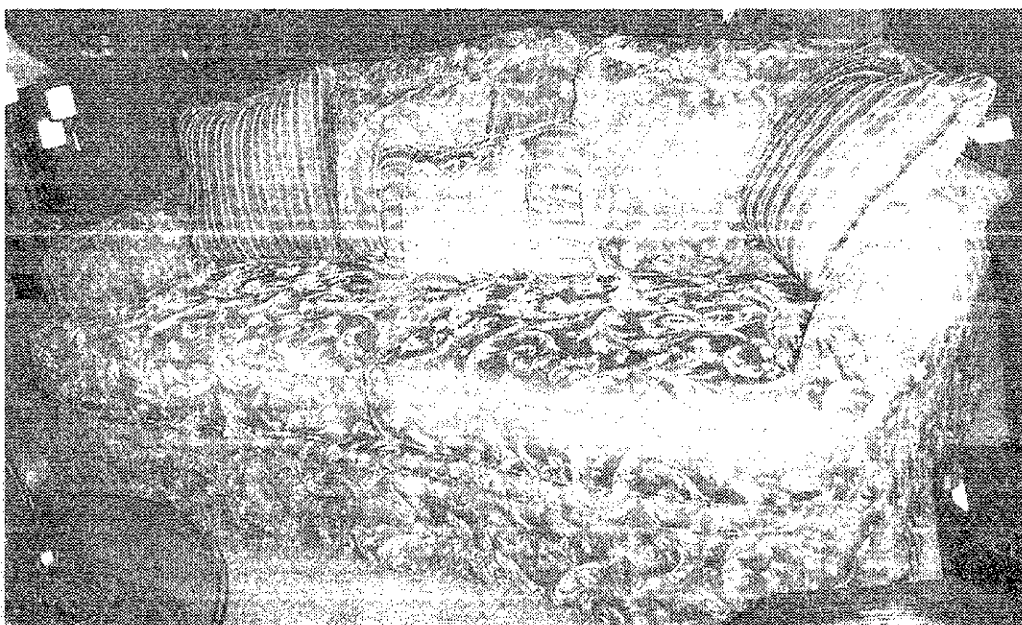
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This beautiful sofa offers a traditional look with current colors & patterns. The mixed patterns of the pillows provide the perfect finish.



This lovely triple dresser was hand painted by Michigan artist, Anne McDonald. The artist started with a French Wash Faux finish, but it is the fine detail of the Hydrangeas that make this item one of a kind. This dresser can be complimented with matching pieces.

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You're Wearing That?

How mothers
and daughters
relate

By Wensdy White
Mother's Day doesn't always mean tulips, tea and Hallmark cards. Many moms and their adult daughters don't get along, and interacting — even on the holiest of matriarchal holidays — leaves them feeling drained, strained and criticized. According to best-selling author and linguist Deborah Tannen, much of the conflict is rooted in misunderstanding. Tannen explores language and perception in her most recent book, *You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation*. A Brooklyn native, Tannen graduated from Wayne State University in 1970 with a master's degree in English. She is returning to Metro Detroit to speak at a program hosted by *Metro Parent Magazine* and sponsored by Providence Hospital. PINK caught up with Tannen to find out more:

What can people expect at your talk tonight?

I always talk about what some of the main sources of conflict are and what you can do about it. I love it when mothers and daughters come to my talks together.

What's surprising to people is that the talk is funny. Even though the topic is serious, people recognize themselves in the anecdotes and it's a very reassuring feeling.

Will you have a special message for Mother's Day?

Mother's Day is a time when you want to look back and appreciate things your mother did, as well as come to terms

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Deborah Tannen

with things you may not be thrilled with. Many women tell me they adore their mother, but she drives them crazy. One woman said 'My conversations with my daughter are the best and worst of all conversations.'

It's an interesting thing, we want our mother or daughter to see us for who we are, or who we think we are, but we often see them falling short of who we think they should be. It's two sides of the same coin.

How do "the big three" — hair, clothes and weight — factor into mother-daughter conflicts?

Women are judged by appearance. A mother wants everything to go the best possible for her daughter, so she wants her to look her best. A little might be selfish — if she doesn't look good, the mother will be blamed.

We never tell other women we don't like their hairstyle or their clothing, but the mother feels she has an obligation.

Can you talk about another source of conflict?

One woman told me she really wished her daughter would call more, but she and her daughter were in the caring/criticism conundrum, which is covered in the book ... it's the idea that caring and

criticizing can be expressed in the same words. Mothers tell me they are just trying to be helpful, but daughters take everything the wrong way.

A solution would be for the mother to hold back more, offer praise, tell your daughter you admire her, are proud of her and know she's making a good decision. Then, she'll be more likely to call.

What about mothers and daughters who don't talk enough?

We often expect from our mothers and our daughters a kind of best friend, and best friends have conversations, or 'rapport talk,' where you talk about your problems. If you don't get it from your mother or daughter you can feel like something's missing.

You say e-mail can help?

Yes, one of the challenges many mothers of adult daughters feel is they want to be in contact, but they don't want to call too much or be intrusive. Their daughter's busy and they don't want to call at the wrong time so they wait.

The mother can feel like a wallflower, nobody's calling. The daughter can feel a constant obligation. E-mail is a good solution for keeping in touch. You can write it when you are in the mood and have

time, and the person opening it can read it when they are in the mood and have time.

How come fathers and sons don't face the same problems?

Women tend to talk more, while sons and fathers often try to create connections more by doing things. Also appearance issues come up a lot more with daughters than sons.

Do these issues often emerge when the daughter becomes a teenager?

Yes, this is the one time it all really explodes. The teenager starts pushing her mother away, and it can be really, really hurtful knowing there's things going on in her life that she's not sharing.

And what about when the daughter leaves the nest?

Marriage could make things better or worse. Better because the mother's not worried about her, she's settled down — or worse if she doesn't approve of the relationship.

How do things change when women have children of their own?

It can get both better or worse, better because now you have something in common to focus on that's outside of both of you, a reason to be in touch frequently.

If mothers want to be helpful, this is a way they can really be helpful and enjoy it very much. But sometimes it can actually bring back some negative impressions because if being critical or too fussy is an issue, for example, it can come up again with grandchildren.

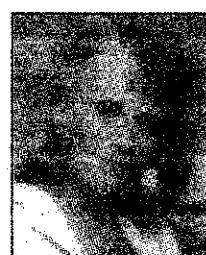
Are you looking forward to coming back to Detroit?

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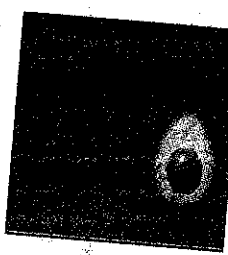
pink picks

By Wendie Osborne



In honor of Mother's Day, PINK Editor Wensdy White's mom shares her Picks with PINK.

Hear It!
Pearl Jam's new album



DVD It!
The Birdcage

Read It!
The 'Prey' series of books by John Sandford

Drink It!
White Chocolate Mocha from Caribou Coffee

Eat It!
Dannon Activia yogurt every morning



Indulge It!
Hot fudge sundaes from Big Boy

Use It!
Mr. Clean Magic Eraser



Experience It!
Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, June 23-25 in Howell, or for the adventurous, the Easy Riders Motorcycle Festival, Aug. 18-20 in Fowlerville — not for the faint of heart!

Do It!
The best thing for me is playing with my two new grandchildren!

Wendie Osborne, mom of three, lives and works in Howell. We love you mom!

Kick It!

High wedge sandals — if they have straps you can actually walk in them!

Accessorize It!
Rings, rings, rings

Face It!

Cover Girl Liquid Makeup and Pressed Powder, the old standbys

Nail It!

Revlon ColorStay Nail Enamel

Tan It!

Jergen's Natural Glow

Smell It!

Cashmere Mist by Donna Karan

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Victorian Rose Tea

Toast to motherhood during a Mother's Day Victorian Tea at the Victorian Rose in Rochester on Saturday, May 13. Four-course tea times at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. feature a Tea and Etiquette talk by Barbara Guley of Barb's TEA Shop. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 652-8595.

Victorian Tea at the Whitney

Don a hat for Victorian Tea at the Whitney to benefit Autoimmune Disease Research 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Includes lunch, sweets, silent auction, raffle, and a chance to meet the Civil War First Family of Michigan. Wear hats or Victorian apparel to compete for prizes. Tickets, \$30-\$55, are available at (586) 776-3900 or www.aarda.org.

Born on Mother's Day?

If your birthday is May 14, visit Maggie's at the Vineyards in Farmington Hills, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 13, for a chance to win an indulgent prize. The first 10 birthday girls will get a chocolate strawberry rose bouquet, and gift certificate for a chocolate-infused facial from Dr. Ellen. Call (248) 227-8702.

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5. Never stop learning. Your brain is like a muscle — the more you use it the stronger it will be. Challenge your brain daily with a crossword puzzle, a foreign language, chess or problem-solving at work.



- 6. Keep tabs on your time.** Maintain a busy schedule, but be organized. Have the day and week planned out as this will help you avoid anxiety-producing circumstances.
- 7. Prioritize.** Everyone has problems, but don't get overwhelmed with finances or personal conflict. Solve one problem at a time, tackling the most difficult one first. Don't ignore health problems.
- 8. Spice it Up.** Routines are fine, but it's important to challenge yourself too. Plan something to look forward to, like climbing a mountain, building an addition on your home, traveling to an exotic place, changing jobs or helping the underprivileged. Change makes us interesting

and fun to talk to, and that makes us happy.

- 9. Become a Social Butterfly.** Be sociable, but don't get obsessed with what others think of you. Remember, everyone is not going to love you or approve of you. Don't spend your life worrying about what others think. Be comfortable with yourself and all will fall into place.
- 10. Think Positive.** Mental health has a tremendous effect on physical health. The optimist always does better than the pessimist in combating disease.

Source: Dr. Benjamin Treadwell's "Feel Younger Formula."