

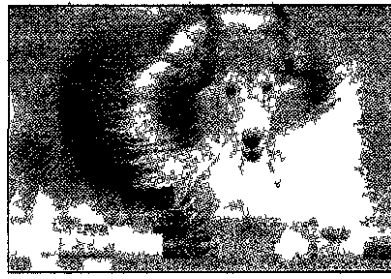
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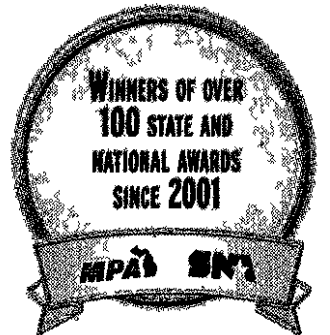
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Kathy Meyers and her dog, Whitey took part in the Central Middle School pet contest, for which voting ended Thursday for 26 pets in an effort by the student council to raise money for the homeless

Central contest goes to dogs - or doves

Pets compete to help students raise money for the homeless

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The drama is building as this week students at Central Middle School will find out who really is the teacher's pet

Students campaigned hard for the pets who are running for the distinguished honor, with the real goal of raising money for the homeless

Nearly half the teachers entered the contest. Among the entries: Gandalf, a former magician's dove currently living at Central in Gail McMahon's room, Cherise Rose's mastiff, Tyson, and Lynette Wehner's hedgehog, Pickles



A variety of pets scrambled for votes in Central Middle School's pet contest fund-raiser to help the homeless

PLEASE SEE PETS, A2

2nd time the charm for local student on SAT

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Willa Chen is like most other 13-year-olds. The East Middle School eighth-grader likes to chat online with her friends and watch *American Idol* on television

Chorus is her favorite subject at school because there's no homework and you can just sing all day. And, she takes dance classes for enjoyment and participates in Chinese language classes to embrace her heritage

However, the similarities with other teenagers just may end there

Chen, who lives in Canton Township, scored a perfect 1600 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) college entrance exam in January, as part of the Midwest Academic Talent Search sponsored by Northwestern University

"I thought I probably got



Chen

something wrong," said Willa of the two-part test consisting of math and verbal skills

"There were a few problems that confused me at first, but I solved them. I really surprised myself because I don't feel smart or anything"

That may seem like a peculiar statement from a student who last year took the SAT and scored 1550, and achieved a 35 out of 36 on the ACT test

According to The College Board, which administers the SAT, last year only 939 high school graduates received a top score among the more than 1.4 million students who took the test. That translates to only .066 percent

Willa's dad, Kevin, was the first to see the perfect score when he

checked the SAT Web site. He immediately called his wife, Ling

"He asked if I was sitting down, and then told me," said Ling Chen. "It took me a while to realize it. I always thought she was smart, but not a perfect score"

To some, Willa's success on the SAT isn't a total surprise. She began reading when she was 3 years old, is a straight-A student - except for one B in an elementary school gym class - and has won several distinguished awards in statewide math competitions

Her science teacher at East, Jan Coratti, said Willa is an all-round student

"Willa is very serious about her studies and is very focused," said Coratti. "She asks questions to make sure it's clear in her mind, and the product she produces is always way beyond expectation. She has an outstanding sense of humor, and when she takes on a

task gives 100 percent"

Willa said she's not sure which college she wants to attend, and isn't even certain about a career, yet

"When I was little I wanted to write for the *Observer*," said Willa, who enjoys reading and writing. "But, I can't decide, any more"

At 10, without her parents' knowledge, Willa wrote a Mother's Day poem that was published in the *Observer*. "It was the best Mother's Day gift I ever had," said Ling Chen. Unfortunately for Willa, the perfect SAT score doesn't count and she'll have to re-take the test again in her junior year of high school for college admissions applications

In anticipating the astronomical odds of getting another perfect score, Willa said, "I guess I'll just have to say I did worse"

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BellaVino in Plymouth is going out of business after more than 20 years serving the community

Market closes on area grocer

After 20 years and various styles, winery shuts doors

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Kathy Grodus was leaving BellaVino on Ann Arbor Road Thursday afternoon with a couple of bags of groceries for dinner. However, that's not too unusual for the Canton Township woman, who has patronized the store since it opened 11 years ago

"I come here every day," said Grodus. "It's clean and the meats and fruits are always fresh. It's like shopping where everyone is your friend"

Unfortunately, Grodus is an anomaly. BellaVino is closing its doors for good in about a week because there weren't enough customers like her

"I'm so upset about this, it's like a loss," added Grodus. "It's going to be a big loss for Plymouth"

Jim and Mark Tanski, brothers who co-own BellaVino, have taken the store from its original concept of a produce vendor called Roadside Market to a full-service grocery store renamed Plymouth Marketplace, to its current focus as a winemaker and retailer, which cost them about \$200,000 in renovations in an effort to compete with the big box stores

"We just kept trying to make it work, but couldn't make it go," Jim Tanski said of the decision to close,

PLEASE SEE MARKET, A4

School board extends superintendent pact

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan has been given a one-year contract extension by the Board of Education

Ryan, who was handed the interim superintendent title in July 2002 and a three-year contract for the permanent position six months later, had his contract extended until July 2007

"It gives me more time to address issues in the district," said Ryan. "I don't know if we're talking about one more bond issue, but it gives me time to manage through the financial rocky road"

"The board is also trying to be more strategic, and we want to talk about leadership transition," he added

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Patterson hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district director will hold the first official office hours of 2005 for all Northville community residents, and any other interested constituents of state Senate District 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 21, at the Northville Community Library.

Patterson's district includes Plymouth, Canton and Northville. The Northville Community Library is located at 212 W. Cady in Northville.

Constituents who think they might stop by are asked to call Patterson's Lansing office, (517) 373-7350.

Museum events

The Plymouth Historical Museum marks 160 years since the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln with a program, 'April 14, 1865' at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

Historians will share stories of that fateful day during the presentation at the museum, located at Main and Church in downtown Plymouth.

Weldon Petz speaks about 'The Big Bands of the 1940s' during a presentation Thursday, May 5. Petz played with the Jimmy Dorsey Band and his own Tommy Weldon Band and Orchestra during World War II.

The program is part of a series leading up to the 60th anniversary of VE Day, May 8, 2005. The museum and the Yankee Air Force will co-host a fund-raiser Saturday, May 7, to celebrate VE Day at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Visit www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940 for details.

County honor

Stephanie Annos of Plymouth spends her time volunteering for the Wayne



Annos

Wayne County Commission honoring her as an Outstanding Young Woman.

Annos is working on a degree in dietetics and pre-medicine at Madonna

University and is a member of the Sigma Zeta math and science honor society. She also helps in the recruiting of undergraduate admission as a member of the Admissions Ambassadors club.

In addition to her volunteer work for Meals on Wheels, Annos serves as a nutritional advocate for numerous Congregate Meals at Tonquish Creek for the elderly. She serves as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

ARTFeast is a new gallery walk that not only features galleries in downtown Plymouth, but also a few off-site locations, as well.

The event takes place May 13-15 with more than 20 participating locations in and around downtown Plymouth.

It will feature art, music and food. The first-time event includes galleries and shops in downtown Plymouth, and will also feature the new Glassworks studio, the Plymouth Community Arts Council gallery and the Village Potters Guild.

Artists will be present for the Friday, May 13 opening from 6-9 p.m., some artists will be

available for the entire weekend. The event runs 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 15.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

Stylish stepping

First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence, will be looking for support when its annual 'Stepping Out in Style' fund-raiser takes place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at Parsian Laurel Park Place.

The event, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi, includes private shopping, discounts of 20 percent and more, live entertainment, free food and drinks and a raffle featuring a \$500 shopping spree and a \$500 cash prize.

Parsian Laurel Park Place is located near I-275 and 6 Mile. Tickets are available in advance by contacting the Zonta Club, (734) 414-0553, or they're also available at the door.

Toning seminar

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts 'Toning, Energizing and Stretching' at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Guest speaker for the event will be Maureen Frisbie. Newcomers are always welcome, refreshments following the meeting.

The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Arthritis talk

The Plymouth Cultural Center plays home to a

seminar at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 for people of any age who want to remain active and pain-free into their senior years.

Dr. Nicole Whitehead appears for the free seminar, which focuses on what contributes to arthritis, nutrition for healthy joints and how to prevent arthritis.

To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Chili and baskets

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its third-annual Chili Cook Off and Basket Auction at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19.

The family event is open to the public and all proceeds raised will go to support Salvation Army missions in 109 countries worldwide.

Cooks well-known for their recipe or crafters who are creative in 'basket making' can call the Plymouth Salvation Army to sign up.

The Salvation Army offices, located on Main just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464 and ask for Kelly.

Cooking class

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department sponsors 'Men in the Kitchen,' a cooking class for widowers, caregivers or single men new to the kitchen.

Students will learn to create simple, fast, nutritious meals, taught by home economist Mary Beth Hausman.

Two four-week sessions are available in April and May at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

For more information, call the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

Unions picket St. John's project

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly two dozen union plumbers and electrical workers Monday morning picketed outside St. John's Golf & Conference Center at Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Plymouth Township, where an 118-room hotel is being constructed.

Union workers are dissatisfied with non-union companies that have been hired by the general contractor, Frank Rewold and Sons, Inc., of Rochester, Mich. Not so much because the non-union companies beat the union companies out of hundreds of thousands of dollars of work, but because they don't believe the non-union companies are paying union scale wages.

"They always preach on how people should be paid wages and pensions and health and insurance, and you get something like this and they don't

said Carlo Castighone, business representative for Plumbers United Association Local 98. "That's got to change."

Castighone and his counterpart, Gary Hellmer, business rep for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said nearly a dozen jobs are being affected.

"I don't feel we got a fair shake in the bidding process," said Hellmer. "Area standards are a concern."

Project manager Richard Schreck would only confirm the plumbers and electricians working on the hotel are non-union. He wouldn't elaborate on wages. Although the hotel is being constructed on property owned by the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, spokesman Richard Laskos said, "The building is being built by a group of private investors. The Archdiocese of Detroit has no financial interest in the building."

PETS

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However, others - with a Chinese dragon and Pokemons - created fictitious pets.

"It's good for kids to learn to help the community and help others," said Jenn Lipscomb, an eighth-grader from Canton Township who campaigned hard for her Welsh springer spaniel, Quincey. "It's always good to help others because it's hard on them."

Students colored posters, put together buttons and made up campaign slogans - 'Tyson eats no chicken' and 'nickels for Pickles' - to collect loose change from fellow students outside the lunch room.

"It's been a fun way to get kids to remember there are people less privileged," said Phyllis Kownacki, a student council teacher adviser whose Shitzu, Mozart, is running hard for the top honor. "It doesn't

matter whose bucket they put the money in, it's about putting money in for people who need shelter and clothing."

Roby Jarczewski, also a student council adviser, is one of the favorites with her Rottweiler, Max.

It's about teaching them now that we give every opportunity we have," she said. "We can do it with fun and silliness, but the key is that we collect for people who are less fortunate."

John Dalton, an eighth-grader from Canton Township, campaigned hard for Mrs. J and "maximum effort Max."

"It makes you feel really good inside that you're helping somebody that doesn't have what you have," said Dalton.

Last year's teachers' pet contest raised \$2,000 for homeless causes.

The teacher who collects the most money wins lunch at Panera Bread, snacks for his or her homeroom and a treat for the pet.

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National study calls St. Mary Mercy an 'elite hospital'

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Two national honors increasing patient numbers and constant equipment upgrades are the latest feats for St. Mary Mercy Hospital as it continues its evolution from community facility into top notch regional hospital.

St. Mary Mercy cares for patients everyday with serious complications, said Julie Sproul, vice president of marketing and public relations.

Now to have a third party independent national organization rate our care as one of the best compared to hospitals across the country speaks to the quality of the care our patients receive right here close to home.

The 304 bed Livonia facility received the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence and Distinguished Award for Patient Safety according to the HealthGrades, a Denver medical analysis and consulting company which examines

years of data from 4,890 hospitals across the country.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital was one of 30 U.S. hospitals to collect both honors and one of two in Michigan along with Dearborn's Oakwood Hospital. The hospital staff and community leaders will gather today March 10 to celebrate the national accolades.

St. Mary is truly an elite hospital in terms of clinical outcomes, said Todd Van Fossen, a consultant at HealthGrades. Hospitals on this list have a distinguishable higher rate of patient survival when it comes to those hospitals not on the list.

HealthGrades analyzed treatment of 28 medical procedures and diagnoses including stroke, heart attack and pneumonia. St. Mary Mercy was among the top 5 percent in the nation based on low rates of complications and mortality, earning the award for clinical excellence.

The hospital was among the top 2 percent in the nation in patient safety and low rates of

medical errors, garnering the award for patient safety.

We're looking for hospitals who perform at a high level, Van Fossen said. We use their examples to consult other hospitals to help them improve their care and services.

The recent honors are a culmination of numerous management and care improvement initiatives at St. Mary Mercy, said hospital president and CEO David Spivey. Those initiatives were fueled by analysis of each step of a patient's treatment at the hospital.

For example, he noted the hospital's effort to improve care for stroke patients in 2001. To diagnose such patients and direct them to treatment as soon as possible, St. Mary's engaged in a comprehensive program that coordinated numerous hospital departments - from the emergency room to the radiology staff to the pharmacy.

That was a great example of how we all came together to improve care for our patients.



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Dr. Michael Branger and clinical nurse specialist Shirley Grahek go over a chart at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Spivey said. We're all engaged in working together as a team, and that teamwork mentality is improving our patient care.

Recently the hospital enhanced treatment for cardiac and cancer patients and added magnetic resonance

imaging (MRI) equipment. In 2004, the hospital treated 42,126 emergency room patients, conducted 9,088 surgeries, tended to 151,554 outpatient treatments and 13,306 were admitted for inpatient care.

Most patients come from Livonia, Westland, Northville, Novi, Plymouth Canton, Redford, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

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Trips, jewelry among auction highlights

Anyone whose been looking for somewhere to wear their pearls and jewelry has a chance next weekend courtesy of the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The PCAC holds its annual auction this year themed Artful Affair: Year of Pearls and Black Satin, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 19, at the Schoolcraft Vis-Tech Center in Livonia.

The event is the PCAC's annual dinner, auction, fund-raiser and promises an evening full of entertainment, dancing, cuisine and company.

It's going to be a lot of fun, said Leslie Greenstein, art education director for the PCAC. We've got six travel opportunities this year. Maybe the cold has settled in for everyone and we're looking for somewhere to go to get in out of the cold.

\$50,000 from the dinner auction, traditionally the organization's biggest fund-raiser.

Channel 6 will provide the live entertainment. Members of the University of Michigan Friars Glee Club will also serenade auction goers.

Among the travel opportunities open for bid will be trips to Puerto Vallarta and Indian Shores, Fla., where condominiums await a trip for two to Puerto Rico including airfare, a four-day, three-night stay at the Ritz Carlton and a limousine ride to the Bacardi distillery for a VIP tour, or a five-day, four-night Mystery Destination to any where in the continental 48 states. Flight vouchers and hotel included.

Sports items available for auction include Pistons tickets for games against the Los Angeles Clippers or Boston Celtics, and tickets to six at the

Big House watching U-M play Penn State preceded by a tailgate luncheon prepared by Lite Catering.

Other featured items include a wide variety of jewelry packages for youth including toys and camp sets, an assortment of dining experiences, fine art (pottery, prints, paintings and photography) and home decor including tables, wool rugs and a complete room makeover.

People interested in bidding but who can't attend can still get a shot at items by stopping at the PCAC by Wednesday, March 16.

Tickets are \$85 per person and tables of eight are available. For reservations, e-mail Tina Barbero at tbarbero@plymoutharts.com or call her at (734) 416-4278. The Schoolcraft Vis-Tech Center is located at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia.

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C
William "Bill" E Chickering 82, died March 11
Daniel Clifford, of Canton died March 5
James J. Crowe, 77, died March 7

E
Donald Howard Ellis 71 of Summerfield, Fla., died March 9

H
George Mooris Haley of Westland died March 4
Charles R. Hanson 73, of Royal Oak died March 7
Virginia M. Hymes, of Livonia died March 8

K
Carol Ann Kwasky of Livonia, died March 1

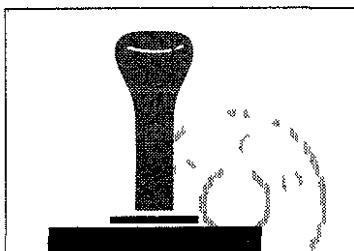
L
Dale Richard Logan, 54 of Marysville, Ohio, formerly of Livonia died March 10

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Alma Aleata Marsack, 76 of Livonia, died March 10
Agnes (Hart) Marsalese, of Redford Township, died March 4
Elizabeth B. McNamara 89, died March 7
John A. Mehock 59 died March 5
Daniel G. Myers 73 of Westland died March 7
Jeanne Lynn Milligan (nee Art) 50 of Plymouth, died March 8

P
Kathleen Marie Phelps 49 of Rochester Hills, died March 10

Q
A. Patricia Query 85 of Farmington, died March 3

S
Carol Ann Savage of Canton Township, died March 4
Sister Mary Patrice Sinnott, RSM, 87, died March 8
Mike Smart, 56, died March 7



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Lillian E. Symons 82 of Plymouth Township, died March 10

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Dorothy A. Thorne 69, of Barryton, died March 5

V
Peter A. Ventura, 95 of Livonia, died Feb. 26
Robert P. Vollmer 79 of Plymouth, died March 6

POLICE BLOTTER

Formula arrest
A Trenton man was detained last week after allegedly trying to steal eight cans of baby formula from the Plymouth Kroger. The suspect was observed by Kroger loss-prevention employees stuff the formula under his jacket. When one employee approached and identified herself he threw her to the ground. Her partner also tried to subdue the man but the suspect broke free, fled into the parking lot and then left in a vehicle. That vehicle was later stopped in Trenton and the passenger was identified as the Kroger suspect. Plymouth Township Police then traveled to Trenton to take the suspect into custody.

Handbag heist
A woman parked and locked her

car on the west side of the parking lot at the Bally's on Ann Arbor Road then came back to find the passenger window smashed and a handbag containing all of her personal items had been stolen.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period March 2-8:

- Tuesday March 8 - Residential rescue run on Northville Road
- Monday March 7 - Vehicle fire on Ann Arbor Road residential rescue runs on Filmore on Greenview on Maria on Ann Arbor Trail on Elmhurst, on Garland and on Northville Road rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road carbon monoxide detector run on Northern vehicle accident with wash-down on northbound I-275 at Hines Drive
- Sunday, March 6 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty on Newporte on Princeton on Andover and on Manton
- Saturday, March 5 - Residential rescue run on Gregory mutual aid given run on Jamestown Circle
- Friday March 4 - Rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Plymouth Road and on Ann Arbor Road residential rescue runs on Pointe Crossing, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Northville Road vehicle accident with wash-down on Plymouth Road
- Thursday March 3 - Rescue run on Cranbrook, residential rescue runs on Ross on Northville Road, on Sheridan and on Thornridge, commercial rescue run on Concept vehicle accidents at Joy and Haggerty and at Mill and Plymouth Road (with wash down)

IKEA settles dispute, is back on board

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Many people in Canton took a deep sigh of relief Friday after IKEA announced it settled a property dispute that threatened to derail plans for a 300,000-square foot super store at Ford and Haggerty roads.

The announcement came a little more than a month after officials with the Swedish furniture retail giant said they were walking away from a deal to buy the former Super Kmart site because they couldn't work out a deal for shared parking with an adjacent property owner.

According to IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth, the company completed a deal on Friday to purchase the four-acre property owned by LBS Partners, a West Bloomfield-based development company.

"We are pleased this is behind us, and excited we can move forward with IKEA Canton, which should open in April 2006," Roth said.

LBS principal partner Daniel Stern also acknowledged the sale on Friday, though he admitted selling the property, which is just west of the IKEA property, wasn't

what he intended. Given our solid relationship and future in Canton Township, and the benefits IKEA will bring to the community as a whole, we have been committed to moving forward. It was never our intention to sell this property, however, it became clear that selling the property was the only way to allow the IKEA development to proceed," Stern said in a statement released late Friday afternoon.

Neither party disclosed the details of the agreement.

Roth said the ABC Warehouse located on the four-acre parcel will not be affected by the sale. A source close to the deal said ABC Warehouse has a lease through 2015, plus three five-year options after that.

Many Canton officials felt a deal between IKEA and Stern was imminent almost two weeks ago. In fact, Supervisor Tom Yack told people attending his March 2 State of the Township address that he was almost certain the deal would get worked out.

Nonetheless, most officials were very relieved with Friday's announcement, according to Melissa McLaughlin, who is a member of both the township board

and planning commission. "We're really pleased. We've been holding our breath and crossing our fingers for the last couple weeks," she said. "We look forward to moving forward on this adventure called IKEA Canton."

McLaughlin said IKEA should come before the planning commission to submit final site plans sometime in April or early May at the latest.

In January, IKEA and the township agreed to create a planned development district for the former Super Kmart site. Plans for the massive store call for an interior showroom that will contain four interactive, full-size home displays, as well as specialty shops and a restaurant featuring Swedish meatballs and other Swedish dishes.

Canton officials believe the store will be a destination location, attracting customers from not only metro Detroit, but also from other areas of Michigan, northern Ohio and even Ontario. Currently, the closest IKEA store is in Illinois. The retailer has a total of 22 stores in the United States, and did \$1.7 billion in sales from those locations last year.

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gone down is profits. "The hardest part of closing is not seeing our customers," he added. There are customers who have shopped the store every day since we opened, and we've been to their kids' graduations, weddings and birthday parties. It's an era that our children will miss out on, the small corner store."

Cathy Prudil, shopping with her two young boys, said BellaVino has been her favorite store since moving to Plymouth in 1998.

"I really like that it's not a big chain store, that it's family owned," said Prudil, who favors the fresh fish and freshly baked breads. "It's easy for my husband to bike here when we need something for dinner. I was really sad when I saw they were closing."

Nancy Schultz, who has been a part of the Tanski's office staff since the business opened, likes to remind the co-owners that — at least on paper — she's been employed longer than they have.

"When we first opened the owners didn't draw paychecks, so I was the first one on the payroll," she said with a smile. But, after 11 years, leaving is very hard.

I thought I would retire from here, it's one of the best jobs I ever had," said Schultz, who resides in Canton. Everybody else up here is family, and I wasn't. But, they made me feel like family. It will be hard for me to find a job with people who care about me like they have."

The Tanskis have been in business in Plymouth for 20 years. Their first venture was the Cinnacraze Bakery in the CVS retail complex at Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads, which lasted from 1986 until Roadside Market was opened in 1994.

It was a big change of careers for the brothers, considering Jim graduated with a degree in chemical engineering and Mark has a degree in electrical engineering.

After BellaVino closes, the Tanskis said they will take time to reflect on their next careers.

It's a bummer, but life goes on, reflected Mark Tanski. "The horse and carriage was a great invention and then came the automobile. Mega stores is what the consumer wants today."

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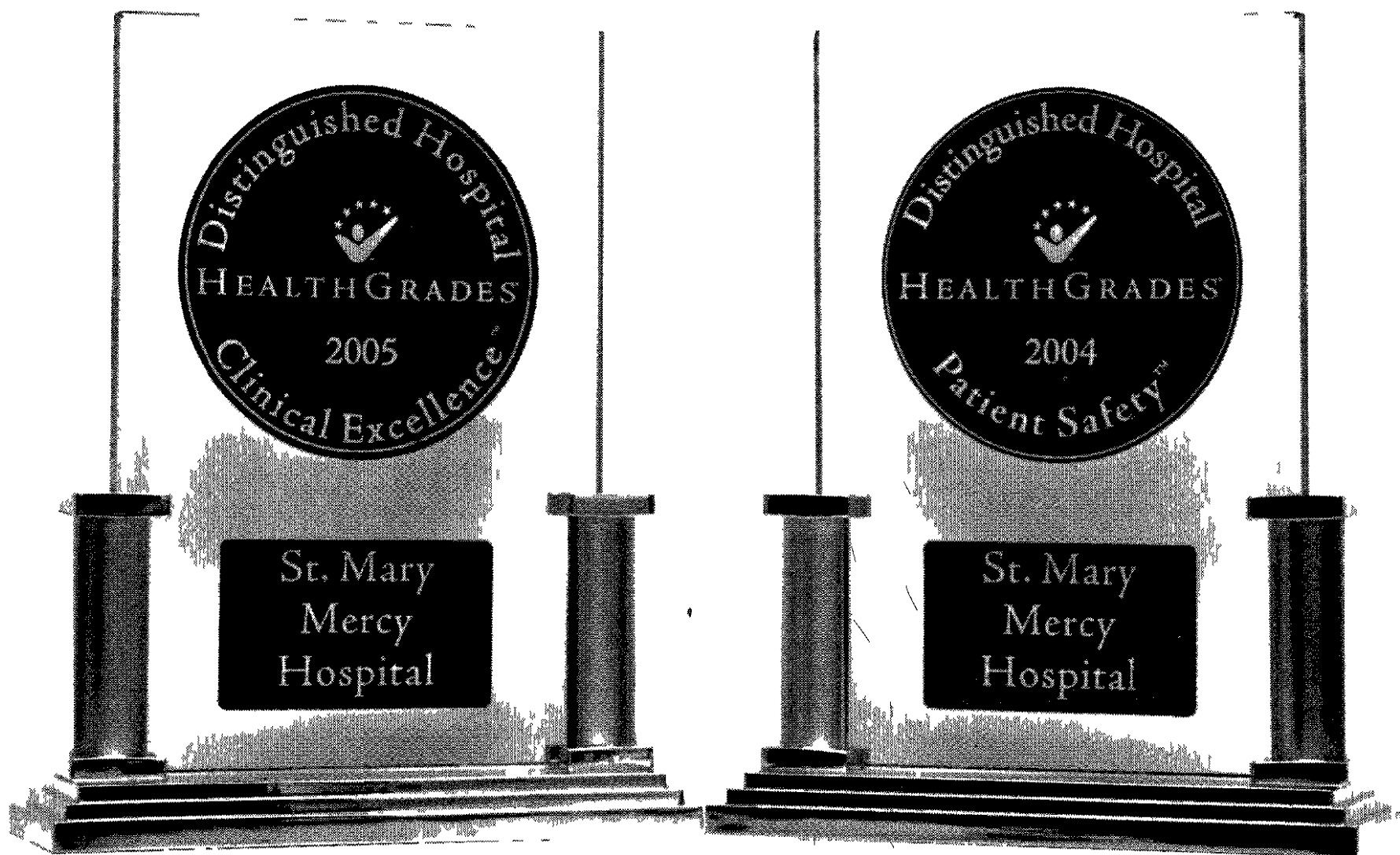
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Helen Thomas still seeking the truth after many years

For more than a half century, Helen Thomas broke through every glass ceiling the establishment put in her way. Young women weren't supposed to take off to Washington for careers in journalism. She did anyway.

Certainly no woman could expect to cover the White House. Helen, who grew up in Detroit, the daughter of working-class Lebanese parents, said thank you very much and did it anyway. She became White House bureau chief for UPI when United Press International was still a big deal.

She beat down too many men-only barriers to count and the beauty was that this was never her main goal. She wanted simply to be the best reporter she could be, and she was. Helen covered every president from John F. Kennedy to William J. Clinton, and both irritated and won the respect of all of them.

Today, she still covers the White House in a different way, she writes two syndicated columns a week. She stuck with UPI through thin and thinner until the Moonies bought it in 2000, and she drew the line at working for

the Moonies.

Last week she came to Wayne State University, her alma mater, to speak to a scholarship dinner in her honor. She told a rapt audience of budding journalists, many of them minorities and women, just how important their profession is. "Democracy dies behind closed doors," she said.

Though it may be true, as the Bible says, that "where there is no vision the people perish," Helen is quick to tell you that where there are no watchdogs, the people get screwed over. If liberals and conservatives can agree on anything these days, it ought to be that any government that does its business in secret is a government to be feared.

Governments — any and all governments — ought to be subject to as much scrutiny as possible. Next week has been proclaimed "sunshine week" by a coalition of news organizations, a week in which we both celebrate openness in government and push for more of the same.

The idea is that the people's business ought to be done in the bright sunshine of the public arena, not behind closed doors. The opposite policy, the idea that our leaders know better than we do and that we can't be trusted with the facts, was directly responsible for Vietnam.

The closed-door approach also has been responsible for a million lesser horrors on every level of government, library boards to city councils. Things are better than they used to be. Every state now has some form of open meeting law, though some have more teeth than others.

Thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA, the vast majority of public documents are open to public inspection, and federal agencies even have to help people locate specific documents they may be looking for.

Yet this still isn't good enough. As Helen Thomas warned, governments like to promise openness — and cut off access as soon as trouble appears.

States have not done a very good job of adopting policies that ensure access, said Bill Chamberlin, who studies sunshine laws at the University of Florida. He is echoed by Fred Cate, a professor of law at Indiana University, who added something most journalists know.

"States have almost never complied faithfully with their open records laws," Cate said. "You have a high degree of ignorance about the law, and a high degree of willingness to disobey the law."

That's another reason that journalists, those pesky creatures with their pointed questions, are so necessary to a free society. Thomas Jefferson once said that "eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

Journalists are the ones whom serve as the border patrol. And the bad news is that governments at all levels have used the threat of terrorism as an excuse to pinch off the public's right to know. Some states are better than others, according to a new University of Florida study on open government, Michigan is one of the most open when it comes to information.

But while the study isn't complete, Ohio now ranks as one of the six worst states for openness in the nation. It is clear that state officials are frequently not being responsive to requests for public records, Chamberlin noted.

What's needed is to be a nag. Perhaps a gentle squeaky wheel, perhaps an annoying one, but a noisy one. Helen Thomas, a columnist now, but still a reporter, is still a burr under the saddle of this administration. This president seems less willing to accept questioning than others she's covered.

That's all right, she isn't about to pull her punches, she isn't even 85 yet. Last week Ann Coulter, a particularly vicious columnist in the Joe McCarthy mode, called Helen "an old Arab" and implied she was a security risk.

That created a stir. Actually I heard about that first from Helen, and I think Ann Coulter would be horrified, I think Helen thought it was sort of funny. She is in the business of asking questions, not name-calling. Besides, when you are from Detroit, and have gone toe to toe with Richard Nixon, you don't get overly worried about a would-be intellectual bully who poses in a slit skirt.

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Leisurely walks on the beach may become a criminal offense

For three summers, we had the privilege of renting a box on a Lake Michigan beach. It was a flat-roofed, one-bedroom cottage. It was clean but somewhat rustic. It nestled into a grove of trees so well that it merely suggested its intrusion on nature.

But it wasn't the building that mattered. The cottage looked out on the endless vista of Lake Michigan from behind two sandy dunes that led down to a beach of hard sand and tall grass. It was a spectacular view and a beach made for walking.

We could walk a long way, though not without difficulty. The hard-packed sand gave way to looser patches which gave way to rock fields. Occasionally, a rivulet would impede our progress and we'd have to take off our shoes and wade into the chilly water.

Most cottages along this stretch of beach in north Michigan were at a distance behind protected dunes and sheltered from view by a mixture of evergreens and hard wood trees, but others were almost at the edge of the beach. Some were massive, ugly intrusions on the real beauty of the land. Others were plain, simple, fitting quietly into the landscape.

The house next to the box was new, large but attractive. The owners had a giddy, friendly German shepherd named Tin. He often greeted us on our walks and engaged us in a spirited round of chase the stick. He was an enthusiastic beach walker. When he was with his owners, he would often have to race back to prod them along.

This was a quiet area, though a public park was about a mile down the beach. There was never a crowd of walkers, but the cottage owners and the public beach visitors did take the opportunity to stretch their legs and invigorate their spirits with a beach walk.

This week, the Michigan Supreme Court heard a case that might, technically, threaten that opportunity to walk the beach, unless walkers stay where the water covers their feet.

The case stems from a dispute between two neighbors in Alcona County, Joan Glass and Richard Goeckel, and has escalated into a test of where public and private land begin and end on our Great Lakes beaches. Glass sued Goeckel when he wouldn't allow her on his property to walk the beach.

One side takes the position that public land extends to the high water mark on the beach; the other side says private owner

ship extends to the water's edge. Briefs by environmentalists and property rights groups have been filed supporting the different positions.

A state appeals court split the difference and ruled that the land was owned by the state but property owners had the right to keep others off the beach (and into the water).

The irony is that many beachside homeowners would be very unhappy to have their progress impeded by forcing them to wade in the water (especially in the fall and spring). In a news story, one person associated with a property rights group allowed as his wife was a great beach walker, but he still supported the position that "it's all about ownership, and we want it clear that property owners, not the state, own that land."

While it's unlikely that a court ruling in favor of the property rights groups would lead to barriers on the beaches, it would technically allow them. On Tuesday, news reports said that Justice Marilyn Kelly was concerned that ruling in favor of the property owners would make Michigan the only one of the eight Great Lakes states to compel beach walkers to stay in the water. On the other hand, Justice Clifford Taylor wondered if those with property close to the waterline might be in jeopardy of losing their property to state confiscation.

Another beach, another summer. We were walking along Lake Superior from the bed and breakfasts where we were staying. We came upon a barrier with a big sign declaring "RIPARIAN RIGHTS KEEP OUT" with a long explanation that the property owner had rights to the land down to the water and he was ready to protect them, so beat it.

We can hope for some well-reasoned, Solomon-like decision from the court that protects the rights of those lucky and rich enough to own property on our beautiful Great Lakes and also protects the rights of all of us (including those property owners) to enjoy a long walk on our treasured beaches (of which 70 percent front private property).

I suspect that even if the court rules that property rights extend to the water, that beach walkers will continue to walk the beach and technically break the law. And most property owners will welcome walkers and expect to be welcomed in return.

As Woody Guthrie once told us all, "This land was made for you and me."

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Doggie dining comes to Canton

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Something is cooking at the Canton home of pet-lovers Cathy and John Fuerstnau. But the treats are strictly for dogs.

The local couple started an all natural dog treat business - called First Gnaw - this past December, and delivers those biscuits, cookies and even home made dog birthday cakes right to your door.

Inspired by their own pup, Harley, the Fuerstnaus have been spreading the word at area veterinary clinics, doggie day cares and other community organizations from Plymouth to Ann Arbor.

The treats are home-made, freshly-baked, all natural and preservative-free, said Cathy



Fuerstnau Popular biscuit flavors include peanut butter cheese or applesauce and cheese. Since John Fuerstnau does all of the baking, they can also accommodate special needs like high fiber or low protein diets.

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We've gotten a great response, said Cathy Fuerstnau. We field tested (flavors) with our neighbor's dogs. They have had no problems with these. Harley loves them.

To keep their own pup and taste tester in top shape, she said, we make sure he runs every day.

Place orders for delivery directly from First Gnaw by calling (313) 981-6139.

CONTRACT

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Ryan said he's not certain how long he'll remain as Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent.

"This is my 34th year in education, and the contract takes me to my 36th when I will be 59 years old," said Ryan. "Two things will determine how long I stay: My own personal health and the financial situation of the state."

It's hard to run a premier district when there's no funding," he said. "It takes a toll on all of us. When we have to cut away, it hurts my heart."

Ryan will not get an increase in his \$143,600 annual salary. However, the superintendent

said it has nothing to do with the fact there are nine union contracts he'll be negotiating this spring, including a deal with the 1,000-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association.

"It's not a heroic move, it's in respect for the board and the district's financial situation that I decided to handle it this way," Ryan said. "If I received a pay raise before we rewarded the people who really do the work, that would send a bad message."

"Next year I've asked for a pay freeze and a performance clause," he said. "After that, they can take a look at my performance and the financial situation, and have the option of rewarding me."

The Board of Education unanimously approved Ryan's extension.

I appreciate the talents and goodwill and good feelings he's brought to this district," said Treasurer Judy Mardigan. "I look forward to working with him for another two years."

It's a pleasure to have someone who is proud to be superintendent of this district and has a wonderful face in the public," said trustee Carol Saunders.

The public has a great deal of confidence in him.

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Schoolcraft puts the focus on Latin America

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Spanish is America's other language. Latinos are the largest recognized minority in the United States. Latin music has been adding spice to popular music.

It's only natural that Schoolcraft College would follow a year of immersion in the volatile Middle East with Focus Latin America, a year-long look at the culture, language and people of Latin America.

Last year, Schoolcraft's International Institute took its cue from the headlines by sponsoring Focus Middle East, a year of activities, lectures, themed classes and a Cairo Coffeehouse finale.

Josselyn Moore, associate professor of sociology and anthropology and International Institute faculty chair, said Latin America was an obvious choice for the colleges second yearlong plunge into a specific region.

"(We chose) Latin America because they're our neighbors and it's the largest minority group in the United States and because it has such economic importance," she said.

But Latin America isn't just one culture or lifestyle and Schoolcraft is planning programs that will try to encompass the broad range of Latin culture that ranges from the United States in Florida and the Southwest to Argentina and Chile.

"We're going to go into the culture, the music, the language," said Malasri Chaudhery, a part-time psychology instructor and member of the institute. "We'll get into specific areas that deal with the Spanish community, mestizo, defining what is Chicano, what is mestizo, what does it mean to be Latin American."

Public programs began in February and will continue through the calendar year, culminating in a Latin American style fiesta in November. February programs included the film *For Love of Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story* starring Andy Garcia as the Cuban trumpet player who struggled for personal and artistic freedom in Castro's Cuba. It is the first of several films with Latin American themes that will be presented, a new feature of the special focus program.

Other February public events included a lecture on Caribbean music by Ozzie Rivera and a discussion of Detroit's Freedom House, which helps immigrants to the

city. (See related story for a list of programs through the end of April.)

RIVERA FEATURED

In addition to public programs, Moore said faculty members are encouraged to incorporate the focus theme into their classes.

One of the joys is trying to get all that in," she said. "It's a campuswide event and we are trying to get all faculty involved, make it part of their assignments for credit. It gives the faculty an enormous amount. It seems foolhardy to try to tackle all of Latin America, but this gives us that kind of flexibility."

Two world famous artists with ties to Detroit will be featured in upcoming lectures, Diego Rivera and his wife, Frida Kahlo. Rivera painted the famous assembly lines murals in the center court of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Rivera's importance comes in because he is someone who spoke for the people with his ideals and his art," said Chaudhery. "This is a good summary of everything we are trying to portray. We are trying to cover everything from all angles, but especially from the angle of the people. The mural we see in the DIA is very representative of people who work, who work hard. Latin Americans have really struggled to make it. That's why Diego Rivera is so important."

New this year is a school-sponsored tour to Mayan ruins in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Diane O'Connell, associate professor of geography, will be leading the tour the second week of June.

"It's an educational class so we meet for a month beforehand, twice a week to try to get a little bit about Latin American culture, history, economics, concerns to give them context for the region of Latin America," O'Connell said. "Then we'll focus more on the specific area we're going to which is the Yucatan."

The class is for credit, but the public is also invited to sign up for the trip and audit the class. Students will be writing papers on the ruins, in

addition to soaking up some sun in Cancun.

AN EYE-OPENER

Moore said students have been enthusiastic about the focus program.

Dolly Randall-Kirkwood, who is studying early education and Spanish, said she is privileged to attend a college where students are exposed to so much information. She said the film on Sandoval was an eye-opener to her about the politics of the region.

Moore said the November fiesta will feature the music, food and arts of Latin America. She said last year local restaurants helped provide food for

the Cairo Coffeehouse and she's hoping to enlist some of the new restaurants in the area to help out this year. She said she is also working with Schoolcraft's culinary arts program about participation in the fiesta.

This emphasis of focusing on a particular culture is nothing new for O'Connell, who says it makes her proud to be a geography professor.

"In geography we think this is a time that come because it geography we have always thought systematically," she said. "We tend to focus on what issue is current, but there a lot more places than we have been focused on."



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Schoolcraft associate professor of anthropology and sociology Josselyn Moore (left) discusses some Latin American artifacts with part-time psychology instructor Malasri Chaudhery and associate professor of geography Diane O'Connell.

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Penguin skaters edged in state semis

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton-Salem Penguins freshman goalie Kristie Kowalski isn't yet old enough to drive a car, but she drove Cranbrook-Kingswood crazy with her net-minding skills for most of Friday night's Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League tournament semi-final clash at the Novi Ice Arena.

Despite Kowalski's stellar play between the pipes, the Cranes outlasted the Penguins, 3-2, in overtime to advance to Saturday night's final game against Grosse Pointe South.

Kowalski, who was voted the game's co-MVP along with Cranbrook goalie

Hilary Schreiber, stopped 29 shots South, which is unbeaten, and Cranbrook, which has lost just twice, finished 1-2 in the regular-season standings, just ahead of third-place PCS.

Crane freshman forward Carolyn Gard ended the game — and the Penguins' productive season — with 4:39 left in OT when she slid a power-play goal past Kowalski from directly in front of the crease.

Although PCS's season ended one game sooner than the Penguins would have liked, the two-year-old team built a solid foundation on which it can continue to build in the coming seasons.

I told them to keep their heads up because they played a great game and

they had a great season,' said Penguin coach Lori Callahan. 'I was really proud of the entire team this season. We had quite a few new girls — some of whom had never played ice hockey before — and they all came together nicely.'

A lot of teams in this league have one really good player who they go to all the time. We had several players who we could turn to when we needed a big goal. And Kristie played phenomenal, both tonight and the entire season.

PCS nearly doubled last year's win total of eight.

For the first 25 minutes of Friday night's game, it looked like the Penguins were well on their way to win No. 16. Goals by Kristen Schwan with 1:42 left

in the opening period and a short-handed marker from Adrienne Cercone with 4:50 remaining in the second period gave the Penguins a seemingly comfortable 2-0 lead. PCS blasted 13 shots at Schreiber in the first period alone — four coming off the Cercone's stick.

Kowalski matched Schreiber's brilliant goal-tending in the opening 15 minutes as she turned away 12 Crane shots.

Cranbrook's Tarasa Karega, who skates like she was shot out of a cannon, ignited her team's comeback by finding the back of the net with a shot with 2:50 remaining in the second period to make it 2-1. The Cranes tied the game, 2-2, 30

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Sidelines

Pride rule

The Plymouth Canton Pride 18U fast-pitch softball team captured its winter league division indoor championship at the Baseball Academy of Mid-Michigan (BAMM) in Lansing recently by compiling an unbeaten record. The league included several Lansing-area high school teams that were preparing for the upcoming season.

The team consisted of Shelby Anthony, Jill Brennan, Mary Cox, Abby Paritz, Emily Pitcole, Sam Podorsek, Miranda Rysdorp, Ali Taylor, Beth Heldmeyer, Sarah Anthony, Sam Kjellstrom, Hillary Payne, Kristen Warnick and Erin Rodes. The team is coached by Lyle Livingston.

Softball clinic

The Plymouth High School softball team will be hosting a softball clinic on Saturday, April 9, on the high school's softball field. The clinic will be divided into two parts: a beginners' session that will run from 9 a.m. to noon, and an advanced session that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The beginners' session will consist of first-time participants who have up to three years of experience and the advanced session will include all athletes who have played more than three years.

The cost of the clinic is \$40, which includes a T-shirt. Contact Tom Bondy at (734) 455-5242 or tibondy@comcast.net.

Chiefs boosters

The next Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club meeting will be held April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. All parents of current and future Canton football players are encouraged to attend as plans for next season will be made.

For more information, contact Kathy Powers (734) 416-0664.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem High School Baseball Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 26 and Saturday, April 9, in the high school gymnasium. There will be four sessions and players will be grouped from ages 7 to 10 years old and 11 to 15.

The cost of the clinic is \$25, which includes a souvenir T-shirt.

To sign up, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026 or e-mail them at pccmyers@hotmail.com.

10-star hoop camp

Applications are currently being evaluated for the 10-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp, an invitation-only camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19 years old. Past participants of the camp include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. The closest Observerland 10-Star camp will be held in Ypsilanti.

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High marks

Local gymnasts shine in finale

BY DAN O'NEARA
STAFF WRITER

Coach John Cunningham has had a Canton gymnastics team that finished higher in the state meet, but he has no doubt his 2005 team is the best.

'We set two school records this year,' Cunningham said, adding the Chiefs had an all-time high score of 146.25 earlier this year.

Even though, we've finished second and been third a number of times, it's the best team I've ever had.

Canton finished a very respectable fourth in this year's state meet Friday night at Plymouth High School with a 143.525 team total.

The Chiefs, who were state runners-up in 1995-96, did that without the benefit of having their best gymnast, Alyssa Kelley, available for the last two events, beam and floor.

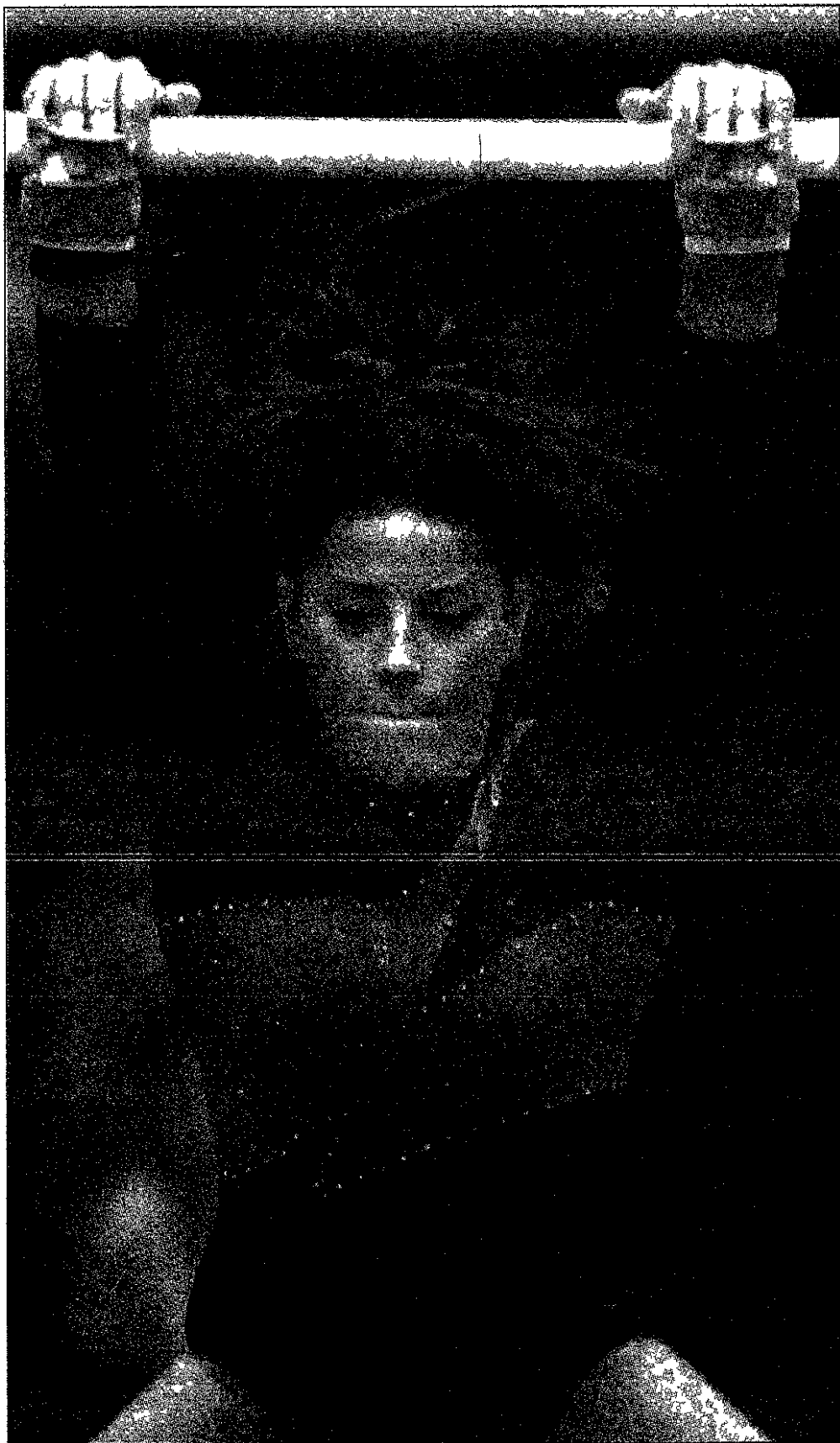
Kelley, who had 9.3 on vault and 9.225 on bars, hurt an ankle and had to withdraw from the competition.

That was a setback for Canton, 'especially since one of her best events is floor,' Cunningham said. 'But other girls stepped up and took her place, and they did very well.'

If Kelley had been able to compete in all events, Cunningham said he thought the Chiefs could have finished as high as third.

Tri-Parmington (147.55) won the state title for the second year in a row. Livonia Unified was second.

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Canton gymnast Kara Ahern completes her routine on the uneven bars during Friday night's team state finals held at Plymouth High School. The Chiefs finished fourth in the 13-team field.

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Wrestlers' title hopes still alive

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Dreams of state wrestling title were still alive for Salem's Jeremy Henderson as of Friday night.

Of the four local wrestlers who advanced to this weekend's Division 1 state meet, Henderson was the only one to advance to yesterday's semi-finals (see final results in Thursday's *Observer*). The junior 189-pounder won his first two matches — 5-3 over West Bloomfield's Zoran Lazar and 3-1 over Birmingham Brother Rice's Manuel Suliman — to move on to the semi-final round against Livonia Churchill's Joe Bargerstock. Henderson will match his 34-10 mark against Bargerstock's 45-8 record. Two Canton grapplers — Corey Phillips (130) and Ryan Webb (135) — and Henderson's teammate Ryan Stump (125) were still eligible to finish as high as third place in the state in their respective weight classes heading into Saturday's matches.

Phillips won his first match by default and then defeated Saginaw Heritage's Andy Sullivan, 6-4. Phillips' title hopes were dashed when he lost a tough 6-3 decision to Davison's Kyle Kidder.

'Corey had three nearly had three takedowns, but they were just out of bounds,' said Canton coach Casey Randolph. 'Corey was definitely the aggressor. It's frustrating because Corey has beaten the kid he would have faced next twice.'

Webb rolled over his first opponent, Utica Ford's Jack Abbate, winning with a technical fall, 17-1, at the 5:43 mark. However, he was upended in the quarterfinals by Jenison's David Johnson, 6-4.

For complete results of Saturday's matches, please see Thursday's *Observer*.

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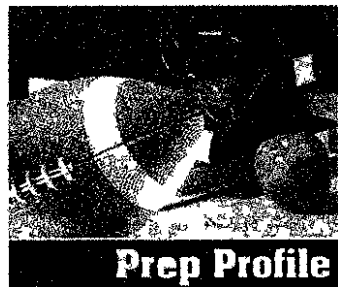
Versatile Price plays in and referees basketball games

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem basketball player Kyle Price didn't give referees any grief this past season — even if he thought the men and women blowing the whistles had made an obviously questionable call against him or his teammates.

Price can empathize with the guys wearing stripes because for the past four years he has worked as a whistle-blower himself for junior basketball leagues in the Plymouth-Canton community.

It's a thankless job that does-



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n't pay great, but the Rock senior can't think of a better way to make a few extra bucks.

'I love refereeing,' Price said about his \$13-per-game gig. 'I'm in the gym. I'm around

basketball. I get to work with and help young kids. It's a great job. It also puts me in a position to understand what the guys who refereed my high school games were in. I would never go off on a ref when I play because I know what it's like to be in their shoes. Everybody makes mistakes.'

Were there any volatile junior-league coaches who made Price earn every penny of his \$13 salary?

'Oh yeah, there are a couple out there,' he said, without hesitation. 'I've had to give out some T's (technical fouls) over the years.'

ROCK-Y SEASON

The recently concluded high school basketball season was a character-builder for Price and his Salem teammates, who

PLEASE SEE PRICE, B2



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Senior Kyle Price has been a two-sport athlete at Salem since his freshman season. An outstanding student, Price will be attending Michigan State University in the fall.

PRICE

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struggled through a 1-20 campaign. Even though the dismal record was far from what he had envisioned for his final year of competitive basketball, Price said he takes pride in how the team battled right to the final seconds of last week's final game against Novi in the first round of the Class A district tournament.

"We kept our heads up and we played hard right to the end, which is all you can ask of a team," Price said. "I don't think there was one game or one practice where we just gave up."

Price said his fellow classmates and his teachers at Salem were supportive as he and the other players endured the success-starved season. "Everyone was pretty cool about it at school," he said. "A few kids would joke about our record, but that was about it. For the most part, everyone was encouraging."

The most-prominent highlights of Price's season were the lone victory over Livonia Churchill and a 12-point, eight-rebound effort he turned in against Monroe during the season's early stages.

ATHLETIC GENES

Sports have been an instrumental part of Price's life as far back as he can remember, and he admits he wouldn't have had it any other way. Price started playing organized basketball in the second grade and the first swing he took with a baseball bat came a few years before that.

"Sports are very big in our household," Price said. "Both of my parents played sports in college — my dad played one year of baseball at Henry Ford Community College and my mom played two years of volleyball at Northern Michigan — so they've always encouraged me, my brothers (Devin,

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12, and Alex, 9,) and my sister (Lauren, 16) to play. My dad coached me a lot growing up, so that was great.

"It seems like somebody in my family has a game just about every night. I try to make as many of my brothers and sister's games as possible, but it's tough sometimes with my own schedule."

YOUNG SLUGGER

Price put his baseball skills to use for the Michigan Indians travel team growing up. He and Dave Cardenas, also a senior at Salem, helped lead the team to a berth in the national championship tournament in Tulsa, Okla., when they were in the seventh grade.

"I played mostly outfield until the eighth grade, then I started catching," he said. "We'd play anywhere from 50 to 70 games a summer for the Indians. I like baseball a lot, but basketball is still my favorite sport."

Price, who has compiled a 3.4 grade point average at Salem, will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

"I always wanted to go to a big school," he said. "I liked the campus a lot and I want to get into either business or law, so that's a good school for those careers."

Plymouth Whalers outskate Otters, 3-1

Dan Collins scored a goal and added two assists to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 3-1 win over the Erie Otters in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night in front of 4,271 at the Tulio Arena in Erie, Pa.

John Mitchell and Tim Sestito also scored for the Whalers, who improved to 28-28-6-3 with the win and

moved to within four points of the Otters for fifth in the OHL's Western Conference playoff race.

Andrew Shennan tallied the lone Otter goal. Erie lost for the second straight time on home ice to sink to 29-23-6-5. The loss marked only the second time this season the Otters have lost back-to-back games on home ice.

The Whalers led 1-0 after one.

The two teams were tied at one heading into the third. Erie outshot Plymouth 26-19 in the game as Josh Disher took the loss.

The Whalers dropped a 5-2 decision at Windsor on Thursday night.

Windsor's Ryan Garlock scored a pair of goals 1-5-4

apart in the second period to snap a 2-2 tie and lead the Spitfires to the victory.

Steve Downie led the Windsor attack with two goals and three assists.

Paul Gallonardo scored the other Windsor goal.

Plymouth received goals from Mike Knight (eighth of the year) and John Vigilante (22nd) both in the first period.

SCI fund-raiser aids young outdoorsmen

ED BY WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

39,000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. The banquet will commence at 3:30 p.m. with cocktails, exhibits, a silent auction and raffle drawings, followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner and a post-meal live auction.

"There are children out there who have life-threatening illnesses or severe disabilities who want to hunt, but Make-A-Wish doesn't want anything to do with it because they're anti-hunting and pro-life," said SCI board member Rick Williams, a resident of Belleville. "We give them the chance to shoot a deer for the first time, as long as they're

over the legal hunting age of 12.

"It's probably one of the best things we do. For some of these kids who have cancer, you don't know if they're going to make it, but when they get out there and hunt, it gives them positive energy."

Along with their charitable efforts, members of SCI also work towards trying to keep the heritage of hunting alive throughout North America, Williams emphasized.

"We have about 930 members throughout southeast Michigan, which makes us the largest chapter around,"

Williams said. "We do a lot for kids, including organize camps in which they learn how to hunt and fish. We also work on conservation issues and monitor legislation that deals with hunting and fishing."

Non-members are encouraged to attend the banquet, Williams said. Tickets cost \$60 per person.

For ticket-purchasing information, contact Williams at (734) 697-3959.

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MARATHON

chair of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, recently completed the Detroit Free Press Marathon.

Registration for both the marathon and half-marathons, along with the marathon training run, is still open.

Running Fit, the store for walkers and runners, puts on the Martian Marathon and

Half-Marathon each year to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, along with the Schoolcraft College women's cross country team.

Those who want to volunteer and get involved in the race day festivities should contact tam@runningfit.com.

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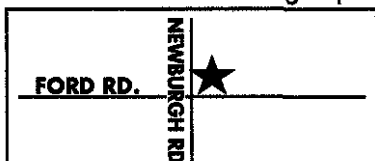
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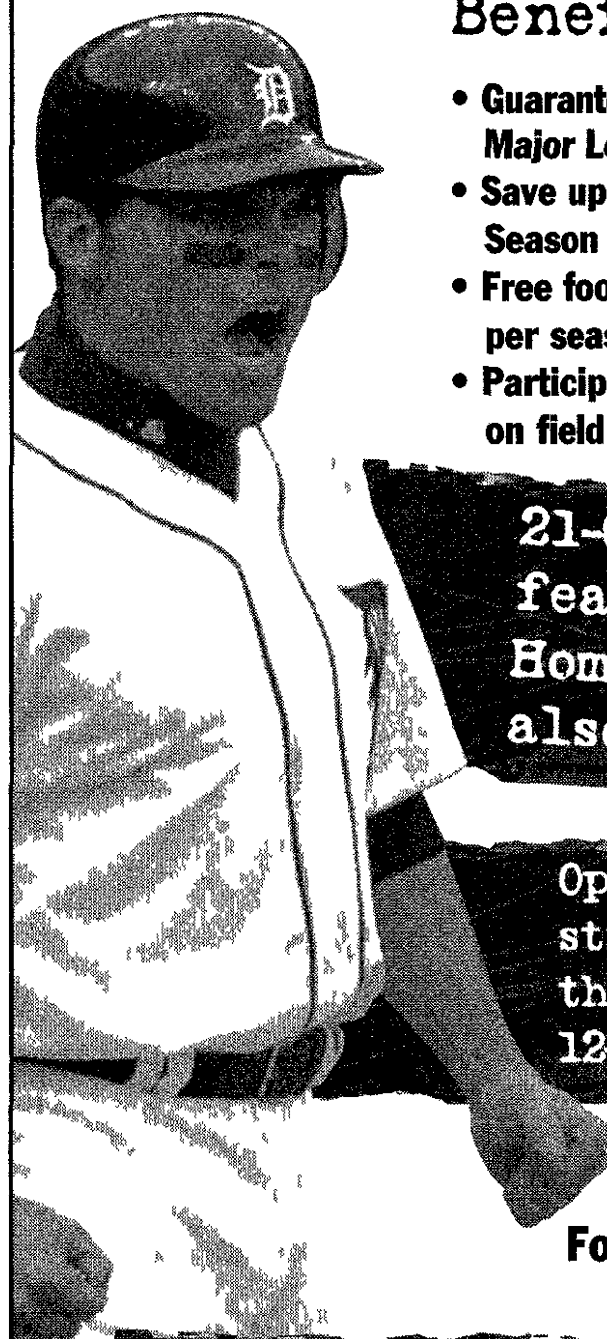
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CC icers one win from state title

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Adversity usually needs to be hurdled on the way to a championship and that is holding true for Redford Catholic Central's varsity hockey team.

The Shamrocks overcame the loss of a key defenseman early in Friday's Division 1 state semifinal game against formidable Clarkston at Compuware Sports Arena to grind out a 3-1 victory.

With the win, CC (23-3-3) needed just one more win — Saturday night against East Kentwood (22-6-1) — to claim its sixth championship in seven years.

We talk to our guys all the time that you can score a lot of goals and win some games," said Shamrocks head coach Todd Johnson. "But that's not going to win you a championship. You need to play defense and sacrifice."

In order to defeat pesky Clarkston (17-7-5), that's exactly what CC had to do. Making the job even more difficult for the Shamrocks was the loss of 6-3 senior defenseman Colin Ronayne at the 1:43 mark of the game.

A Clarkston player rode Ronayne into the boards behind CC sophomore netminder Bryan Hogan (17 saves) and the Shamrock fell hard to the ice. After a lengthy delay, he was helped to the dressing room and did not return. Johnson said Ronayne sustained a dislocated left elbow and was taken to a hospital for observation. He will not play against East Kentwood.

It (Ronayne's injury) put a big time work load on Kevin Horal and Tim Buttery, our two all state nominees on defense," Johnson said. "Their ice time went way up in a pressure situation."

Johnson estimated that Buttery played about 25-30 minutes of the 45-minute game while Horal played between 24-26 minutes.

Horal, who had Ronayne as a defense partner much of the season, displayed his versatility in all facets of the game.

During a Clarkston power play during the second when CC was nursing a 1-0 lead,

Horal blocked several shots or passing attempts to keep the Wolves from gaining a quality scoring chance against Hogan.

He subsequently made a perfect pass up the middle that sparked his team's second goal, scored by senior forward Jason Lewarne.

Then, in the third, Horal forced a Clarkston turnover at the Wolves blue line that led to a third period insurance marker by senior forward Harrison Niemann. That tally opened up a 3-1 lead with 11:20 left.

After the game, Horal and several teammates said gutting out the victory for Ronayne was somewhat of a rallying cry.

"For him (Ronayne) not to be able to see that game and be part of it, I knew it's tough for him," Horal said. "We wanted to come out and play hard just for him."

FAST, PHYSICAL

The Ronayne injury quieted the crowd at Compuware, the Shamrocks' home arena. But the fast, physical play displayed by both teams after that got everybody on their feet again.

CC opened the scoring on a disputed power-play goal at the 7:23 mark of the first. Senior forward Mike Oakleaf (after a feed from junior forward Dan Barczuk) jammed a rebound past Clarkston senior netminder Michael Brach, who kept his team in the game with 20 stops.

The puck crawled over the line, although Clarkston head coach Bryan Krygier said he didn't think it did.

Lewarne then made it 2-0 with less than three minutes left in the second, also on the power play. He received Horal's crisp pass, stepped between Clarkston's defensemen and ripped a shot five-hole through Brach.

Before the end of the period, however, the Wolves scored a power play goal of their own.

Clarkston junior forward Kyle Cummings sent a wrist shot from the left point past Hogan with 21 seconds left in the second — which Krygier said put the Wolves in good position entering the final period.

That was the perfect position for us to be in, a one-goal deficit going to the third period,"



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Redford Catholic Central's Harrison Niemann reacts to his goal in the Shamrocks' 3-1 semi-final victory over Clarkston Friday night.

Krygier said "That's exactly what you want."

But the Wolves were unable to sustain their rally and Niemann's clutch goal enabled the Shamrocks to breathe a little easier. He picked up the puck along the left boards in the Clarkston zone and skated in on Brach, eventually deking him out of position and depositing the puck into the goal.

"I knew I was going to fake a shot and go around him (Brach)," Niemann said. "That's my favorite move."

According to Johnson, he still wasn't able to relax until the final buzzer.

Clarkston is an awesome team, one of the top five teams we've played," Johnson said. "Their foot speed up front is difficult to handle and they are very physical on defense."

"Our two power-play goals may have been the difference in the game."

Krygier complimented the Shamrocks, who ended Clarkston's season for the second time in three years. CC defeated the Wolves in the 2003 semifinals.

"The seniors played well and (senior goaltender) Michael Brach played exceptionally well," Krygier said.

Young goalie leads CC to win in quarters

BY RYAN DOHERTY
CORRESPONDENT

Sophomore goalie Bryan Hogan made 21 saves, and backstopped Redford Catholic Central to a 5-0 shutout victory over Brighton in a Division 1 state quarterfinal hockey matchup Wednesday night at a sold-out Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

CC, now 22-3-3 overall, meets Clarkston, 17-6-5, in the semifinals at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The No. 1-ranked Shamrocks scored on their fourth shot of the game at the 3:43 mark when junior forward Drew Kahle took a pass from junior defenseman Mike Maviglia at center ice and walked in all alone. Kahle beat Bulldog goalie Jason Spada with a backhand to the stick side, giving CC an early 1-0 lead.

CC continued to pressure Brighton (18-7-3) and just three minutes later appeared to go up 2-0. Shamrock senior forward Mike Oakleaf snapped a wrist shot past Spada with seven minutes left, but the net had come dislodged before the puck went in and the goal was disallowed.

Later in the period, junior forward Steve Jankowski beat Spada to the short side with a low snapshot putting CC up 2-0. Assists went to Kahle and junior forward Wade Lafever.

Meanwhile, Brighton's best scoring chance came while they were down a man with seven seconds left in the first. Bulldog junior forward Eric Swiatek picked off a CC pass at his own blue line and skated in uncontested on Hogan, who made a

tremendous glove save to keep the Bulldogs scoreless.

He (Hogan) covered up for a lot of defensive breakdowns we had tonight, and just played outstanding," CC head coach Todd Johnson said.

The Shamrocks then scored early in the second period when junior forward Dan Barczuk gave his team a three-goal advantage with a power play tally just 1:20 into the period. Barczuk tapped in a beautiful cross-ice pass from senior forward Harrison Niemann. Senior forward Jason Lewarne also assisted on the goal.

The most controversial play of the middle period occurred with 55 seconds left to play. Brighton, sophomore forward Zach Hitch slid the puck between the pads of Hogan with a nice forehand deke on a breakaway.

The goal was subsequently disallowed because the referee told Brighton head coach Paul Moggach that a Bulldog player had pushed Hogan and the puck into the net.

"We needed to finish our scoring chances tonight and we did not do that," Moggach said.

The Bulldogs had another breakaway scoring chance with one second remaining in the second, but Swiatek fired a wrist shot that sailed over the net.

In the final period, senior forward Chris New scored on yet another CC breakaway at the 4:07 mark. Senior defenseman Kevin Horal and Jankowski assisted on the goal. Oakleaf added a late goal for the Shamrocks, with the assists being given to Barczuk and Niemann (his second of the night).

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MHSAA needs to deal with several controversial topics

Parochial schools certainly flexed their muscles at state hockey finals this weekend at Plymouth Township's Compuware Arena. The Detroit Catholic League, which doesn't sponsor hockey, had five reach the Final Four including perennial power Redford Catholic Central, along with University of Detroit-Jesuit in Division I, Birmingham Brother Rice, Division II, Dearborn Divine Child and Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Division III.



Brad Emons

some area public schools that openly accept promising stu-

Add Flint Powers to the mix and that's half of the Final Four field.

But before you start crying and influence and recruiting, another phenomenon is occurring in

dent-athletes from other districts.

Schools of choice have enabled talented players to come-and-go this year between such districts as Belleville, Romulus, Ypsilanti, Willow Run and the Wayne-Westland Schools, John Glenn and Wayne, just to name a few.

It's just another can of worms that the Michigan High School Athletic Association is going to have to address in the future.

If a kid takes his ball and heads for another basketball program, all he has to do is transfer and sit out a semester. But if the MHSAA makes it a year to sit out, traffic between public schools will ultimately grind to a halt.

But nothing compares with high schools who are members of the same public school district who camouflage special (academic) programs to attract promising middle schoolers for

the benefit of their athletic programs. That is also a problem that needs to be addressed internally, in-district, by principals and administrators.

And speaking of the MHSAA, the gender equity case of aligning girls and boys seasons is coming down to the wire.

Area leagues have already begun establishing contingency plans as far as winter season scheduling for boys and girls basketball games.

Both the Western Lakes Activities Association and Metro Conference have adopted a plan to play on same days at opposite sites, while the Detroit Catholic League has decided to let the girls play on Mondays, the boys on Tuesdays, while alternating between the two genders on Fridays and Saturdays. Thursdays will also be available if conflicts arise with other sports.

With boys and girls playing on the same nights, media coverage will definitely suffer. If there's a conflict, my decision on what games to cover will be based strictly on the 'best game,' out there, regardless of gender.

Administrators don't want to monitor games on Saturday and that also conflicts with invitational or tournament events scheduled that day in other winter sports.

But playing the same day at opposite sites is a terrible idea, mainly because it cuts down on the gates, forces families (and fans) to split allegiances and puts a strain on an already low pool of available and qualified officials. When the Western Lakes Athletic Association was formed in 1983, I wasn't wild about the new league and called it "What a Lousy Athletic Arrangement."

One of the founding fathers of the WLAA, the late Paul

Cummings of Plymouth Salem High, who was one of the kindest, nicest and most respected athletic directors I ever dealt with, took umbrage with my comment.

Despite the exodus of the three Farmington Public Schools to the Oakland Activities Association in 2002, the 12-school WLAA has survived and thrived for the most part.

Mr Cummings deserves plenty of kudos for his work, but now the league finds itself at another crossroad because of the gender equity issue.

Let's hope they reconsider and rethink their approach for 2005-06 so I won't have to call it ever again "What a Lousy Athletic Arrangement."

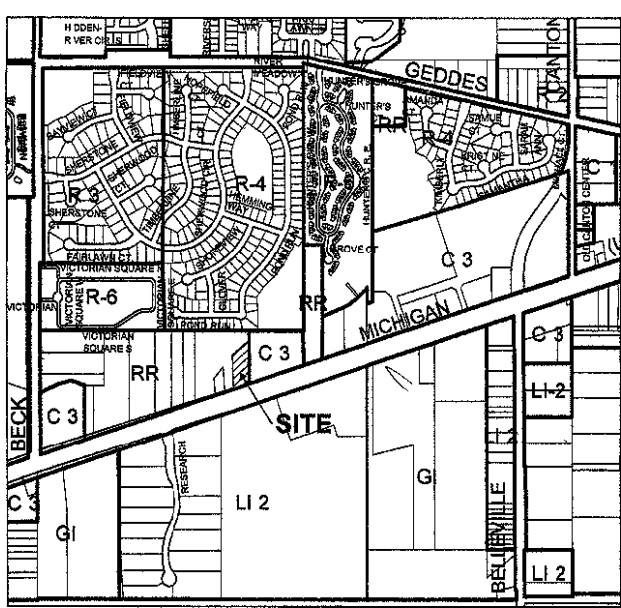
Of course, the only thing that may save us from all of this is that the U.S. Supreme Court decides to hear the case. Brad Emons is the *Livonia/Westland Observer* sports editor.

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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 April 4 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

BEYOND REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 131 99 0011 000 FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO C 3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Canton Center Road.



SECTION 33

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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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Gems on Ice skaters

The Gems on Ice Juvenile Synchronized skating team took fourth place at the USFSA Synchronized Team Skating National Championships in Lowell, Mass. The juvenile team received the Pewter Medal after performing to the Addam's Family theme song Feb. 24. The team skates out of the Plymouth Figuring Skating Club at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. The Gems on Ice also won the gold medal at the USFSA Synchronized Team Midwestern Sectional Championships Jan. 29 in Plano, Texas, and the silver medal at the Mid-America Championships Jan. 15 in Fraser. The team is made up of 19 skaters ranging in age from 8-12 years from Ann Arbor Commerce Township, Canton, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Sterling Heights and South Lyon. The juvenile skaters are Marilyn Ainsworth, Melanie Blaszkowski, Julia Beydoun, Chandler Carroll, Madison Elkow, Mackenzie Elkow, Erin Frawley, Ellen Gablemann, Elizabeth Goldstein, Julia Leffler, Suzannah Lyddon, Sera Petrillo, Katy Rapson, Alyssa Shomsky, Erin Spencer, Regan Tang, Delanie Thurlow, Jacquelyne Zolynsky, and Josephine Zolynsky. The coaches are Carrie Brown and Jamie Perry; the managers are Jill Goldstein and Beth Spencer.

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Nick Turco Sr. Livonia Franklin (final record 42-10) pinned by Terrance Taylor (Muskegon) 1:02. dec. Mark Ruggles (Walled Lake Northern) 4:2. pinned by Liam Knapp (B.C. Central) 4:59.

John Norasso Sr. Redford Catholic Central (record 39 8) dec. Andy Thorton (Portage Central) 8:3. pinned by Steven Thatcher (Rochester Adams) 4:51. dec. Brian Klobucar (Hudsonville) 6:2.

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Andrew Nadhir Jr. Redford CC (final record 38 9) dec. by Joel Trombley (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) 13:4. pinned David Johnson (Milford) 4:43. dec. by Tim Davis (Belleville) 13:0.

Ryan Stump Sr. Salem (record 40 3) dec. Brent Hair (Bay City Central) 14:0. dec. by Jeremy Lark n (Lansing Eastern) 7:6. dec. Josh Noble (Roseville) 10:2.

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Justin Smith Sr. Churchill (record 45-6) dec. by Pat Topolski (East Kentwood) 3:2. dec. Jon Kozak (Utica Ford) 4:0. dec. Andy Sullivan (Saginaw Arthur Hill) 4:3.

Corey Phillips Soph. Canton (record 49 5) won by default. dec. Andy Sullivan (Saginaw Arthur Hill) 4:0.

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Sean Dong Jr. Redford CC (record 45 3) dec. Michael Morfit (Walled Lake Western) 14:2. won by technical fall over Josh Ball (Flushing) 15:0.

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Rece Cox Sr. Westland John Glenn (record 51 0) dec. Jon Bearden (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) 12:4. pinned Aaron Beers (Grand Ledge) 1:39.

Jim Moore Sr. Redford Union (record 46-5) won by default over Justin Hyde (Holly) dec. by Ben Bennett (Rockford) 4:2. dec. Jon Bearden (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) 9:3.

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David Watkins Sr. Franklin (record 46 6) dec. Diego Rodriguez (E. Kentwood) 5:0. pinned by Braden L. Amoreaux (Clarkston) 2:52. dec. Rolando Mireles (Grand Rapids Union) 10:9 (two overtimes).

Josh Kelly Jr. Churchill (final record 37 19) pinned by Brandon Johnson (Grand Ledge) 1:32. pinned by Kyle Whited (Monroe) 2:34.

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Blake Karkoska Jr. Franklin (record 44 13) pinned Blake Meyn (Eraser) 1:14. dec. by Mike Mixon (Howell) 7:3. dec. C. J. Lynn (Southgate) 3:1.

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Trevor Stewart Sr., Redford CC (record 51-0) won by tech fall over Quinn Boyce (Davison) 19:4. pinned David Meyers (E. Kentwood) 14:6.

Kyle Lis Sr. Livonia Stevenson (record 35 12) pinned by Tony Doan (Port Huron) 3:23. dec. by Tony Tronti (Warren Cousino) 11:9.

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Brad Bartram Sr. Redford CC (record 47 2) dec. Andrzej Kupraszewicz (Jenison) 15:3. dec. John Aikens (Holly) 6:1.

Manuel Schubert Sr. Churchill (record 47 5) pinned by Josh Bond (Grand Ledge) 5:54. dec. Glenn Evans (Whita Lake Lakeland) 15:6. dec. John Aikens (Holly) 7:5.

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Jeremy Henderson Jr. Salem (record 34 10) dec. by Zoran Lazar (West Bloomfield) 5:3. dec. Paul Hutchins (Lansing Eastern) 6:4. dec. Manuel Suleiman (Birmingham Brother Rice) 3:1.

Joe Bargerstock, Sr., Churchill (record 45-8) dec. Will Stevens (Hartland) 8:7. pinned by Trevor Perry (Davison) 1:25. dec. Emir Adanalic (Utica Ford) 3:2.

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Hafeez Qureshi Sr. Churchill (record 48 1) pinned Aaron Shelton (Holly) 1:58. pinned Dan Chase (Utica Ford) 2:41.

Eric Vojtkofsky Sr. Redford CC (record 43 3) dec. Baher Falk (Rochester Adams) 3:1. dec. Josh Dahlman (Grand Haven) 3:2.

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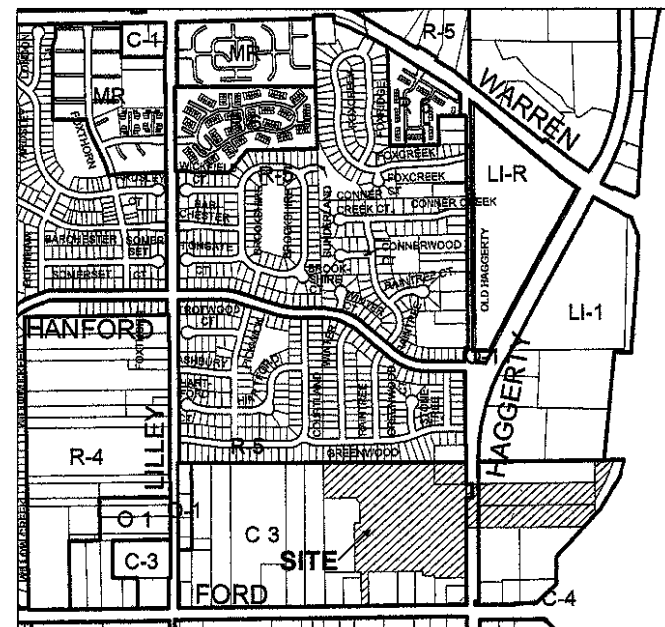
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IKEA-CANTON PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 044 99 0017 706 044 99 0022 001 047 99 001 0 000 047 99 001 2 000 AND 047 99 0014 003. Property is located north of Ford and east and west of Haggerty Road. **(Second Public Hearing.)**



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VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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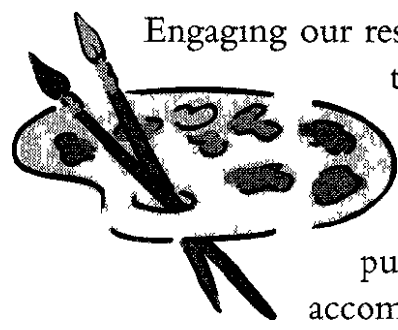
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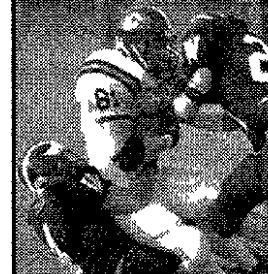
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Registration for returning teams begins March 21 while new teams can start registering April 1, or until the leagues are full. For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

HVS SPRING EVENTS

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering a pair of sports camps during spring break March 28 through April 1.

The all-sports camp includes soccer, flag football, volleyball, floor hockey, dodge ball, kickball and other backyard games. Participants will also do team-building exercises and take part in fun relay races.

The half-day camps for kids between the ages of 5 and 8 years old are \$20 per day while the full-day camps for 8- to 12-year-olds cost \$35 per day. Both camps are also available on Friday, March 25.

HVS will also host a soccer camp, which is designed to help recreational players hone their dribbling, shooting, passing and defensive skills before the upcoming outdoor season commences.

The camp is offered for players between the ages of 5 and 8 (from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and for kids between the ages of 9 and 12 (noon to 2 p.m.). The camp fee is \$75 per player and will be run by HVS staff and Canton Soccer Club trainers.

A play group for youngsters between the ages of 1 and 5 will also be available during spring break from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The play group allows kids to run, kick and play on the HVS facility's fields. The cost is \$5 per child.

For more information on the programs, call (734) 487-7678 or visit www.hvsports.com.

GCYBSA SIGN-UP

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Schoolcraft hoop grads prepare for NCAA trip

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Selection Sunday is becoming old hat for University of Central Florida point guard Gary Johnson.

In fact, the former Wayne Memorial High standout will be playing in his fourth consecutive national tournament, the first two coming in the NJCAAs when he was at Schoolcraft College before getting a taste of the 'Big Dance' last year when UCF took Pittsburgh down to the wire before losing a close game.

Johnson and former Schoolcraft College teammate Marcus Johnson, a reserve forward for the Golden Knights, celebrated their NCAA bid after beating Gardner-Webb (N.C.) in the Atlantic Sun Conference championship game, 63-54, last Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

The 6-foot-2 Gary Johnson is the only returning starter off last year's squad.

I'm not going down there just to be down there," Johnson said of his second NCAA trip. "We're going to try and get into the second round, and then the third round."

The Golden Knights, 24-8 overall, now await the tournament selection committee's placing of UCF in 64-team field. And where the Golden

Knights end up is anybody's guess.

First round sites include Indianapolis (Ind.), Cleveland (Ohio), Worcester (Mass.), Tucson (Ariz.), Charlotte (N.C.), Boise (Idaho), Nashville (Tenn.) and Oklahoma City (Okla.).

"People are saying we'll be a 14th seed again," said Gary Johnson, who is averaging 13.2 points and 3.7 assists to go along with a team-high 6.9 steals.

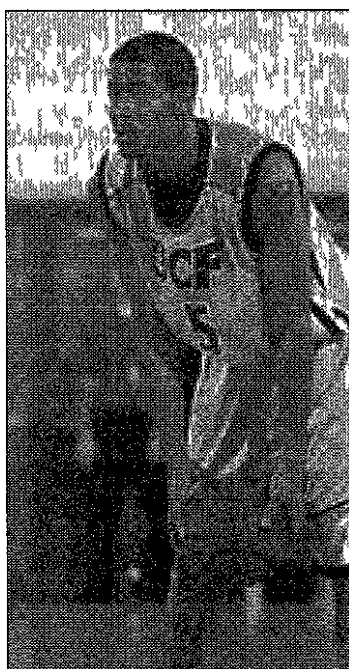
The senior was named Conference Tournament MVP after scoring a game-high 19 points, including 3-of-6 from three-point range and 6-of-6 from the line (where he is an 80 percent shooter on the year) in the finals of the three-game tourney hosted by Belmont University.

Even more impressive was only one turnover in 37 minutes of action.

"I feel like my contribution is way more looked upon to get the 'W,'" Gary Johnson said. "And being in the program for a year, I know more what to expect."

Marcus Johnson, a 6-foot-7 junior forward from Dearborn Heights, Robichaud, contributed five points and three rebounds off the bench in 14 minutes.

He has started eight of 32 games, averaging 5.5 points. He has a season-high of 18 against Stetson (Fla.) and has led the Golden Knights in



Former Schoolcraft College standout Gary Johnson is now the starting point-guard for NCAA tournament-bound University of Central Florida.

rebounding four times. "Marcus brings us energy, rebounding," said Gary, who is no relation. "He takes a charge when you need it. He does the dirty work inside."

Johnson's 2004-05 season started on Top of the World, named MVP of an Alaska tournament which included wins over Utah State and New Mexico State.

But after an 8-2 start, UCF fell on hard times in a January swoon, losing five of

its next 10 and falling out of first place in the Atlantic Sun before rebounding to win 12 of their last 13, including a huge road win against regular season champ Gardner-Webb.

"We just got complacent, actually we had a lot of wake-up calls this year and luckily everybody pulled together," said Gary Johnson, who earned second-team All-Atlantic Sun Conference honors. "This season has been more up-and-down, but I feel we were able to maintain things."

"February and March have been good months."

Johnson, majoring in Liberal Studies, hopes March will not end prematurely. He was back on the practice court Tuesday after weekend of celebrating.

"I've got to get better," Johnson said, "because I might have to be chasing (Duke guard) J.J. Redick around."

Other Ocelots star

Former Schoolcraft standout James Holmes (Belleville), a 6-3 junior guard, scored 14 points in South Florida's 80-68 upset victory over No. 21-ranked Cincinnati in Thursday's Conference USA Tournament quarterfinals in Memphis, Tenn.

It was the second straight

victory over a ranked team for the Bulls (14-16), who lost Friday night in the semifinals, to host Memphis, 81-68, as Holmes had two points in 19 minutes.

Two ex-Ocelots also tangled in the first-round Thursday in Denver, Colo. of the Mountain West Tournament as UNLV point-guard Ricky Morgan (Pontiac Northern) set a conference record by hitting 18-of-19 free throws in a 70-63 win over Wyoming.

Morgan finished with a game and season-high 22 points, while ex-Schoolcraft player Dion Sherrell (Detroit Henry Ford) led the Cowboys (15-13) with 18 points.

UNLV finished 16-13 after losing Friday night to Utah, 73-67, as Morgan scored nine points and had one assist.

Torvoris Baker, a 6-7 forward from the University of Detroit Mercy, started 22 of 30 games this season for the 14-16 Titans, averaging 7.9 points and a team-best 5.9 rebounds per game.

The former Ocelot, who played high school basketball at Detroit Cooley, had four points and five rebounds in 23 minutes in UDM's heart-breaking 59-58 Horizon League Tournament final defeat Tuesday night on ESPN against host Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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GYMNASTS

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(145 025) and Brighton third (144 275)

I said going in Third was first (for Canton) Cunningham said Nobody could've beaten Farmington whether Alyse Quinn was hurt or not

We were in gunning range of Livonia and Brighton passed us

without Alyssa I'm not disappointed at all with fourth place

Farmington has just a terrific team They have depth and a lot of quality gymnasts

Canton's Jessie Murray had a terrific meet according to her coach scoring 9.2 on vault 8.8 on bars 8.825 on beam and 9.075 on floor

Shes only a freshman, Cunningham said She handled the pressure well and per-

formed well with 9s on almost everything

(Kaitlyn) Burns had a nice routine on floor She scored a 9.225, which we needed (Kara) Ahern had an excellent routine on floor (9.425) and the same on beam (9.15)

We lose one senior, Megan Chappo She had a nice meet particularly on beam (9.025) and bars (8.725)

Mina Pirzadeh scored 8.25 on

beam, Kate Staley 8.95 on vault and 8.75 on bars, Hillary Bracht 8.85 on floor and Burns 8.75 on vault

Salem girls are 8th

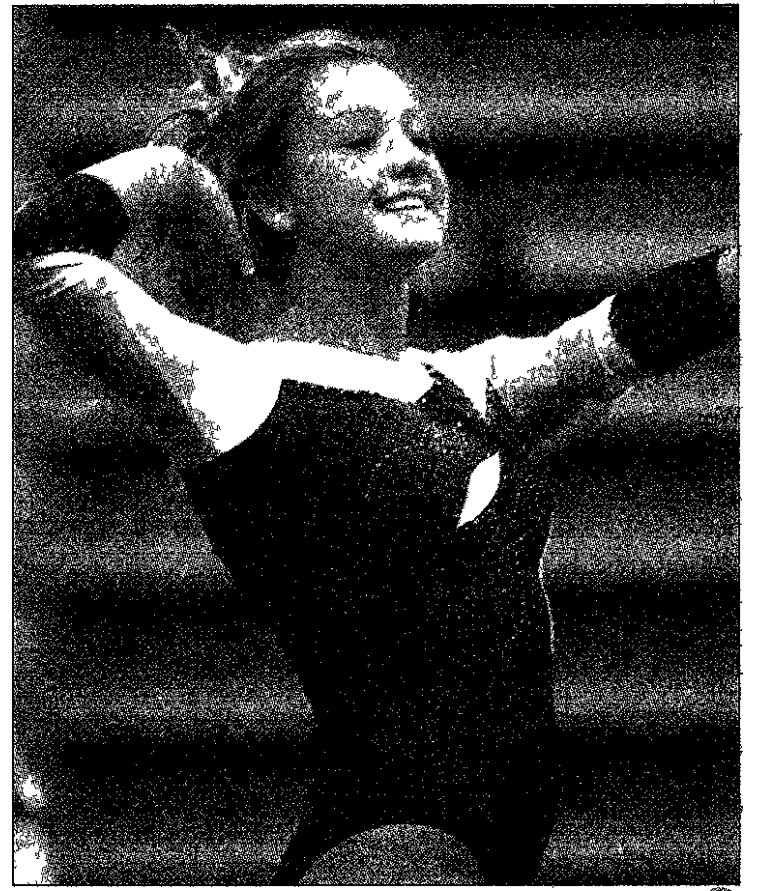
In its second straight state-meet appearance, Salem moved up one place and finished eighth in the team competition Friday with a 139.95 score

It could've been worse, but it could've been better, Salem coach Dana Driscoll said, adding the Rocks scored as high as 142.7 a couple weeks ago

When you get to the state meet, the scores tend to be a little stricter and nerves are a factor for the girls who've never competed here

Ashley Aquinto scored 8.85, Sarah Bugosh 8.65, Elena Gueorguev 8.875 and Brittany Young 8.125 on vault, Aquinto had 8.9, Bugosh 8.8 Gueorguev 9.1 and Young 8.5 on bars

Aquinto received a 9.1, Bugosh 8.725 Gueorguev 8.275 and Katerina Karotis 8.3 on beam, Aquinto had 9.025, Bugosh 9.075, Gueorguev 9.175



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Salem gymnast Sarah Bugosh completes her floor routine at Friday's team state finals held at Plymouth High School. She earned a score of 9.075, which helped the Rocks to an eighth-place finish

and Young 8.475 on floor
"We could've done a little better," Driscoll said "They tried their best I think they had fun That's what we stressed after all their hard work.

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MU sluggers keep winning in Florida

The Madonna University baseball team may never want to leave Florida.

It was Midnight at the Oasis in Port Charlotte as the Crusaders ran their school-record winning streak to 11 games with a 15-0 win over Grace (Ind.) College after beating Malone (Ohio) earlier in the day, 4-1.

Both of MU's games on Wednesday were cancelled because of rain.

MU, 11-1 overall, pounded out 17 hits as junior first baseman Todd Kalmbach went 4-for-4 with an RBI. Shortstop Kyle Fedorka, catcher Dave Herrick (Lavonia Churchill), Dan Gendron and third baseman Gary Van Allen each contributed two RBI in the victory. Herrick, center fielder Mike Cauzillo and designated hitter John McCracken each collected two hits.

Pitcher Derek Dufrane (2-1), went four scoreless innings, while holding Grace hitless to pick up his second win of the spring. Dufrane struck out seven and did not walk a batter before giving way to reliever Mike Jacques, who gave up a fifth-inning single to Josh Wood.

Madonna jumped on Grace starter Jeff Hamstra for eight runs in the first inning and three more in the second. Hamstra gave up 12 runs on 11 hits.

In MU's win over Malone (2-5), senior right-hander Adam Kline recorded a career-high 10 strikeouts in going the distance.

In seven innings, Kline (2-0) gave up just three hits and one run while facing just 24 batters.

Malone took a 1-0 lead in the first on Zach Winkhart's RBI

single, but MU came back with a unearned run when Kalmbach scored on an error.

In the fourth, MU took the lead for good on back-to-back doubles by Tony Kern and McCracken, followed by Fedorka's RBI sacrifice fly. The Crusaders padded their lead in the sixth on RBI single by Fedorka.

McCracken went 2-for-3 to lead the offensive attack.

Including two exhibition games against Sinclair Community College (Ohio), top individual batting averages for the Crusaders include Gendron (.667), Cauzillo (.524) and Kalmbach (.520).

Joe Greene and Kern each have a team-high 12 RBI, while McCracken has 11. Kern leads with 15 runs scored, while Gendron and Cauzillo are next best with 12 and 11, respectively.

The team earned run average is 1.53 with Mike Hand Fedorka and Kline all at 2.0 each. Kline has 28 strikeouts in 18 1/3 innings, while Dufrane has fanned 19 in 15 2/3 innings.

Softball rained out

Weather-wise, it's been a disaster this spring for the Madonna University women's softball team, which stands 5-4 overall.

After getting wiped out by rain on an earlier trip to California, the Crusaders lost games on Monday and Wednesday on their Florida swing, including their final matchup against Geneva (Pa.).

A weekend trip to Shawnee State (Ohio) was all cancelled due to expected low temperatures and the threat of snow. No makeup date has been announced.

PENGUINS

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seconds into the third period on Karegas's second goal.

PCS nearly won the game in regulation, but Schreiber managed to snuff solid chances by Schwan and Cercone in the closing moments of the third period.

The game-winning power play goal was set up by a questionable penalty call against the Penguins 22 seconds before Gard's heroics.

There is no checking allowed in the league, but you would have had a hard time convinc-

ing Penguin captain Stephanie Murray of that rule just over five minutes into the final period. While skating down the right side with 9:47 to go, Murray was slammed into the boards and remained on the ice for just over 10 minutes. No penalty was called.

After getting helped off the ice, she eventually returned to the game a short time later.

'She kind of got twisted the wrong way as she hit the boards,' Callahan said. 'She was sore, but was able to get back in there.'

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Schoolcraft's Samarco wins 'Bradford'

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Belleville's Martin Samarco became the fourth player in Schoolcraft College men's basketball history to win the Allen Bradford Award given to the top player in the NJCAA-Region 12.

The 6-foot-4 guard, who averaged 20.9 points per game, joins Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs (Baylor), Sam Hoskins (DePaul) and Mike Williams (Western Michigan) to win the award.

Samarco, who is being recruited by Arkansas State, Duquesne, Bowling Green and Ball State, is a transfer from

Kirtland Community College. He also made first-team All-Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft's Courtney Williams, a 6-9 transfer from Oakland University who averaged 15.7 points and 12.2 points per game, earned honorable mention All-MCCAA honors, along with second-year guard Ty Scott, who averaged 15.5 points per game.

Samarco, Williams and Scott will be playing in Sunday's MCCAA All-Star Game at Lansing Community College. Game time is 4 p.m.

Williams, who will also play in the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Star

Game during the Final Four weekend in St. Louis, recently returned from a visit to the University of Oregon.

He is also being recruited by Minnesota, Alabama-Birmingham and several other mid-major schools.

Kevin Massiah, a 6-4 swingman who transferred from Western Kentucky, is being recruited by Wisconsin, Southern Illinois and Creighton.

The Toronto, Ontario native averaged 14 points per game and eight rebounds.

Scott, meanwhile, is being recruited by Wright State, Ball State, Marshall and Tulsa.

New USC coach Tim Floyd and Minnesota head coach

Dan Monson made visits recently to watch the Schoolcraft players work out.

Despite finishing with the second-best winning percentage in school history (.273), Schoolcraft was banned from post-season play and vying for the MCCAA's Eastern Conference championship because of an off-season rules violation which the school failed to appeal.

'Our guys learned to fight through adversity and never quit and that will help them later in life,' Briggs said. 'The most important thing is to graduate, move on and go to a four-year school.'

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Deb Madonna

Reading the fine print

The Plymouth Historical Museum may be smaller than the Smithsonian, but you would never learn as much about Plymouth-Canton at the Smithsonian as you will at our own little museum

You don't have to be a history buff to realize that the museum is a cornerstone to our community, with thousands of artifacts, ongoing and new exhibits, speakers and special programs

Even the gift shop has surprises children's books, old-fashioned toys, paper dolls, Victorian items, Lincoln memorabilia, and a curio cabinet stocked and replenished often with donated collectibles Managers Ruth Jacobs and Jeanette Sullivan want everyone to know they welcome your old treasures

Wednesday volunteers, Ruth, has been at the museum for 24 years, Jeanette for two years Along with several hundred dedicated volunteers and a small staff, great things happen in every corner of the museum

It's hard to decide what to look at first

Ask AnnMarie Hasner, who recently moved to Canton from Westland, what happened the first time she ventured into the museum She was driving around Plymouth, looking for the post office, saw the "Underground Railroad Quilt Exhibit" advertised on the marquee and decided to stop in and take a look

Before she made it to the quilts, she wandered into the Lincoln room There was so much to see, she'll have to return in order to see the Quilt exhibit and everything else (The Museum is home to Michigan's largest Abraham Lincoln exhibit, donated by Dr. Weldon Petz)

Children can go on a Scavenger Hunt, discovering items, which introduces them to Abraham Lincoln, as a boy, as a father, a lawyer, a politician, the president, and an emancipator

A sign posted in the Lincoln room "Learning to read and write, possessing a memory that allowed him to repeat, almost word for word the sermons and speeches that he would hear He was a wonderful storyteller"

Lincoln has a lot in common with Dave Crockett, who volunteers as a docent in the Lincoln room on Wednesdays Dave has been with the museum for over a year A retired, social worker and part-time probation officer, Dave is very interested in Lincoln "Lincoln is intriguing and there's so much to learn Every time I come to the museum, I always find something new"

Most people see the old newspapers displayed in the Lincoln exhibit and glance at the headlines Dave reads the fine print People may know who won the presidential election of 1860, but Dave knows how many votes Lincoln and Douglas received

According to the *Detroit Daily Advertiser*, Nov 7, 1860, Wednesday morning edition, Austin Blair was elected Michigan's 13th governor Other election results "Michigan goes for Lincoln" "Wayne County goes for Lincoln" Plymouth 231 votes for Lincoln Canton's 65 votes went to Douglas

Don't wait for Lincoln's birthday or a special exhibit Stop in the museum often and stroll down "Main Street" Adults are welcome to go on scavenger Hunts, too And if you're in the museum on a Wednesday, ask Dave Crockett to tell you about Lincoln or ask Ruth and Jeanette what's "new" in the gift shop

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Going to the dogs

Handlers prepare for agility trials at Kennel Club show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Cobo Center is going to the dogs on March 19-20, and handlers from Livonia, Canton and Redford couldn't be happier For two days, they'll strut their stuff in agility trials, and obedience and conformation competitions at the 94th/95th Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows featuring more than 2,000 dogs from more than 150 breeds

It turns wild when Kim O'Neill brings Drew, her 4-year-old Portuguese water dog, to demonstrate flyball with Sportsmens/Positive Attitudes Flyball Team 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. on both days Flyball is a team sport where dogs race against each other O'Neill's 14-year-old Wheaten terrier Toby recently retired from flyball competitions she'd been in since 1993 O'Neill calls flyball a "pretty wild sport where dogs get to bark and love it" The Redford resident, like the dogs, does it for fun She'll be the first to tell you she's not a professional handler but an accountant who works in Birmingham

'GOOD SHOW TO LEARN'

"DKC is a benched show which makes it a great show to learn about different dogs," said O'Neill "Some shows they compete and leave, here they stay If you're looking for a particular breed it's a good show to learn about dogs"

In between flyball demonstrations and competing in agility trials with Drew, O'Neill will talk about how Portuguese water dogs originally were trained to deliver messages between boats, retrieve objects that fell into the water, and herd fish into nets

A lot of people say they look like poodles, said O'Neill They're a lot like Wheaten terriers, don't shed They're stubborn I like a challenge to train

Training is what made Lance, the Shetland sheep dog, a champion Marilyn Runde prides herself on teaching even the youngest dogs to run through tunnels or weave poles Lance, 5, and Millie her 4-year-old Doberman, consistently rank high in agility competitions where dogs jump over hurdles, climb teeter totters and run up A-frames Lance currently is working on his Master Agility Champion for which he needs 750 points to earn the highest of titles Recently, he zipped through 20 obstacles stretched out over 160 yards in 61 seconds

Whether it's in water, snow or wind, Lance will

PLEASE SEE DOG SHOW, C5



Drew, the Portuguese water dog, races through a tunnel in his Redford yard



CATHI WINKLES

Lance, the Shetland sheepdog, will compete in agility trials at Cobo Center He's currently working on accumulating 750 points to attain the highest level a Master Agility Champion



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Above Mick, the Rhodesian Ridgeback, crosses a narrow board on the dog walk in his Livonia backyard At left Mick races toward the A-frame with owner Ann Rudd by his side

Magic Moments winners from Canton enjoy night on the town

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Cheryl and Tim Phillips still have \$20 left from a gift certificate they won in the *Observer's* Magic Moments contest, so they'll be returning soon to Antonio's Italian Cucina in Dearborn Heights for dinner

Even though Valentine's Day was over, Cheryl wore red for their special evening on the town Wednesday, March 2, her ears sparkled from the earrings she received with a \$200 gift certificate from Murray's Jewelry in Redford

In addition to certificates for dinner (\$60) and jewelry, the Canton couple won two tickets to *Phantom of the Opera* at Masonic Temple and a singing valentine courtesy of The Four Decades quartet from the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

"We really had a good time," said Cheryl Phillips "Antonio's was wonderful They put a tablecloth on our table The food was great The quartet sang and was fun People all around were



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Magic Moments winners Tim and Cheryl Phillips from Canton enjoy dinner at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Dearborn Heights as The Four Decades barbershop chorus sings a Valentine to them Pictured from right to left are Gary Simon, baritone, Hal Reid, bass, Gary Francis, lead, and Bob Wolf tenor.

listening when they were singing and clapped afterward From there we went to the Phantom which was magnifi-

cent, a great show" Tim and Cheryl were married last September, not too long after he

brought her guppies on their first date instead of flowers

"We sang two songs - Let Me Call You Sweetheart and Heart of My Heart," said Gary Simon, a Canton resident and president of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society which rehearses 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland "The great feeling you have to be able to deliver a love song from their sweetheart is most special"

Simon's quartet and two others delivered 31 singing valentines to sweethearts in Livonia, Westland, Canton, Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Farmington Hills this Valentine's Day

"It helps us make money for the chapter to pay for music, rehearsal hall rental fees and wardrobe," said Simon now in his fifth year of delivering singing valentines

For more information about the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, call Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652

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Crisis hotlines offer runaways a safe place

Spring is coming to Michigan - we hope the hellebores and daffodils will be blooming Soon more teens than ever will be on the run

The 2004 statistics from the National Runaway Switchboard (NRS) reveal that out of 111,000 calls handled by the national nonprofit organization, 42 percent were from youth in crisis or youth contemplating running from home Of this demographic, 58 percent identified themselves as being on the street as a runaway, throwaway, or homeless young person.

"Our focus as the oldest hotline in the world is to ensure that every youth who calls our crisis hotline is in a safe place and has a positive plan of action at the end of the call," said Maureen Blaha, NRS executive director "Our professional staff and volunteers do this by providing youth with education and solution-focused interventions, and non-sectarian and non-judgmental support The numbers (of runaways) are staggering and they demonstrate the continuous need to keep American youth safe and off the street"

Family dynamics such as divorce, remarriage, problems with siblings and extended family members were issues and concerns identified by 36 percent of the youth who called Peer/social concerns such as peer pressure, gang issues, dating and relationships were identified by 13 percent Difficulties with their social worker and state social service systems made up 10 percent of the calls Reported

It is hard to imagine the parental agony and stress that comes from a teen running away. The period before the actual run is often filled with anguish and torment.

age of callers was 16 (22 percent), 17 (22 percent), 15 (14 percent), and 18 (11 percent)

Other important facts
 ■ National Runaway Switchboard has a national database containing more than 17,000 resources and a referral library with 20,000 references

■ The number of youth who were returned home in 2004 through NRS' Home Free Program, a partnership with Greyhound Lines, Inc., was 989

■ Seventy-seven percent of incoming calls were with females and 35 percent came from the parents or guardian
 ■ At the time of the call, 58 percent of the young people were on the street as a runaway, throw away, or homeless young person

■ Additional information and statistics are found at www.1800RUNAWAY.org

The National Runaway Switchboard, established in 1971, serves as the federally designated national communications system for homeless and runaway youth

Recognized as the oldest hotline in the world, NRS, with the support of more than 150 volunteers, has handled more than 3 million calls in its 34-year history and handled over 111,000 calls last year NRS

provides crisis intervention, referrals to local resources, and education and prevention services to youth, families, and community members throughout the country 24 hours a day, 365 days a year The NRS crisis hotline is (800) RUNAWAY

It is hard to imagine the parental agony and stress that comes from a teen running away The period before the actual run is often filled with anguish and torment, or running can be the result of a simple family disagreement In any case, running to a friend's home or to the street can bring about unintended consequences such as injury, prostitution and rape

Next week, this column will discuss the importance of your communication with your adolescent This skill may help keep your child home and safe In the meantime, say to your son or daughter, "I'm giving you this column If you ever hear a friend talking about running away from home, be sure they know the National Runaway Switchboard number, (800) 621-4000 Be sure they also know the crisis telephone line of Common Ground, (800) 231-1127"

Common Ground, where I worked in fund-raising and public relations 30 years ago,



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

has programs for young people ages 16-23 that house those who leave their home and family These are residential transition programs - in other words, they provide safe havens Ours is a very fortunate area to have a resource like Common Ground

We are not showing sloppy sentimentality when we care about others Your adolescent may save the life of a friend, or their own, with the information in this column Please clip this article and give it to your teen Be sure your child's counselor at school knows the numbers, too

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp Type 'Alice R. McCarthy' under 'Keyword Search' for a list of her most recent columns

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(March 13 17)
 By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20th)
 Knowledge is power and so are words Ram This week you'll use what you know to persuade others to go along with your plans Whether they're good plans or bad plans remains to be seen but self-doubt won't be an issue The word failure isn't in your vocabulary

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
 The tide is turning to your favor and by the end of the month it will be a flood so stop moaning that you don't get the breaks and start looking forward to a much brighter future kid! Events are important but not nearly as important as your attitude Right?

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
 Speak your mind by all means especially where important financial matters are concerned twin But make sure your assumptions are backed up by facts or you run the risk of alienating others Those who are wedded to their opinions are likely to experience a messy divorce

CANCER (June 22-July 23)
 There are times when it's possible to notice a pattern behind the seemingly random events of your existence and what takes place over the next few days will convince you that life is not all chaos and confusion If you try you can make sense of it Try MoonKid

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)
 You may feel a bit tied down and restricted this week but what you can't do physically you can at least prepare for mentally Be ready to hit the ground running when the Sun moves in your elemental favor on the 20th The time spent in preparation will not be time wasted

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
 Having staked your claim for better things now it's simply a matter of keeping up the pressure and making sure others are aware of your talents Self-confidence breeds success so act as if you are in total control of events even though you may not have a clue what is going on

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
 Balancer there are many things you can do successfully this week but there is one thing you can't do Argue with others about money Even if you honestly believe that you have been shortchanged you're advised not to make an issue of it Keep your head and be grand

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 What happens over the coming days could be reviewed as a setback but once the Sun changes signs on the 20th you'll see it in a more positive light You've been under lots of pressure since 05 began but soon you'll realize that it has made you stronger Scorp

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 Although you may have every reason to feel dejected because of others' lack of sympathy and support in fact what you are currently experiencing really is simply the final chapter in a long drawn out roller coaster personal or professional saga Straighten up Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)
 According to the planets you've lost yourself in details and need to step back from what you're doing to see the overall picture If you fail to do it willingly something or someone will force you to make adjustments Don't be impatient or full of yourself at this time Cap

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)
 You have an astro reputation for being a law unto yourself WaterBearer However in the days to come loved ones are going to see how conservative you can be - having realized that there are advantages to be gained by changing your tactics Be true to yourself and kind to others

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 Because pressures are high you appear to be caught up in a vicious kind of cycle regarding a joint decision or monetary arrangement However the Sun still hanging in your sign for another week should enable you to turn the situation to your advantage Resist the desire to take revenge

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Author recalls the glory days of Ebbets Field and the Dodgers

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In 1955 the Brooklyn Dodgers won the World Series. Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese, Duke Snider, Roy Campanella and the other "Boys of Summer" finally brought joy to Ebbets Field, a storied ballpark in New York's most baseball mad borough.

Two years later, Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley took the beloved Dodgers of Ebbets Field like thieves in the night to a sunnier and more prosperous home in Los Angeles.

On the 50th anniversary of the Dodgers' first World Series victory, Northville writer Joseph McCauley has written and self-published an entertaining history of the famous ballpark and its quirky baseball team, *Ebbets Field: Brooklyn's Baseball Shrine* (authorhouse, \$19.50).

McCauley has brought together the memories of players, executives, broadcasters, vendors, groundskeepers and, most memorably, fans to tell a story of baseball in the neighborhood. He has also assembled an impressive collection of photos that are placed throughout the large format book, dating from the park's opening day in 1913 to its demise in the late '50s.

McCauley has worked at the U.S. Postal Service office in Royal Oak for 26 years, but he originally studied journalism at Wayne State University and interned with the *Observer & Eccentric* in the late 1970s. He said he's always wanted to write a book.

"I've collected a lot of books on ballparks," McCauley said. "There have been a ton of them done on Tiger Stadium, Yankee Stadium, Wrigley Field, Fenway Park, but there has never been one on Ebbets Field."

McCauley began his quest at Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame, in search of a photo of Ebbets' elaborate rotunda of Italian marble and a chandelier with baseball bat arms and light globes shaped like baseballs.

He finally tracked a picture down through the Los Angeles Dodgers archives.

"That was my Holy Grail for doing the book. I accomplished that and other things worked out well," McCauley said.

Another thing that "worked out well" was his first celebrity interview, and he didn't have to go far to do it.

The most exciting thing right off the bat was when I wrote to Ernie Harwell, McCauley said. Harwell, the longtime voice of the Detroit Tigers, began his major league broadcasting career in 1948 as a fill-in for an ailing Red Barber. "Ernie called me up. I wasn't home, but my wife got the call and she was all thrilled. I called him up and he said come over to the house."

McCauley interviewed Harwell for 40 minutes at his home in Farmington Hills. He said getting that interview gave him the confidence to go ahead with his book.

FANS REMEMBER

Some of his best interviews are with ordinary fans, for whom Dodgers baseball was a near religious experience. An early photo shows a trolley pulling up alongside the brick-faced Ebbets Field, suggesting just how much the ballpark was part of the neighborhood. The

team acquired its name because its fans had to dodge the trolleys to get to the park.

"They all lived right around there," McCauley said of the fans. "It would be like having a ballpark around here where the George Burns Theatre used to be (Farmington and Plymouth roads). They had a feeling that this was their thing. The players were their buddies and lived in the neighborhood during the season. They'd meet them when they were out shopping. It was a community thing."

McCauley quotes a fan, Stan Field, on the Ebbets experience: "Ebbets Field was very warm and cozy. We spent most of our time in the bleachers, but were treated just as well as the box seat patrons. One really felt at home there and you could go with the guys or even feel comfortable with a date there. The thing that sticks out in my mind most about Ebbets Field was the friendly atmosphere between fans and other fans and fans and the players."

McCauley said the park was also a kind of community center. High school football games, circuses, concerts and even outdoor movies were presented in the off-season.

"The Dodgers had been a fan favorite even when they struggled to put a decent team on the field and were nicknamed 'Da Bums.' But Dodger fortunes began to change after World War II. In 1947, Ebbets Field made history. Dodgers president Branch Ruckey brought Jackie Robinson up from the Montreal minor league team to become major league baseball's first black player."

Jackie Robinson was a great player," McCauley said. "If he wasn't a great player, things might have turned out much differently. Ruckey wanted to get not only the best player, but the best person who could deal with what was going to happen, the scorn and name calling. He had to get the best person and a real love bond happened there. Robinson's solid bat, speedy base running and dogged deter-

mination became the catalyst for a dynamite team that would compete for the pennant every year. They won pennants and lost World Series to the New York Yankees. In 1951 they lost the pennant in an historic play-off game with their archrivals, the New York Giants, when Bobby Thompson hit a home run off Ralph Branca at the Polo Grounds.

DODGERS GO HOLLYWOOD

By 1955 it all came together and the Dodgers defeated the Yankees in a seven-game sub-way series. But the end for Ebbets was at hand. O'Malley was already trying to get public support to build a new stadium. The neighborhood park didn't have enough seats or enough parking.

The Braves had moved from Boston to Milwaukee and O'Malley, seeing their success, was eager to make his own move. Meanwhile, the rival Giants were looking to move to Minnesota when O'Malley convinced Giants owner Horace Stoneham to move to San Francisco instead and keep their rivalry alive.

The Dodgers' last hurrah was a 1956 pennant. They lost the seven-game series in a rematch with the Yankees. In January 1957, Jackie Robinson retired and by fall O'Malley was ready to move to Los Angeles.

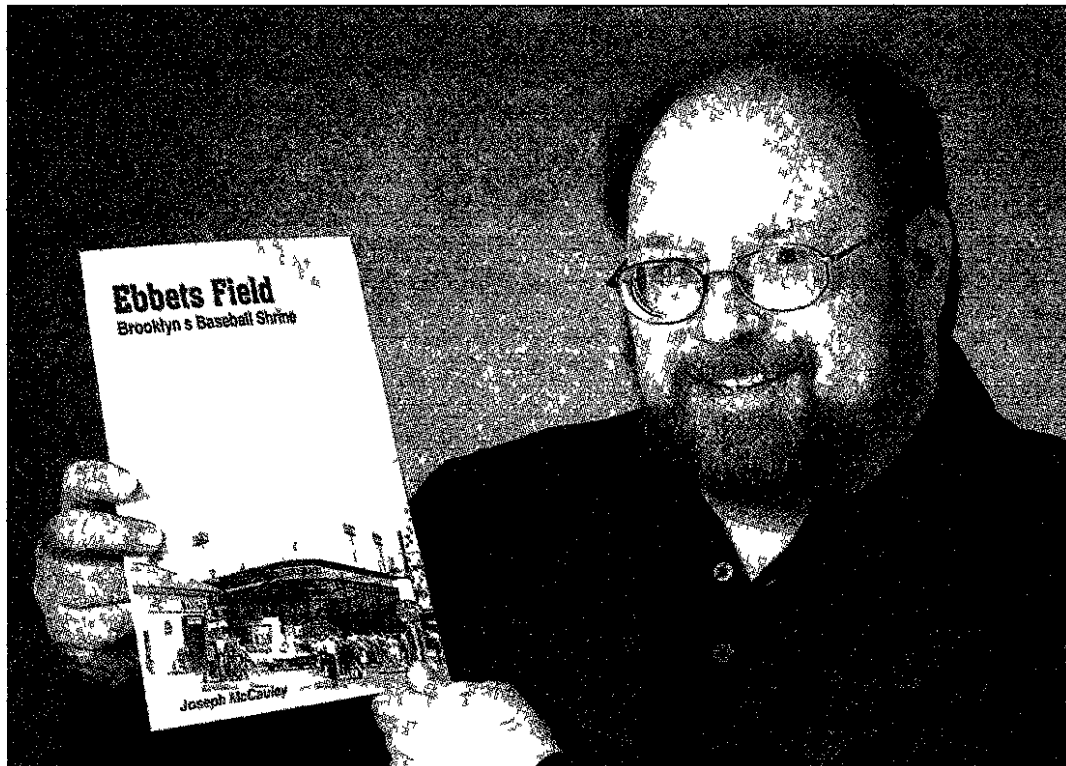
Ebbets Field was demolished in 1960 and replaced by a housing project.

There's a small sign recognizing Ebbets Field and near it a sign saying "No Ball Playing." On a site that once had the best baseball in the world, they don't allow baseball, McCauley said.

McCauley has been invited to Cooperstown June 28 to give a talk on his book at the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Ebbets Field: Brooklyn's Baseball Shrine is available online at Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com and authorhouse.com.

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ENGAGEMENT

Lesko-Downs

John Lesko and Suzanne Schluenderberg of Ann Arbor, and Donald and Alicia Van Pelt of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marisa Christine Lesko, to Chad David Downs, son of David and Ruth Downs of Kalamazoo

Chad and Marisa met while students at Eastern Michigan University. They both earned their Bachelor's Degree in Science from EMU's College of Education. Marisa teaches kindergarten in Monroe and Chad teaches third and fourth grade in Ann Arbor

Chad and Marisa are planning a July wedding at St. Andrew's Church in Ann Arbor



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jessie Chapman (left counterclockwise), Kelsey Lutz, Mick Gavin Colleen Shanks, Holland Raper, and Sean and Michael Gavin perform at the St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest in Westland

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP P.D.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 18 2005 at 10 00 a.m. at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Road Plymouth Michigan a public auction of the following
1989 Toyota Camry 4T1SV24E6KU098969
Dated March 9 2005
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Allen, Bird, & Smith Elementary Schools. The project will be completed in June July 2005 prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials asbestos thermal system insulation asbestos transite materials and windows with asbestos window caulk. Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after March 14 2005 at HealthAir Inc 23491 Research Drive Farmington Hills Michigan 48335 or by phoning (248) 426 0165. All bids should include 3 copies (1 original 2 duplicates) and are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center, RE School Abatement Bids 454 South Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 2 00 p.m. Wednesday March 30 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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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

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Tonda Elementary School. Specifications bid forms and additional information are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416 2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 1 30 p.m. Wednesday March 23rd 2005. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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ORDINANCE #2005-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 54-72, ARTICLE III, OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

SECTION 1. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 54 Article III Section 54 72 of the Code of the City of Plymouth by adding the following language:

54 72 Fighting

No person shall engage in any physical fight in any public place. This section shall not apply to a physical fight between two participants in a sanctioned sporting event during the actual sanctioned sporting event. However, this section shall apply to any physical fight between spectators and/or any other non participants at a sanctioned sporting event as well as any physical fight between a participant in the sanctioned sporting event and a spectator and/or any other non participant at a sanctioned sporting event.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the 27th Day of March 2005.

Made passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth Michigan this 7th day of March 2005.

STELLA GREENE MAYOR LINDA J LANGMESSER CMC CITY CLERK

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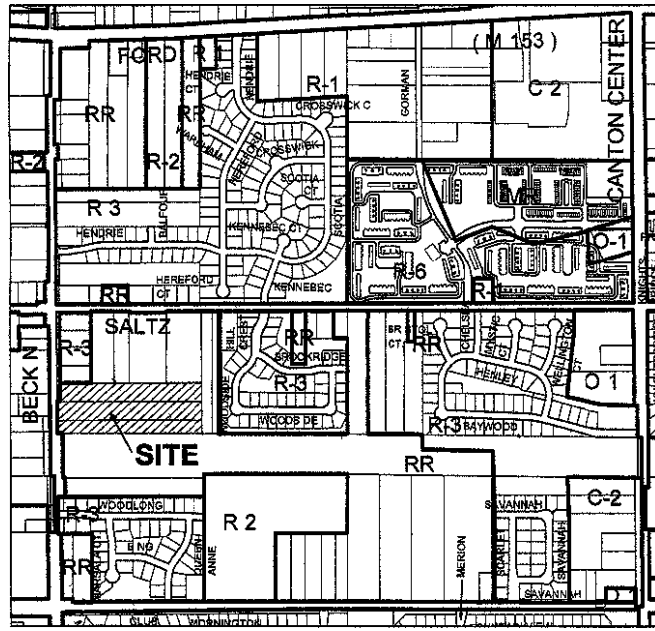
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, April 4 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 11 50 S. Canton Center Road at 7 00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

RIVIERA REZONING. CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 063 99 0006 701 063 99 0007 000 AND 063 99 0008 000 FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located east of Beck between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads.



SECTION 16

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1 150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 3 1 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

- 1 "Honeymoon," James Patterson
- 2 "The Broker," John Grisham
- 3 "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
- 4 "Survivor in Death," J D Robb
- 5 "State of Fear," Michael Crichton

NON-FICTION

- 1 Juiced, Jose Canseco
- 2 'Blink,' Malcolm Gladwell
- 3 'Men in Black,' Mark Levin
- 4 'Collapse,' Jared Diamond
- 5 'God's Politics,' Jim Wallis

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 'Rickie and Henri,' Jane Goodall
- 2 'Foodlena,' E B McHenry
- 3 'Where is Bear?' Leslea Newman
- 4 'The Useful Moose,' Fiona Robinson
- 5 'Into the Forest,' Anthony Browne

AROUND TOWN

Caregiver symposium

Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit hosts a symposium on Caring for the Caregiver from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Lunch will be available with music and chair massage therapy and a wealth of information. Among those available: Dr. Leslie Bricker, oncologist; nutritionist Annette LoDuca Duhaime; nurse Wendy Goldberg; on Caregivers Emotions; life coach Fuzzy Manning; Rick Cryderman on spirituality; Dan Layman of Hospice of Michigan; and Donna May on relaxation self-hypnosis. The symposium is designed to help caregivers bring the best care to their loved ones with cancer by learning the best ways to care for themselves. Gilda's Club is located at 3517 Rochester Road in Royal Oak. Call (248) 577-0800.

Peter Cottontail

The musical version of the classic tale of Peter Cottontail hops its way into Northville's historic Marquis Theatre through May 1. Performances are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 12 and 19, and April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 13, 20, and April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1, and Monday, Friday, 2:30 p.m. March 28, 31, and April 1. Tickets for all performances are \$7.50. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main. Call (248) 349-8110 for details.

Coping with loss

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a Let's Talk presentation called "What Do I Say? What Do I Do?" from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, in the hospital's auditorium. Speaker will be Cheryl Fairbrother, RN, BSN, MHA, OCN of St. Mary Mercy. Admission to the presentation is free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, visit www.stmarymercy.org or call (734) 655-8950.

Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road, just south of 5 Mile. Gregg King, author of "The Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation Guide," speaks on "What to do to preserve tombstones in cemeteries." Meetings and classes are offered free of charge and are open to the public. For more information, call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

Summer art

The Ann Arbor Art Center has announced a partnership with the YMCA for its annual summer art camp program. Summer at the Art Factory, an art camp for youth ages 4-12, featuring 10 different weeks, jam-packed with creative activities with themes that include Jurassic Art, Egyptomania, and Wild Things. Full-day morning and afternoon camp sessions are available for ages 6-12.

Kinder Camp is available especially for younger artists ages 4 and 5. Although sessions are limited, Clay on the Wheel is offered for campers 9-12 who wish to spend the morning learning techniques of handbuilding and wheel throwing. Camp for youth ages 6-12 will be held at the YMCA's new building located at 400 W. Washington Street and will include full-day programs and half-day programs with pre and post-camp supervision. Kinder Camp and Clay on the Wheel will be held at The Art Factory located at 220 Felch Street in the studio environment for which the Art Center is noted. To register or for more information, call 734-994-8004 x101 or drop by the Art Center at 117 West Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor. To register or view summer camp sessions online, visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Hospice art dash

Arbor Hospice and Home Care announces Art Dash 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. Proceeds from the highly anticipated event will benefit Arbor Hospice and its Northville office, which cares for hundreds of patients each year throughout Wayne and Oakland counties. Doors open at 6:30 with the dash starting at 8:30 by the end of the evening. Each ticket holder dashes for a beautiful piece of artwork. Tickets are \$250 each, which admits up to two people. St. John's Golf & Conference Center is located at 44045 Five Mile Road. To register or for further information, contact Glenda Gordon Kime at (734) 662-5999 Ext. 152 or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www.arborhospice.org.

Grief support series

Heartland Hospice offers a six-week series, Living with Grief, beginning Thursday, March 24, through April 28, from 4:50 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series is free and open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen at (734) 973-1145 or toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Italian renaissance

The Ann Arbor Art Center Paesano's Restaurant and Winebow Imports will present Southern Italian Renaissance on Wednesday, March 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Southern Italian Renaissance features a five-course dinner and wines of southern Italy, as well as guest speaker Nunzio Castaldo, senior vice president for Italian wines at Winebow Imports. Guest speaker Nunzio Castaldo is a native of Naples, Italy, and joined Winebow as a sales representative in 1986. An expert in Italian wines, Castaldo is responsible for Winebow's marketing strategies and

pricing for its Italian wine portfolio. Southern Italian Renaissance costs \$70 per person. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center. Paesano's is located at 3411 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. For ticket information, please call Paesano's at 734-971-0484 or visit www.paesanosannarbor.com.

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters sponsors its 23rd annual Spring Arts and Crafts show, March 18-20, at the Northville Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School on Sheldon at 8 Mile. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, jewelry, baskets, wood items, and clothing. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 18; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, March 20. Admission is \$2. For more information, call (734) 459-0050.

Liturgical music workshop

The Music Committee of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will host a workshop on Orthodox liturgical music at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. Entitled "When the Saints Go Marching In," the workshop will focus on the Trisagion antiphons, troparia, and other processional music sung during the Divine Services and sacraments of the Orthodox Church. The workshop is designed for choir directors, chanters, and choral singers at Orthodox churches. Church musicians from other Christian traditions also are welcome. Registration for the workshop will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The workshop itself will be from 9 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch. The fee for the workshop is \$25. The luncheon fee is \$5. To register or obtain further information, contact Janet Damian at (313) 274-1226 or damian@juno.com.

Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor and displayed through May 9. The spring exhibition is titled "Black + White" with the theme of wild and wacky silhouettes featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty-eight Burns Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners; the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the community and promote this year's WineFest, which will be held on Saturday, May 14. The banners will be on display during the event with the black and white style reflected throughout this year's décor. For more information, call (734) 994-8004 Ext. 111.

Flea markets

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts the 51st Annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at 1830 Washtenaw. Art, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, linens, toys, seasonal items, furniture, and books will be among the items available. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call (734) 662-3279.

The Wyandotte Lions Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the visually handicapped, sponsors its annual indoor Flea Market at the Wyandotte Yack Arena, 246 Sycamore, April 2-3. The market is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 3. Admission is free, though

a \$2 donation is requested.

St. Damian craft show

St. Damian Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual spring arts and crafts show that will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 30055 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman Road) in Westland. For more information or an application, please call Carol Nelius at (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net.

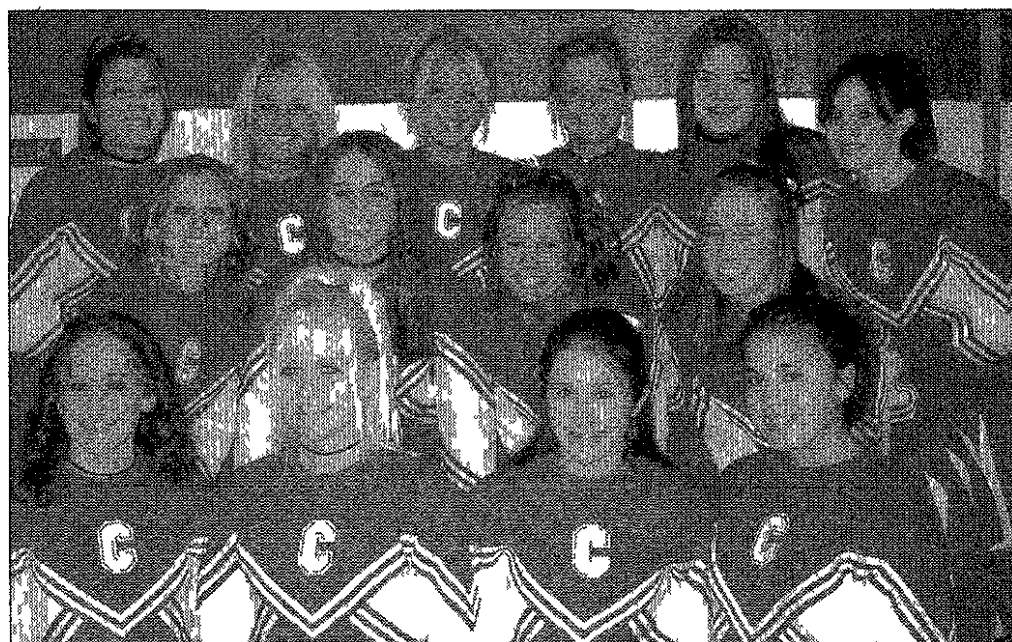
Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston, and western

Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support, and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

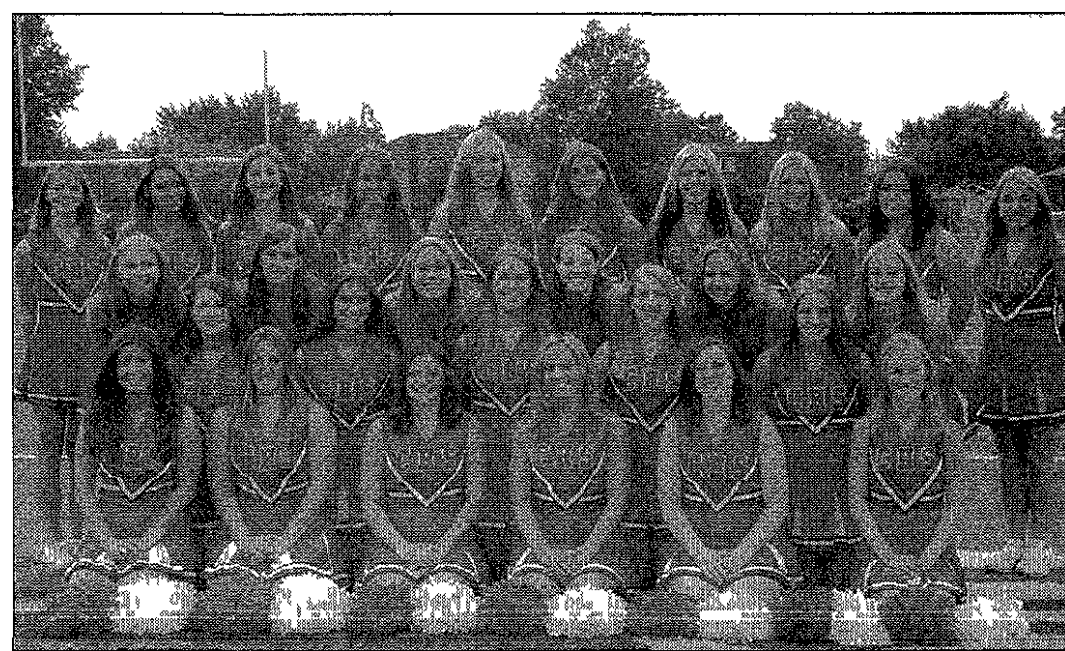
Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble. The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at djandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.



Chiefette success

Canton High School's varsity (below) and junior varsity Chiefettes (above) competed at the recent regional Mid American Competition at Churchill High School in Livonia. Both squads were then chosen to go to Mid American's state competition at Eastern Michigan University.



DOG SHOW

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run up this equipment," said Runde of Canton. "We were in Midland at a show where there was a large puddle of water in front of the weave poles. Some of the dogs balked, not Lance. He likes to do agility, has done herding and flyball but likes agility the best."

AGILITY TEST

Agility is Runde's favorite as well. She assistant teaches dogs how to maneuver over and around the equipment at Wolverine Dog Training in Livonia and Northfield Dog Training in Saline. In April, she and her husband Arthur join forces to take on young pups at Pet Surtes Retreat in Dearborn Heights.

"Lance is running at peak," said Runde. "It sometimes takes years for a dog to develop. It's like running a race car by remote control. Lance works far from me and very quick. I have to work harder with Lance (who's quicker than Millie)."

While both dogs are benched, Runde plans to share her expertise with show visitors. Runde has made dogs her business for more than 30 years. In addition to training dogs and breeding Shelties, she knows everything anyone would ever want to know about holistic diets and health care. She cares about dogs and it shows by the labor she invests to rescue Shelties.

"When you get involved with dogs you meet so many nice people, create great friendships," said Runde. "Competition makes that bond stronger between you and your dog."

The bond between Ann Rudd and Mick is particularly noticeable as the Livonia woman asks the Rhodesian Ridgeback to cross a narrow board on a dog walk used for agility competitions. Trust between the two was built from the time not only Mick was a puppy, but Stevie, her 2-year-old female. Rudd plans in the next couple of months to breed a future generation of champions.

"They started young at eight weeks with smaller equipment with kids tunnels because puppies don't have any fear," said Rudd. "On the dog walk or A-frame we wait for one year to do jumps because of their bones. They seem to like agility. It's fun. It's fast."

Mick makes a sound like he's adding his two cents. A lone cat meows from the background. His specialty is sleeping on the couch while Mick and Stevie compete in agility and confirmation with Rudd and her husband, Mark. Last year, Mick placed No. 2 in agility in the nation. Stevie was No. 10.



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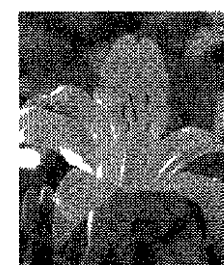
Marilyn Runde of Canton will compete in agility trials with her two dogs, Lance (left) and Millie at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show in Cobo Center, March 19-20.

"Agility is becoming so popular because it's fun and the dogs love it," said Rudd. "You're competing against the clock. One wants to place but you don't have to. Confirmation there's only one ribbon a day so you could go home without anything. With agility even if you don't place you get a qualifying ribbon."

SHOW INFO

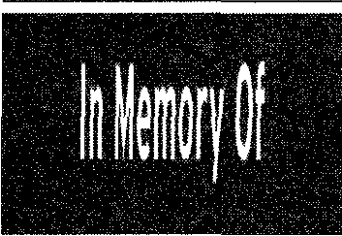
The DKC show (public displays and demonstrations) runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day with Best in Show going into the ring at about 6 p.m. each day (agility runs 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Don't miss the demonstrations by Paws With A Cause dogs dedicated to serving people with disabilities: 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.; Iditarod demos with Michigan musher Tom Knoll and his team of dogs: 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.; and tracking and search demos by the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team and U.S. Customs K-9s at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. New this year is Terrier Racing, herding demos by the Border Collie Society of America, and presentations on first aid and household hazards for dogs by Michigan Veterinary Specialists.

Tickets are \$12, \$8 for under age 12 and seniors 60 and over, \$35 for a family of two adults and three children, group rates available at (734) 207-2018. For more information, call (248) 352-7469 or visit www.detroitkennelclub.com.



WILLIAM JOHN BARLOW

WWII Veteran, long time Livonia resident and Hockey Coach, died of heart failure Saturday, March 5, 2005, in Lakeland, FL. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ruth, son Dennis (Karen), daughter Kathleen, son Kevin (Linda), 2 grandchildren, Stephanie and Steven, sister Mary Manchester. Preceded in death by brother Joseph Barlow. Funeral, March 11, 2005, in Lakeland, FL.



WILLIAM "BILL" E. CHICKERING

Age 82, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2005, at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. He joined the Army/Air Corps during WWII and as a Captain flew 89 missions in a P-38 over Europe. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan. Mr. Chickering was a cabinet maker and worked with Whittcomb Furniture Company and then Keeler Brass. After moving to Detroit, he became a home builder. He is survived by his wife Nancy, children William E. Chickering III and Sandra of CA, John and Karen Chickering of Rockford, Catharine Koch of Dearborn, Carol and William Burden of Princeton, NJ, Charles and Nancy Frick of Carmel, IN, Joan and Robert Marquart of Westwood, MA, Elizabeth and Charles Petoskey of Farmington Hills, and Susan and Dan Carlman of Plainfield, IL. 19 grandchildren, brother John and Lola Chickering of Tuscon, AZ. The Memorial Service for Mr. Chickering will be Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, MI, with the Reverend Cory Randall officiating. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe Avenue, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, to honor the love, dignity, and care that the staff gave to Mr. Chickering.

Passages

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

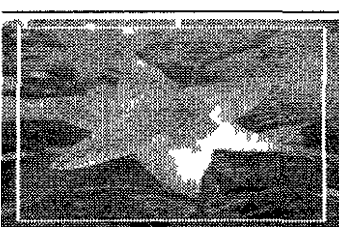
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DONALD HOWARD ELLIS

Age 71 of Summerfield, Florida, died March 9, 2005. Born in Detroit, MI. Mr. Ellis, owner/operator of a Boat Repair Company in Livonia, MI, was an avid golfer, served in the US Army in the Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Dominican Republic. Survived by his wife of 44 years, Dolores Ellis of Summerfield, FL. Daughters: Christine Elizabeth Ellis of MI, Suzann Marie Wilkinson (William) of MI, Sisters: Janet Sgueglia of Brandenton, FL, Kathleen G. Garcia of Ocala, FL. Services will be held at a later date.

ALMA ALEATA MARSACK

Age 76 of Livonia, Michigan, passed away on March 10, 2005. She was born November 1, 1928, in Windsor, Canada. She is survived by husband Milton, son Richard (Christine), daughter Cynthia Marsack, sister Reginald (Cindy), daughter Colleen (Keith) Barthauer, grandchildren Peter, William, Kim, Angel, Mickey, Alexander, Zachary, and Laure, great grandchildren Shane, Cody, and Kyle. Services were held on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia, MI.



KATHLEEN MARIE PHELPS

Age 49 of Rochester Hills, March 10, 2005. Loving mother of Cynthia and Jennifer Phelps. Dear daughter of Edmund and Cynthia Thompson. Sister of Susan (Mitch) Thompson, Stavitz, and Daniel (Donna) Thompson. Funeral service, Monday, March 14, 2005, 11:00 AM, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1315 Pine. Rochester The family will receive friends Sunday, 1-8 PM, at the Potere Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. Kathleen will be in state at church Monday, 10:00 AM, until time of service. Memorials to the American Red Cross. Online guest book, www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.

DANIEL G. MYERS

Age 73 of Westland, March 7, 2005. Survived by two daughters, Karen and Andrea. Also survived by his granddaughter Sarah. Mr. Myers was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the USN. He was active in community theater. He also enjoyed photography, fishing, and the outdoors.

LILLIAN E. SYMONS

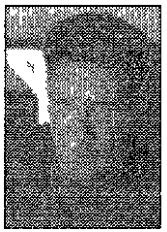
Of Plymouth Township, age 82, March 10, 2005. Beloved wife of John Glen for 58 years. Loving Mother of Cheryl Jankowsky (the late Dennis) and Patricia West (Butch). Cherished Grandmother of Marlo Neustifter (Andy) and BreAnne Jankowsky. Dear Great Grandmother of Drew and Olivia Neustifter. Memorial Visitation Saturday, March 19th, 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Memorial Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to donor's choice or to her beloved great grandchildren's education. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



MIKE SMART

Age 56 died suddenly, March 7, 2005. Beloved brother of Stephanie Costantino and Doug. Son of the late Douglas C. and Mabel (Murphy) Smart. Grandson of the late James and Lenore (Stebbins) Smart. Also survived by his dear extended family at Woodland Lanes. Services were held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday, March 12, 2005, from 3 until 4 with celebration service from 4-5 and visitation from 6 until 7. Friends were invited to attend either or both celebrations. Memorial contributions may be directed to American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237. Please sign online guest book at www.rgharris.com.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Exercise reduces bone loss

Question Pat from Walled Lake is concerned about the onset of osteoporosis and is looking for tips on avoiding the bone loss disease

Answer Pat, you picked the right time to ask that question. A new study finds that just three 60 minute workouts a week along with calcium supplements can dramatically reduce your chances for osteoporosis

During this study, researchers examined 300 postmenopausal women. Half of the test subjects were assigned to a strict workout regimen. The routine consisted of both aerobic and resistance training. Everyone taking part in the study also consumed 800 milligrams of calcium nitrate everyday. After one year, bone mineral density was dramatically increased. Talk to your doctor for more information on this important study

Question Sarah from Allen Park wants to know when she should be concerned about working out in the cold

Answer There is no clear cut answer to your chilly question. The key is the right clothing, so that your body temperature does not drop. It is vital that what you wear traps body heat without interfering with perspiration from the body

The best rule of thumb is to dress in three layers. An under layer that does not absorb water is best. Look for something made with synthetic materials. Next, find an insulating middle layer of wool or fleece. Your top layer should be resistant to water. Before heading out into the brutal cold be sure to check the wind chill factor. That's especially important to parts of the body that remain exposed to the cold like the cheeks, ears and nose. The risk of frostbite skyrockets when wind chill factors reach 20 degrees below zero

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield

HEALTH

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Dispelling myths

Breast cancer experts to talk about lowering risks

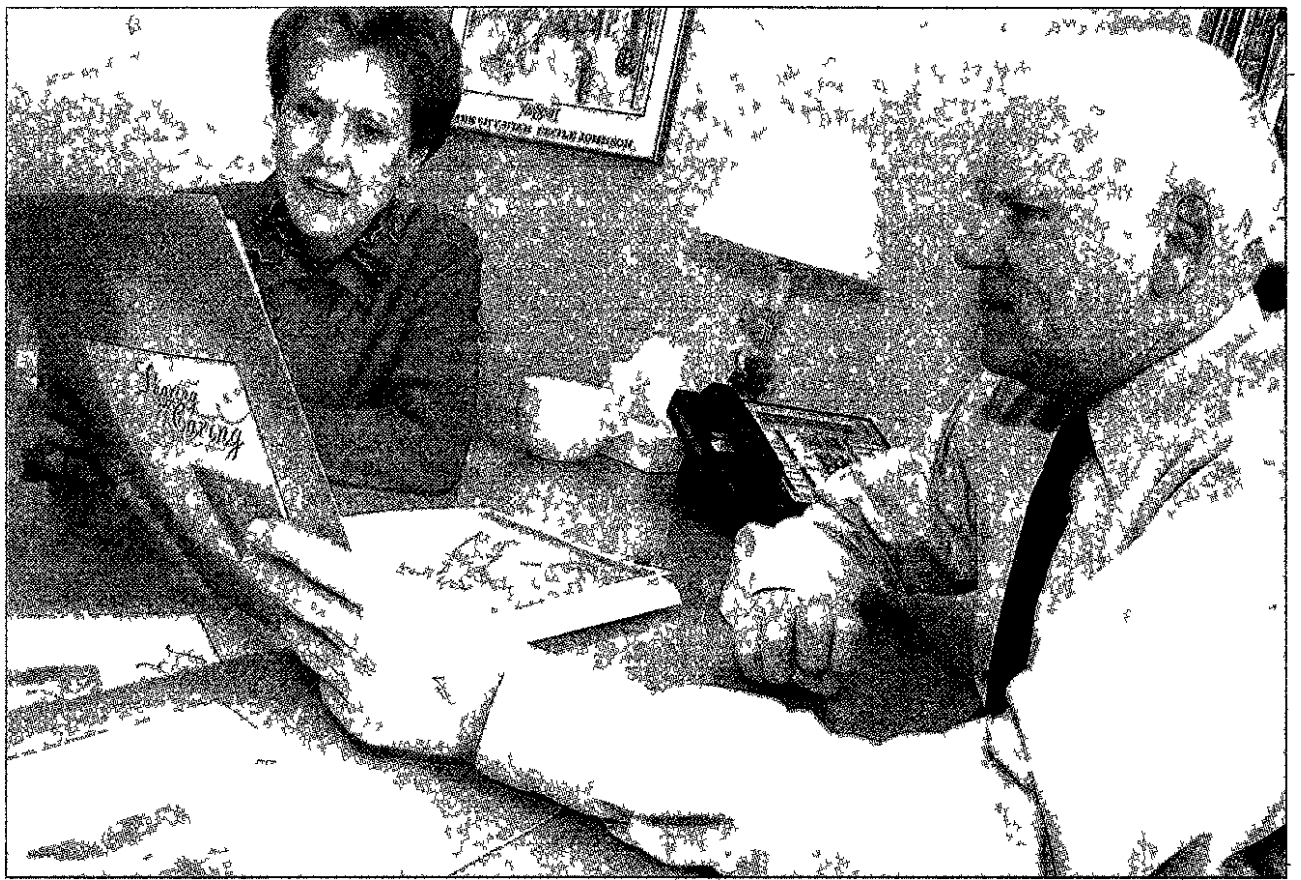
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Nutrition and exercise became priorities for Meryl Tull Balgenorth when she was diagnosed with breast cancer nine years ago. That's not to say the Birmingham woman doesn't eat chocolate, but only after making sure she meets the requirements for fiber, fruits and cancer fighting foods such as broccoli and cruciferous vegetables

Choosing an exercise routine was not as easy. When Balgenorth started lifting weights she knew it was a controversial decision for a breast cancer survivor to make. In her mind, the risk of osteoporosis outweighed the risk of a cancer recurrence

Women are bombarded almost daily with information on the latest research which can conflict with previous findings. Balgenorth believes women feel as confused as she does so she's coordinating a breast cancer symposium on modifiable risk factors Saturday, March 19, at The Community House in Birmingham. The guest speaker is Dr. Victor Vogel, director of Magee Women's Hospital at the University of Pittsburgh and a nationally recognized expert in breast cancer risk assessment and prevention

Each year as executive director of Sharing & Caring, a breast cancer education and support group at William Beaumont Hospital, Balgenorth tries to focus on different ways to help women fight breast cancer



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Meryl Balgenorth, executive director of Caring and Sharing, talks with Dr. William Keye Jr., who will be speaking at the breast cancer symposium at The Community House in Birmingham

RISK FACTORS

All of us who are women have this amazing network of exchanging information," said Balgenorth, 55. "Someone will say, 'Why are you wearing that underwire bra? Don't you know it can cause breast cancer?' We want to dispel the myths because everyone's in a panic. I want an authority to tell me if this is a risk, how much of a risk. It's important to know where to focus your efforts and reduce your stress over your decisions

How do women sort through advice to avoid excessive weight gain and alcohol consumption and inappropriate use of antibiotics? Do...

follic acid lower the risk?

Every time Sue Keye hears a report on breast cancer, Dr. William Keye Jr. knows he and his wife will be having a long talk that night about the implications for her. Keye, who will speak about hormonal risk factors, bio-identical hormones, and preservation of fertility in premenopausal women with breast cancer, recommends maintaining a healthy weight and avoiding alcohol and antibiotics unless absolutely necessary to treat an infection

Bio-identical hormones are another matter. These natural hormones are becoming a popular choice for women who don't want to take synthetic because of the increased risk

for breast cancer, heart disease and stroke. Keye says there is no proof natural hormones are safer than synthetics, but women who took neither did lower their risk of breast cancer

"I'm not giving advice but informing women of the research so they can make their own choices," said Keye, chief of the division of reproductive endocrinology and infertility and director of the in vitro fertilization program at Beaumont Hospital. "For instance, based on the studies of the last two to three years, we recommend postmenopausal women limit the length of time they use hormones and for women to have their first child before 25 or 30. Another

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Group provides help with mental health issues

Recovery, a self-help mental health organization meets 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Monday, at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, and 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Hope Congregational Church. All locations are in Livonia

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Diet As Disease Prevention

7 p.m. Tuesday March 15 Dr Kerrie Saunders discusses her book Diet As Disease Prevention in the Southfield Public Library Auditorium 26300 Evergreen Kerrie looks at cancer osteoporosis blood sugar disorders heart attack stroke and obesity from a whole new angle and gives practical advice on how to make the switch to a health promoting food and fitness plan No charge For more information call the Guest Services Desk at (248) 796 4224

Let's Talk

The presentation answers the questions What Do I say? What Do I Do? when a loved one has been diagnosed with cancer or a terminal illness 1:30 p.m. Wednesday March 16 in the St Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium 36475 Five Mile Livonia Speaker is Cheryl Fairbrother an RN and coordinator of cancer services and the Peaceful Journey hospice program at the hospital No charge but registration is required Call (734) 655 8950

Classes

Vitamins & Minerals to the Rescue 6:30 p.m. Wednesday March 16 and 23 at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty Livonia What mineral helps you sleep better and what vitamins reduce irritability? Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann the research findings about common vitamins and minerals food sources for each and the role that vitamins and minerals can play in healing insomnia heart disease anxiety arthritis diabetes and depression Bring your own supplements to evaluate using reference guides and body responses Cost is \$79 seniors \$63 20 includes workbook Register by calling (734) 762 4448 by March 10

Natural hormone replacement

Dr Jerrold Weinberg Mimi Kuykendall and University Compounding Pharmacy conduct a seminar on bio-identical natural hormone replacement 7 p.m. Wednesday March 16 at MSU Management Educational Center 811 West Square Lake Troy To reserve a seat or for information call (248) 267 5002 The discussion includes hormone replacement therapy alternative treatments osteoporosis and other topics related to menopause

Osteoarthritis seminar

With Dr Nicole Whitehead 7:30 p.m. Wednesday March 16 at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer To register call (248) 426 0201

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr Kramer will give a free workshop on fibromyalgia 7:30 p.m. Wednesday March 16 at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia To register call (248) 426 0201 Seating is limited

Nursing job fair

Includes on the spot interviews and hiring 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday March 19 in the South Lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile Livonia A free continuing education unit presentation is offered 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. called Acute Coronary Syndrome No Time for Woudla Coulda Shoulda Speaker is Michelle Moccia RN For more information call (734) 655 2933

Caregiver symposium

Hosted by Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday March 19 at 3517 Rochester Road Royal Oak The symposium is designed to help caregivers bring the best care to their loved ones with cancer by learning the best ways to care for themselves Topics include Caregivers Emotions, spirituality relaxation self hypnosis and many others Speakers include an oncologist nutritionist life coach and representative from Hospice of Michigan Call (248) 577 0800

Hospice volunteer training

Offered by Community Hospice 6:30 p.m. Thursday April 7 to April 28 at the Community Hospice offices 32932 Warren Suite 100 Westland Volunteers can choose from a variety of opportunities including providing companionship to patients working in the office and helping out on special projects Call Penny Thomas at (734) 522 4244 to register

Volunteers needed

Sandcastles a grief support program for children and teens is seeking volunteers for its sites in Rochester

Southfield Livonia and other communities The program is sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System Meetings are held bi-weekly To register for training or for more information call (313) 874 6881

Healthy for Today

A free health seminar on being healthy and sugar free 2:40 p.m. Sunday March 20 at Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventists Church 33144 Cherry Hill between Wayne and Venoy roads Free samples of sugar free deserts will be provided Because the first seminar was canceled due to bad weather this session combines Digestion and Food Combining and Healthy Sugar Free Living Call (734) 524 0880

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7:30 p.m. Tuesday March 22 in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia The group provides a forum for discussion receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce For more information call the WRC at (734) 462 4443

Post-Polio support group

Southeast Michigan Post-Polio Support Group meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday March 26 at First Presbyterian Church of Troy 4328 Livernois about a half mile north of Wattles (17 Mile) Please park in back enter through back door For more information call (313) 885 7855

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ONGOING

Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Angela Hospice Care Center All groups are free of charge and open to the community For more information call Joan Lee in the Bereavement Department at (734) 464 7810

Grieving parents support group

The loss of a child can be especially devastating and complicated Now parents who are struggling with the loss of a child can find support through the pediatric bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice Heartstrings had its first meeting March 3 but individuals may join at any time Meetings will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at Newburgh and I 96 in Livonia from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6:30 8:00 p.m. For more information on Angela Hospice's community bereavement services or to register for the group

call Feret at (734) 464 7810 or visit www.angelahospice.org

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Bethany Rochester began a workshop series 7:30 9:30 p.m. Thursday Jan 13 for 11 weeks at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church 7710 Old Perch Road Rochester Hills For more information call Mike at (248) 652 3860

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potential way to reduce risk is to breastfeed a baby for at least six months during ones lifetime Some women don't have that option These recommendations have a very small impact on the breast cancer but cumulatively may be significant If a woman can't follow through on all of these I don't want her to feel she'll be setting herself up for breast cancer

OBESITY

Dr Jose Yanez doesn't think there's any doubt about the

role obesity plays as a risk factor Formerly director of Beaumont's Weight Control Center, Yanez will speak about managing risk through diet and therapeutic lifestyle changes he calls TLC

It's a combination of factors - eating too many calories and inactivity added to smoking and genetic disorders can cause not just breast, but colon and prostate cancer, said Yanez 'A woman with a 35-inch waist or greater is at risk of cancer We're starting to focus on this as part of a physical exam because it leads to cardiovascular problems, diabetes and these types of cancer

We're eating more starches and sweets Everything is super-sized At any time only 20 percent of Americans are active

Yanez starts his day on the right foot when the cat wakes him at 5:30 p.m. to work out on a stationary bike He says driving golf balls for 30 uninterrupted minutes would be just as effective and probably more fun

You don't have to become a jock or hockey player I hand out pedometers to my patients and recommend 10,000 steps If you have a sitting job 6,000, but that doesn't mean you can't go home and take a walk, said Yanez who frequently walks

around his home in Rochester Here in the Weight Control Center our director Dr Peter McCullough calls it the hustle factor If you're going to walk from here to your car hustle

CALM MIND

Gail Evo cautions not to stress out while getting there Beaumont Hospital has developed an integrative medicine program to teach cancer patients to calm their mind through meditation and use techniques such as guided imagery to boost the immune system

I'm going to talk about the mind-body connection and the

effect of stress, said Evo, integrative medicine coordinator for oncology services 'We don't have to have illness to have stress in our lives and now we know how to reduce stress in our lives

The Breast Cancer Symposium takes place 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham Tickets are \$35, and available by calling (248) 551-8585

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Fatigued, depressed, difficulty losing weight? It may be due to your hormones.

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TAKING NSAIDS

The non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are in the news again following a Federal panel that made recommendations on their use. Specifically the panel approved returning Vioxx to the market place and gave support to continued prescribing of Celebrex and Bextra. The panel cautioned that all three drugs should not be the initial NSAID of choice.

The term NSAID refers to drugs that are not steroids but like steroids act to decrease inflammation pain and fever. The old NSAIDs are drugs like aspirin, ibuprofen and naprosyn. In 1999 a new type of NSAID appeared called a COX 2 inhibitor Celebrex, Vioxx and Bextra are the drugs in this category. These medications became popular because they caused less stomach distress and ulcers than the old NSAIDs. However the new group in treating inflammation pain or fever.

In 2004 studies on the use of the new group showed that they caused increased risk of heart attacks and strokes when compared to the old NSAID. This information led to the withdrawal of Vioxx by Merck who manufactured it and created a debate over whether the other COX 2 drugs Celebrex or Bextra should be used at all. At one time the old group drug naprosyn was under scrutiny but the majority of studies show no increased heart attacks following its use.

The recommendation so the Federal panel mean that physicians will likely start group on a NSAIDs when indicated using group two only in special circumstances. However the last word has not been said.

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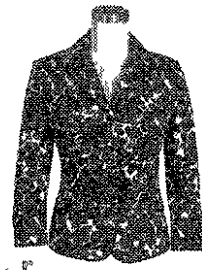
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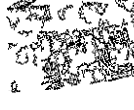
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The Upside of Anger

Skip the green beer Go for a sassier Blarney Stone Sour instead!

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Stepping Out in Style

An evening of shopping, food, fashion and fun to benefit First Step, Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Indulge in private shopping at L'vonia Parisian (with 20 percent discount on most items), entertainment, signature food from local restaurants and a raffle with a \$500 shopping spree and \$500 cash prize. All proceeds from ticket and raffle sales will be used to help victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

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style

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profile: Gayle Halebian

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What does style mean to you?

Having a sense of who you are and presenting your dressed-self in a manner in which you want to be perceived. I tend to try and pull off chic, classy, funky and elegant without looking like I'm trying too hard. (That statement sounds as though I am trying too hard doesn't it?)

How would you describe your style?

My style tends to be a hybrid of many different styles but I lean toward the casual side. On winter weekends, it's usually jeans, boots and a chic T-shirt or sweater. Accessories are a must to glam it up! I am not much of a dress wearer.

Who is your style icon?

I try and take what I like best of from the mags, TV and on others. Most of the time it's quite subliminal rather than deliberate.

How does your business style reflect your business approach?

I dress according to where I am going and who I am seeing. I call it 'strategic dressing'. When going on appointments outside the office with new clients, I dress more conservatively — a pant suit or jacket and tailored pants. I have a scar on my neck from a tracheotomy operation when I was 3 years old, so sometimes you'll see me with a short scarf on when I'm feeling self-conscious. When meeting with familiar clients that are more on the casual side, I dress down a bit. I want people to be comfortable around me and vice versa.

How does your lifestyle reflect your personal style?

Our home is decorated very eclectically. We like to decorate with things that we love that are functional, cozy and give a vibe of who we are. It all seems to come together. We have a fabulous dining room teak table with red-antique painted chairs with cane bottoms. No decorators — no Stuckely, but love the mission style.

Where are your fave places to shop in metro-Detroit?

Loehmann's — I am truly a discount queen and proud of it. But you really need to work it. BR (Banana Republic) — as long as I don't see duplicates of me all over town. Their Harrison pant style fits me like no other and I will pay the full price. Parisian has a fab shoe department and when you catch the sales — yikes what a blast! Speaking of shoes, Soul Sisters in Royal Oak and Northville rocks! They stock unique shoes from exotic places like Brazil. They also do after hour shoe parties with wine and cheese. I also love to shop at Excelsior on Woodward in Pleasant Ridge — they have unique jewelry and clothing.

Describe your ultimate shopping experience.

#1 Having an unlimited budget goes without saying. #2 Having to ask the salesperson for a smaller size in everything I try on. #3 Hitting a sale where the designer clothes are 50-70 percent off.

What one item can you never seem to resist when shopping?

Jackets, little sweaters, things that go over a teddy or top that tie a whole look together. What item are you dreaming of adding to your wardrobe now?

Spring clothes that aren't black! Also, tailored pants and skirts in colors and florals that are too 'fou-fou'. What is your ultimate favourite piece in your closet that always comes through for you?

Black tailored pants from BR (boy am I ever hypocrite) and a pair of Hollywood jeans that I've had for over eight years. I also have picked up some great sequined tanks that look great peeking out from a great jacket or sweater.

What is your approach to beauty?

I bounce around when it comes to my skin regimen. I am currently using Aveda Hydrating Lotion and PreVentin-AT for lines and wrinkles as PINK recommended. I wash my face every night with some random kind of cleansing cream and Waterpik my teeth (very refreshing) after brushing. I use Bumble and Bumble Hair Thickening conditioner and Styling Cream — it adds great body to my fine hair. I used Revlon eye shadow that you can use dry or wet and Rimmel lipsticks. They have a great color assortment and they feel so good on my lips. And, of course I have an assortment of MAC lipsticks — who doesn't?

Do have a style or beauty tip to share with PINK?

I really like the Stila Smudge Pot eyeliner that can be used with a brush for a line or smudge for that smoky look. I must also share with PINK that one of the best things I have found is treating myself to doing yoga at least twice a week. It is an overall beauty tip for your insides and out — for body, soul and mind.

Do you have a person that you count on to help keep you feeling and looking great?

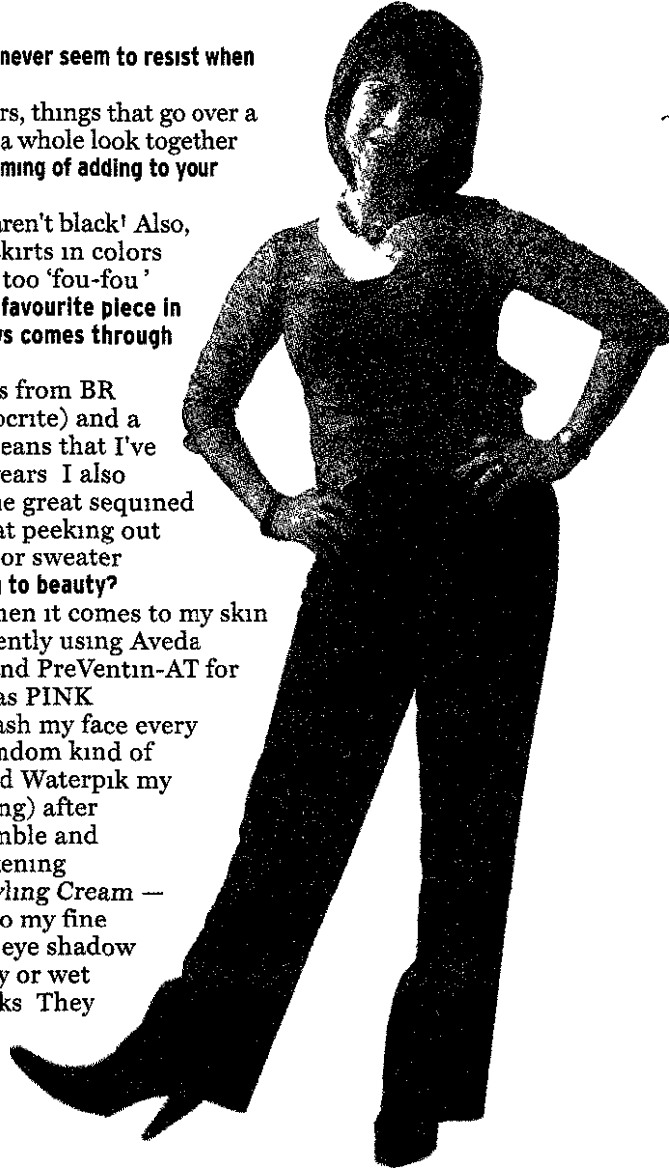
My hairdresser, Suzie, at Red My husband-the Cappuccino Man. Alteration person extraordinaire — Elizabeth of Elizabeth Cleaners on Orchard Lake. My 16-year-old daughter Sarah and 17 year old son Jacob are the most honest. Sometimes I have to think twice before asking 'what do ya think?' I might not want to hear the answer.

Do you have a signature fragrance?

Issey Miyake

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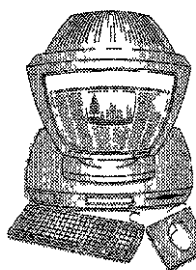
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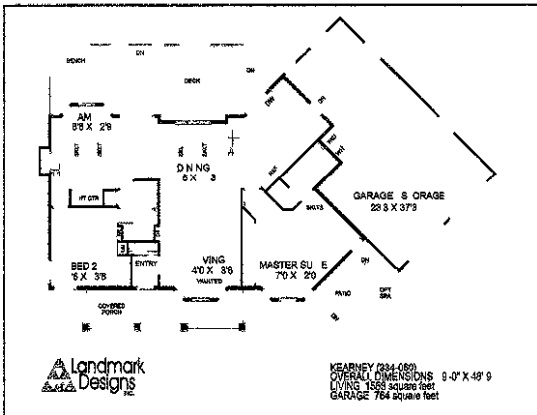
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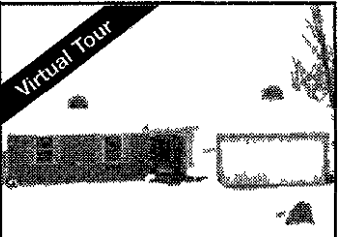


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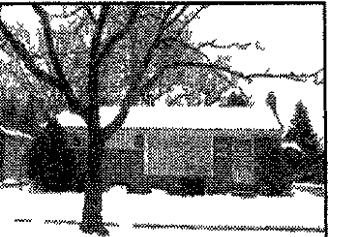
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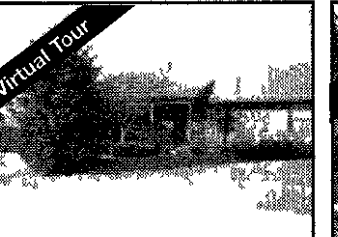
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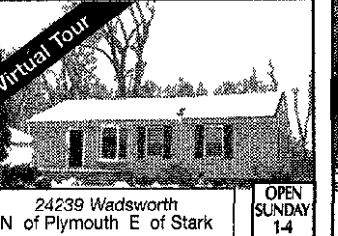
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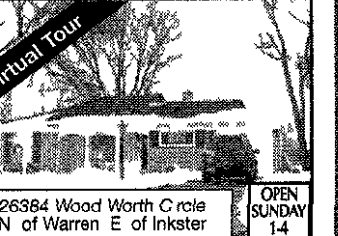
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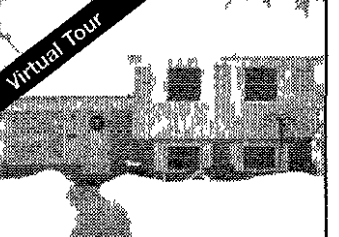
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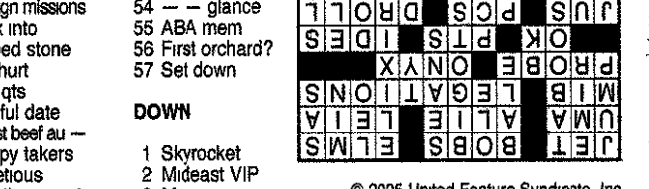
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ROCHESTER 2004 Built
Custom Colonial with 4 bedrooms 2 baths & great neutral open floor plan 2 story GR with fireplace & bridge Custom cherry kitchen Master suite with 2 way fireplace & fabulous bath P of n shed basement Upgrades galore
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ROSE TOWNSHIP/HOLLY Custom 20 Room
Home on approx 8 1/2 acres defines comfort & luxury 3x bedrooms 7 1/2 baths 4 on private 20 acres 60 deep spr ng fed lake heated barn for the toys no sees we come Call to make your appointment today
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Upper Long Lake
Breathtaking views custom built 3 bedroom 2 bath home beautiful maintained finished basement with walk out cana with access to Upper Long Lake all sports Tons of storage this home shows extremely well
(D73OAK) 248-626-8800 \$424,900



LEONARD Beautiful Custom Colonial
On approx 2 1/2 acres with 5 BRs and 4 1/2 BA's LR DR FR with garden room finished LL walk out with full ba game room hot tub Florida room steam & sauna Basketball court ce rnk & pool Apartment over 5 car garage
(B73CUR) 248-642-8100 \$689,000



PLYMOUTH This Home is Wonderful
Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2 bath with 3 car garage basement family room with gas fireplace lit any cherry kitchen with s and granite counters door wai to deck first floor laundry & so much more
(B60WIL) 734-455-5600 \$419,900



TROY 1994 Built
Four bed room 3 bath Colonial on a court Huge with kitchen to main living & dining rooms 2nd floor laundry & 3 car garage br ck pave s & walk out LL with full bath MBR suite has Jacuzzi tub & separate shower
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COMMERCE Artist At Work
Approx 850 feet of waterfront peninsula private DR in this 4 BR 3/BA masterpiece finished walk out custom detailed Hard to find beauty & tranquility intimate setting come & award yourself Lower St at s t easu e
(B05COM) 248-363-1200 \$974,900



ORCHARD LAKE Totally Custom Showcases
6 bath taking luxury home 1st floor master with 2 dress ng suites & marble bath with fireplace & balcony In law quarters stud o 4 bedrooms 4 baths 2 powder rooms 6 fireplace Approx 1 1/4 acres with pond
(D47PON) 248-626-8800 \$2,750,000



BIRMINGHAM Fabulously Restored
Five bedroom 2 bath Cape Cod with 1st floor master bedroom suite newer kitchen with stainless steel appliances and natural kitchen Spacious lot with patio & p dress one landscaping with circular drive
(B81LIN) 248-642-8100 \$618,500



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Open floor plan 2 story foyer with hardwood floors formal LR & DR FR with fireplace pro finished basement spacious master suite has glamour bath 3 car attached all off set in this 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath
(B61RED) 734-455-5600 \$472,300



TROY New Construction
Four bed room 2 1/2 bath Colonial with 3 car tandem garage & full basement Huge kitchen with oak cabinets island & granite 1st floor with 9 ceilings Two story foyer Luxury master bedroom suite Troy schools
(B38HAN) 248-524-1600 \$429,900



LAKE SHERWOOD Quality
Lakefront living gorgeous contemporary 5 bedroom 3 1/2 bath 2 1/2 fireplaces First floor master with Jacuzzi tub & glass block shower Finished LL full bath wet bar & kitchenette 3 car garage 1 1/2 water/sewer Huron Valley schools
(B01COM) 248-363-1200 \$899,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful 4 Bedroom
Former model Kitchen with granite tops island 3 BA 2 story foyer with bridge hardwood wet bar 2 master s daylight windows you feel like you're in the sun & hardwood floors 2 car garage 2nd floor laundry
(D84ROY) 248-626-8800 \$539,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Detached Condo
3 BR 2 1/2 BA on wooded cul de sac Open on p a cathedral ceilings Walk out with FR bary & wet bar Two fireplaces center island kitchen DR 3 decks MBR to w/WIC All appliances 2 car garage & home v entry
(B54DEE) 248-642-8100 \$399,900



PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
Premium lot with perfect floor plan 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial with 3 car attached garage fireplace in living room open dua staircase basement huge bedrooms with plenty of closet space elegant custom awnings
(B77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$479,000



METAMORA Exceptional Opportunity
This is horse country Situated between Oxford and Lakeside within walking distance of the historic downtown area Ove 300 acres of rolling hills and woods Love y Ranch overlooking Reed Lake
(B86MET) 248-652-8000 \$4,400,000



COMMERCE Lakefront Living
Large Colonial with 2 story vaulted great room with lake view Kitchen with granite tops & custom cabinets Master with marble surround Jacuzzi tub Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath 1st floor laundry Raised brick paver patio
(B23TAN) 248-363-1200 \$669,000



TROY Comfort By Design
Kitchen s magnificent with granite island granite counters hardwood floors Master suite 3 spacious bedrooms Fam y room laundry fireplace lit any breakfast room second floor laundry 3 car garage Troy schools
(D59SON) 248-626-8800 \$700,000



ROYAL OAK Updated Contemporary Home
Four bedroom 2 bath with addition this year located in Woodlands area Gorgeous new deck with fireplace hardwood floors library with built in entertainment center & glass enclosed porch Basement and 2 car garage
(B33TRA) 248-642-8100 \$394,900



CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod
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OAKLAND Carrollton Hills
Exclusive home on 1 1/2 acres of land to pond dock built 4 BR 4 1/2 bath designer chef's kitchen butlers pantry to main LR & DR w/edges pane ng n bary extends ve ceiling heights finished walk out with theater room
(B84CRO) 248-652-8000 \$1,850,000



COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
3 1/2 story w/ 4 bds w/ 5 1/2 baths w/ view of Lake She wood Two furnaces upstairs laundry extra garage Lower level with great room & second kitchen & full bath Sun room This s a must see home
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Approx 3 6 Acres
Spec u a 6 bed room 4 1/2 ba home w/ 600 sq ft of pan custom kitchen appliances and 2 fireplaces Indoor/outdoor pool patio deck and 2 garages that hold 4 cars
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Simply Spectacular
Renovated on 1 1/2 acres 4 BR 4 BA Colonial on double lot Hardwoods & stone back splash First floor master DR with Mahogany lib ary & mantle Open floor plan w 2 story family room Fo me DR finished basement au pair suite pool & spa
(B50CAR) 248-349-5600 \$999,900



NORTHVILLE TWP Elegance at its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to a stately music conservatory master suite executive kitchen with volume ceiling crown molding & granite throughout Hardwood floors 5 BR 4 1/2 BA 3 car garage custom LL with walk out
(B04CLA) 734-455-5600 \$1,195,000



OXFORD Country Club Living
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Woods Of Orchard Lake
Five bedroom 4 1/2 bath with 3 fireplaces gourmet kitchen b dged upper level crown/dental molding master with walk in closets six ghts Jacuzzi tub separate shower finished basement 3 car garage Cul de sac setting
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OAKLAND TOWNSHIP Sensational
Estate on approx 10 acres S x BR 6 BA gourmet kitchen open floor plan Finished walk out with game room exercise room BR & more Gentle mans garage holds 16 cars custom pool with waterfall & 3 hot deck
(B01BRE) 248-642-8100 \$1,799,000



PLYMOUTH New Hot Spot
Better than new 4 BR 4 1/2 BA Colonial on double lot Renovated on 1 1/2 acres Upgrades include kitchen granite hardwoods & stone back splash First floor master DR with FP Forme DR 1st floor laundry One block from town
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CLARKSTON Charming English Cottage
Overlooks a picturesque nature preserve This cedar & brick on 1 1/2 level has custom features and an efficient floor plan Expansive master suite library GR with grand windows sitting room with fireplace walk out basement
(B09PEN) 248-524-1600 \$511,000



OAKLAND Custom Built Estate
Approx 7 1/2 wooded acres of Stony Creek finished walk out basement to indoor pool for year round enjoyment 4 car attached garage plus 3 car garage open floor plan 4 BR 6 BA large kite xpans ve deck with gazebo
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WHITE LAKE Acre Setting On Corner
Presents private luxury in a superb vision setting Home s feels new Landscaping s sensational Four bedrooms 4 full baths with main kitchen fireplace sitting area Second kitchen in lower level Extensive quality
(B85VAL) 248-363-1200 \$497,761



NOVI On Approximately 1 Acre
Beautiful private estate home with amenities Extensive use of marble 7 BRs 6 full and 2 half BA's 2 master suites Finished lower level walk out with second kitchen Go geous grounds 18 acre commons & a small lake
(B22VAS) 248-642-8100 \$999,000



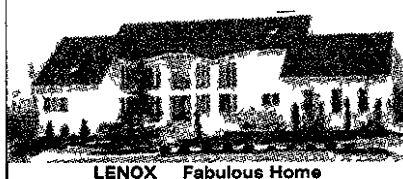
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Amazing wooded lot with creek she face view crafted home that gracefully blends historic with contemporary n soothing comfort & style designed for the way you ve Beautiful stone wood & granite in the heart of town
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TROY New Construction
With Troy schools Dramatic 4 bedroom 2 bath home with dual staircases bridge overlooking 2 story great room Large maple kitchen with center island and desk center MBR with pan ceiling walk in closet & garden tub
(B70WIN) 248-524-1600 \$465,900



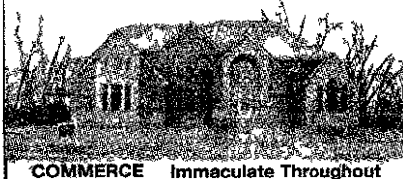
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15 plus acres wooded and rolling with trees & abundant nature indoor & outdoor pools master on first floor dream kitchen 4 car garage with full bath 3 stunning fireplaces finished walk out with sauna & fireplace
(B70THO) 248-652-8000 \$1,199,999



LENOX Fabulous Home
Contemporary home with 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths Nature s beauty several ponds with fountains Multi tiered patio Huge vaulted ceilings Custom wet bar & surround sound A must see
(D60COU) 248-626-8800 \$649,333



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Very Secluded Property
Approximately 2 acres of open seclusion capped under large trees Located among many multi million homes and the entrance a hidden treasure Value is in the land
(B55FOR) 248-642-8100 \$847,000



COMMERCE Immaculate Through-Out
Come experience this hidden paradise yourself Immaculate builders model Three bedrooms 3 baths with walk out basement on cana front Five s baths available for your custom built home
(B89MAG) 248-349-5600 \$724,900



ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
Two story with 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths walk out basement wooded lot and upgrades throughout The fireplace master bedroom with Jacuzzi tub and walk in closet Gourmet kitchen with built in appliances
(B17GRA) 248-524-1600 \$474,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Elegant
Four bedroom home with cherry cabinets & granite counters Kitchen with center island and SS appls granite backsplash pro finished basement with kitchen bath & sauna Master bath with marble floors and whirlpool
(B78HED) 248-652-8000 \$639,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Exclusive Location
Privacy quiet nature all around with this 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath beauty plus a fully finished basement Every amenity imaginable from high windows to Jacuzzi style tub Extra high ceilings
(D42CRO) 248-626-8800 \$550,000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Brick Tudor
Four bedroom 3 1/2 bath built in 89 with 2 car side entry garage Finished walk out lower level with sauna beautiful in ground pool on a deep of first floor laundry new roof & Bloomfield Hills schools A great home
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ORCHARD LAKE House On 2 Sports Lakes
Enjoy Orchard & Upper Stra s lakes Awesome 2+ acre property with huge deck gazebo paths & nature Six bedroom 3 1/2 baths 2 fireplaces cathedral ceilings huge dining room & office Its one of a kind
(B47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$1,875,000



WASHINGTON New Construction
Four bedroom Colonial with 3 baths 1st floor laundry butlers pantry basement with egress window and a 3 car side entry garage Gourmet island kitchen with built in appliances Master bedroom bath with Jacuzzi tub
(B84RID) 248-524-1600 \$409,900



ROCHESTER Smith Built
Old world charm Custom trim and 1 1/2 understated elegance throughout Built in 2000 on large corner lot with 3 car garage large island kitchen with breakfast nook huge walk in pantry 4 BR pro finished basement
(B01CAS) 248-652-8000 \$589,933



FARMINGTON HILLS Backs To Golf & Woods
4 bedroom 4 1/2 bath GR fireplace granite in kitchen First floor master in adjacent quarters Finished walk out fireplace office work out room Hardwood cathedral ceilings wet bar Deck across back of home Pave patio
(D45HID) 248-626-8800 \$549,900



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Approx 2 Acres
Four bedroom 3 bath Ranch w/ing Lake privileges renovated in 99 Neutral master or LR/DR covered ceilings & marble FP kitchen breakfast area with FP overlook ngs FR Two tier patio & gazebo Finished basement with FP
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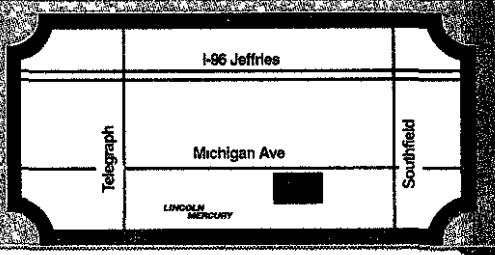
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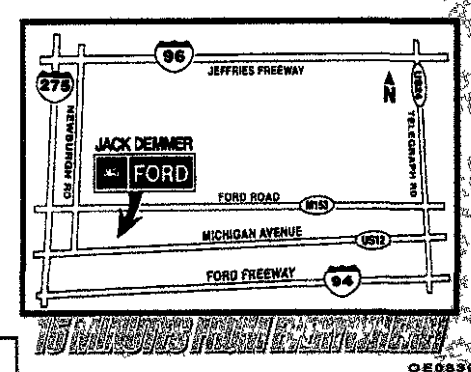
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WORKWISE
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A survey of 7,718 Americans, 18 years and older and working 21-hour weeks or more, finds that a mere 20 percent feel passionate toward their work. The survey encompassed people with salaries of \$15,000 into the millions of dollars. It was conducted by Harris Interactive for Age Wave, which markets to the baby boom generation and its predecessors, and The Concours Group, a global consultancy.

These findings might well set off alarm bells. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, author of "Good Business: Leadership, Flow and the Making of Meaning" (Penguin, \$14), distinguishes between job satisfaction, which can emerge "for reasons related more to the quality of (a person's) peers, colleagues, boss, or work arrangements. The job itself may be a small part of that. Passion has to do with focusing upon what you're doing, the task." Csikszentmihalyi is Davidson Professor of Management at the Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management at Claremont Graduate University, in southern California.

If 80 percent of working Americans don't experience passion in relation to their work, this enormous group must be feeling left out in the cold. What has happened? Csikszentmihalyi maintains that the

rapidity of change causes some occupations to be fleeting, and work to be detached not just from permanence but a feeling of divine providence. "You can't feel attached" when there's no tradition behind your work, he says.

"Everything has become so abstract," Csikszentmihalyi comments, "that work is a hazy notion. A Sloan Foundation survey of 1,000 college-bound high school students (disclosed that they're ill-informed and unrealistic, with expectation of \$250,000 average income and with 12 percent thinking that they'll be lawyers. Almost no one expects to do routine jobs, even from the inner city, where students expect to be models or basketball players. The notion of craft or skilled labor is not on the (TV) radar screen, even though eventually they'll do something like that. They have little exposure to work and are isolated from adult jobs."

"Sitting in front of a computer, with data," he continues, "doesn't mean much to a kid. Everything made sense when running a farm, because people knew what they were doing, and why. If they didn't milk the cows, the cows would bellow. People saw cause and effect."

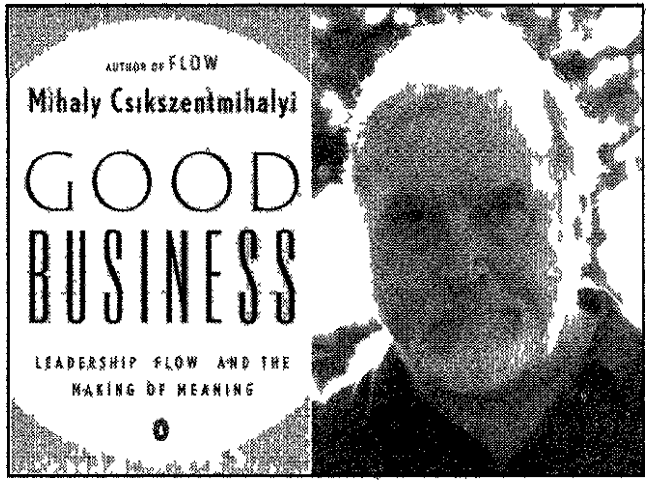
"FLOW" The author has built his long-standing reputation on his concept of flow, a positive, subjective experience that can transpire in the workplace. It occurs when you merge with the process of an "intrinsically rewarding" task -- not its outcome. Not every task leads to flow. It must be one that

creates the "subjective experience of full involvement with life." Success occurs when this happens, because you're contributing to something beyond yourself. Flow makes you feel "being carried away by an outside force, moving effortlessly with a current of energy, at the moments of highest enjoyment."

"Flow occurs when both challenges and skills are high and equal to each other," and when you focus intently. It creates and awareness of spirituality in the workplace and makes you aware of soul, or "the energy a person or organization devotes to purposes beyond itself."

PASSION What comes first in your experience, passion or flow? They can take turns being the chicken and the egg, but, generally, flow comes first, Csikszentmihalyi indicates.

Where does organization fit in? Csikszentmihalyi maintains that passion is by its very nature personal, but that "organizations and ideas outside of the person" can stimulate it. He reflects that it may not be possible to have it in large organizations, but you can "if your division, department or group nourishes that passion." A study of World War II soldiers, for example, found that soldiers were willing to give up their lives for members of their platoon, the people with whom they shared meals, ideas and a commitment to



Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi writes about passion for your job

protecting each other. Today, well-formed work teams can nurture passion. Age Wave's founder and CEO, Ken Dychtwald, based in San Francisco, would agree that passion is achievable for an individual who works alone or in a company. "Work is designed to have some level of success in a competitive world," he states. "One's a solo game and one's team sport. There's room for both types."

Wherever you are, and whatever your work arrangements, throw yourself into challenging tasks. Welcome flow, and watch your passion develop. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Copyright 2005 Passage Media)

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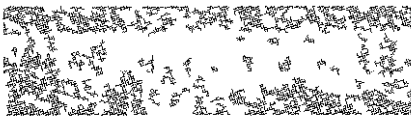
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2005 Jaguar XJ8L Vanden Plas: it's all luxury

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Observer & Eccentric auto critic Anne Fracassa is off this week. Avanti NewsFeatures columnist Dave Menard is writing the road test column in her place.

Usually when I get a car to test drive, I try to place myself in the shoes of a potential owner. Under what circumstances might I come to own this car? How would I drive it? How would it get used? Does the car (or truck or SUV for that matter), perform in those circumstances like it should? In other words, my standards are different for a Saturn than they might be for a Dodge Ram or a Cadillac (basic transportation vs working truck vs luxury ride).

At a list price of over \$70,000, the 2005 Jaguar XJ8L Vanden Plas (VDP) puts me in a quandary. I know I will never spend that kind of dough on a car, so it's difficult to put myself in the shoes of an owner. On the other hand, it does everything it should, and if you've got that kind of money for something on four wheels, you should give it a spin, or two.

At more than 205 inches, the XJ8L VDP is the longest Jaguar ever built, but still weighs less than most other cars in its class. For the first time, the complete body structure of the XJ8 is manufactured from aluminum alloy. All the XJ8 models, including the VDP, get a new front grille treatment, and 18-inch alloy wheels to go along with the heated power mirrors, power moonroof and, of course, the distinctive Jaguar badging and hood ornament.

Inside, the VDP has all the room and luxury you'd expect from a car in this class. There's room to stretch out, not only up front, but in the rear seating areas, as well. The power leather seats are 12-way adjustable and are quite comfortable. The rear seating area comes with fold-down trays built



2005 Jaguar XJ8L Vanden Plas Vehicle class: Luxury. Where built: Coventry, England. EPA: 18/27. Base price: \$70,530. Price as tested: \$74,595

into the front seatbacks and can support a laptop, making it easy for your rear seat passengers to get work done during your carpool. Automatic climate control is standard, and there are rear compartment controls mounted on the transmission tunnel that back seat riders can use to adjust their own comfort settings.

The trunk is roomy and seats fold down if you need them for more storage. A standard-size spare tire comes with the VDP (instead of those horrible small spares).

The VDP also comes with power-adjustable foot pedals, wood/leather steering wheel, cruise control and lambswool footwell rugs. The standard audio system is a 320-watt system from Alpine that includes AM/FM/six-CD changer, and it's a beauty. The sound is clean and loud (when you want it to be). The system is controlled via touchscreen, as is the optional navigation system, which is my only criticism. I just don't like integrated touchscreen audio systems - they force your eyes off the road and make changing stations or audio sources more confusing than they need to be. There are built-in steering wheel controls, but you still end up taking your eyes off the road more than you should. Jaguar offers an optional 'multimedia' entertainment system that allows you to plug an iPod or other MP3 player directly into the system.

Getting around in the VDP is a lot of fun. The

standard engine is a powerful 4.2-liter V8 rated at 294 hp. It's mated with a smooth shifting six-speed automatic transmission, and the combination really works well. You get off the mark quickly and can feel the torque pull you forward. That is, if you choose. You don't have to jump off the line - you can ease your way ahead at the spotlight, but what fun is that? Acceleration is smooth and quiet, and the ride is comfortable. You'll need premium fuel, and EPA rates it at a respectable 18/27.

The VDP uses self-leveling air suspension, Jaguar's Computer Active Technology Suspension, double wishbone layouts and anti-roll bars front and rear. At high cruising speeds, ride height is automatically lowered by 0.6 inches to enhance stability and minimize drag. The turning circle is tight for a car of this length, and parking and maneuvering are no problem at all. ABS brakes are standard.

The 2005 Jaguar XJ8L VDP starts at a little over \$70,000. Add the navigation system and you're at about \$72,600. Now that's more than I would ever spend on a car, no matter who makes it. But that's just me - I know some of you have no problem with that kind of price tag, and that's why I drive the car and check it out for you. As the saying goes, it's a dirty job.

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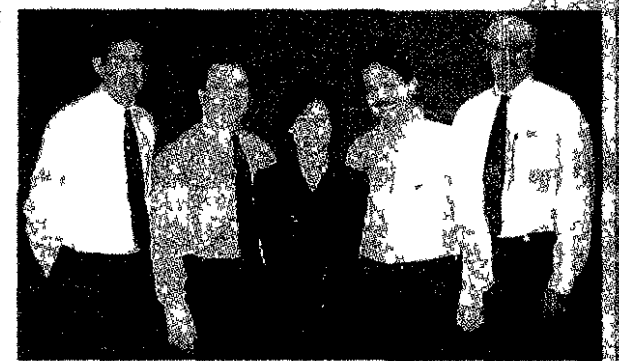
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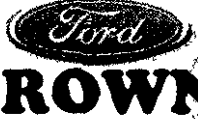
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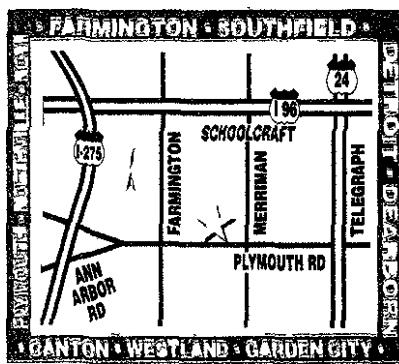
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