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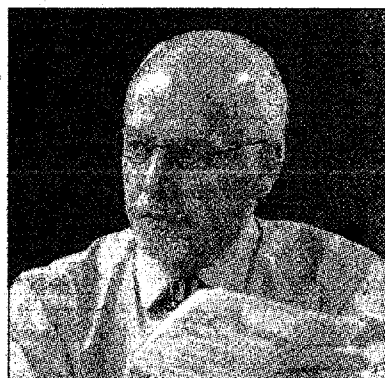
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Union president Chuck Portelli accused a school board trustee of bargaining in public.

Not such a bargain

Union head decries trustee's call for salary cut

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When nearly a dozen Plymouth High School coaches told the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday they would give up their salaries to keep athletic director Terry Sawchuk from being laid off, Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski used the moment to challenge teachers to do the same.

Ham-Kucharski, who has drawn the wrath of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association for calling on teachers to take a one-time 6-percent pay cut to help balance a deficit budget, didn't do much to build relations with the union for upcoming contract talks.

"I have recommended we do that districtwide, not only to save Terry Sawchuk, but the other 73 people who received pink slips a couple of weeks ago," Ham-Kucharski said. "And with that simple correction, we would be able to save support programs and continue to save the athletic program. For us, the largest expense in our budget is salaries across the board."

At that point, board President Barry Simescu cut off Ham-Kucharski by telling him "That's inappropriate at this time."

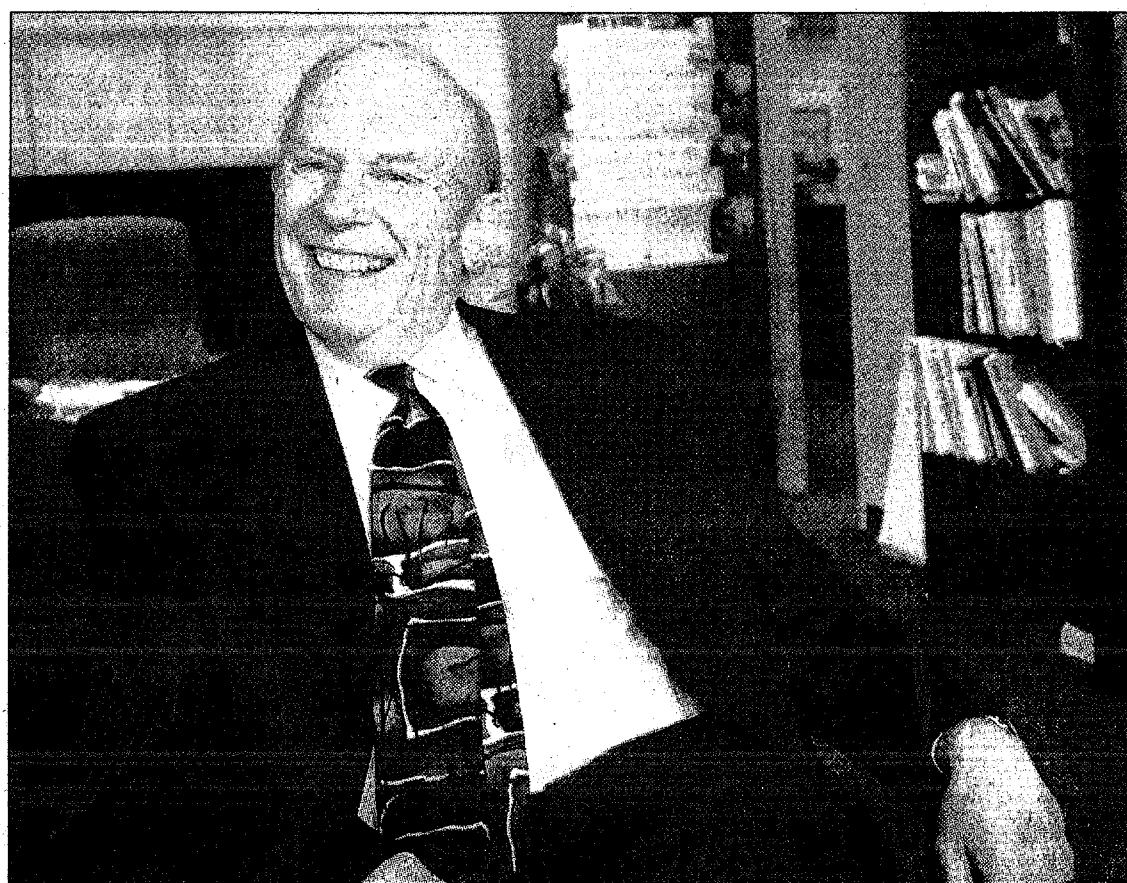
P-CEA President Chuck Portelli was visibly upset during Ham-Kucharski's speech, and was fuming afterward.

"Hell, yes, it's bargaining in public," Portelli said. "Bargaining should not be done in a public setting. It should be done at a bargaining table and not between a board member and the public. He should be doing it at the bargaining table, and he's not even on their bargaining team."

Contract bargaining between the district and the 1,100 teachers has yet to begin. Superintendent Jim Ryan said Ham-Kucharski's comments didn't make his job easier.

"I think it hurts, because the union gets into a bargaining position where they aren't going to take that," Ryan said. "I don't think it's helped our interest-based bargaining where we all sit at the same table and try to solve problems."

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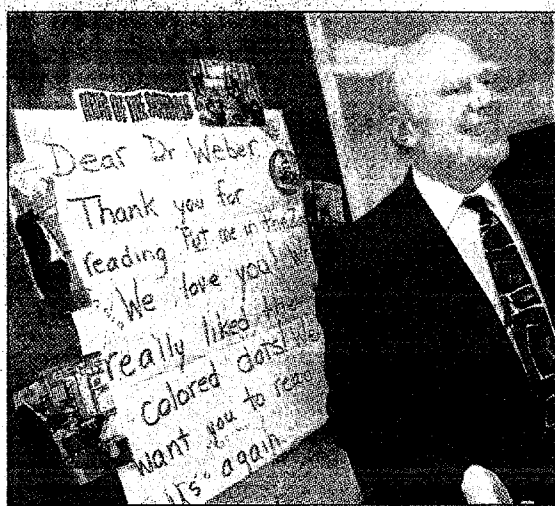
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Bill Weber relaxes a bit on his last day in the office after more than 44 years in South Redford Schools - starting as a science teacher and ending as superintendent.

'It was a team effort'

Long-time educator shares credit for accomplishments

BY DAVE VARGA
STAFF WRITER



On his last day as South Redford Schools superintendent, Bill Weber of Plymouth shares a laugh about a thank-you poster that adorned his office door.

Bill Weber can't talk about his 44 years in South Redford Schools, and especially his time in the last half-dozen years as superintendent, without crediting others.

He points to many past and present people — fellow staff, board members, the community, etc. — in helping shape the focus on student performance for the district. "Everybody has a piece of it," he said.

Weber, a longtime Plymouth Township resident who retired April 30, is proud of South Redford. When hired as superintendent, he says he told the board: "If we can't improve academic achievement, then you shouldn't keep me."

Now, based on standardized test score results, Weber says, "I think the district delivered on that promise."

"Our MEAP scores, just a few short years ago,

PLEASE SEE WEBER, A4

Field grows in city race

Incumbents, challengers enter commission fray

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

At least five people have indicated they will seek seats on the Plymouth City Commission when the terms of four commissioners, two of whom are term-limited, end in November.

Commissioners Gerry Sabatini and Dave Workman have announced they will seek re-election. Former Commissioner Anthony Guiliom, Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Chairman Mike Wright and local real estate expert Chris Lynn have also said they will enter the race.

Commissioner Michele Potter and Mayor Dan Dwyer are completing their second terms and cannot run again.

"I want to be part of maintaining good leadership in the City of Plymouth," said Workman, who is completing his first four-year term. "We have a fire agreement (with Plymouth Township) to come to terms with to keep our community safe. And, we also have a roads project to decide, if we should move forward with it, or the community wants us to sit tight and wait on that."

Sabatini, nearing the end of his second year on the commission, said he'd like to continue the momentum of the commission.

"We're actually going to have a tax reduction, the budget is in good shape and I supported holding the line on a water rate increase," Sabatini said. "One of my main goals is to improve South Main Street. It still, to me, doesn't say 'welcome to Plymouth,' and I would like to see it developed."

City Clerk Linda Langmesser said petitions, with 25-50 valid signatures, are due in her office by 4 p.m. Tuesday. If nine or more candidates submit qualifying petitions, there will be a primary on Aug. 7.

Guiliom, who served two years on the commission, said he wants to be part of a "proactive city commission" to work on the fire contract and road millage.

"Plymouth Township has made it clear to us in the past that we are not partners — that they provide us with a commodity (fire) service," Guiliom said.

"Since they've made that clear, we not only can look into less costly and equally safe providers, but we owe it to our constituents to do so.

"As for the millage, we need to stay focused on the

PLEASE SEE RACE, A5

Artists set to show their stuff at Art Feast

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Kay Masini of Plymouth Township said she fell in love with art while a young girl living on Beaver Island, between Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas, when her mother took her to the art institute to view original paintings.

"It really blew me away, and I thought how wonderful to be able to do that," Masini said.

Masini has been painting ever since, eventually studying at the Art Institute of Chicago. Masini — now 70 — will show her paintings at Andy's Hallmark in downtown Plymouth, one of the nearly three dozen artists who will show their

talents at the third annual Art Feast, set for 6-9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Masini will be displaying her acrylic paintings on canvas, a series she calls "Conversation," in which she draws people's heads.

"Being a people watcher, I like to look at groups of people or couples at another table and imagine what they're talking about," Masini said. "I leave (the captions) to the imagination."

Sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Art Feast is a gallery walk at the PCAC and 32 Plymouth businesses, with artists — including glassblowers, potters, chalk artists, balloon twisters

and musicians — at each location.

"It's a weekend to feast on the arts," said Jill Andra Young, Art Feast chairwoman. "Art is everywhere, and we need to appreciate it."

"On Friday night, people can take the trolley, which will leave from Michigan Made and make the circle to the four outer businesses that are participating," said Young. "The whole event is passport-driven, and participants have a chance to win 29 pieces of art. You need 12 stamps, and one of them has to be from one of our outer locations."

"We want to take everyone's concept of art outside the box," said Young. "People think of sculpture, jewelry



Artist Carmen Flora will be among the featured artists during next weekend's ARTFeast event in downtown Plymouth.

and framed art. But, everything can really be categorized as art, so we've taken that to the musicians, face painters and chalk artists who will be throughout the downtown. Our balloon twisters aren't

your every day saber sword twisters, they actually made a motorcycle at Chili Fest a few years back."

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BY BRAD KADRICH
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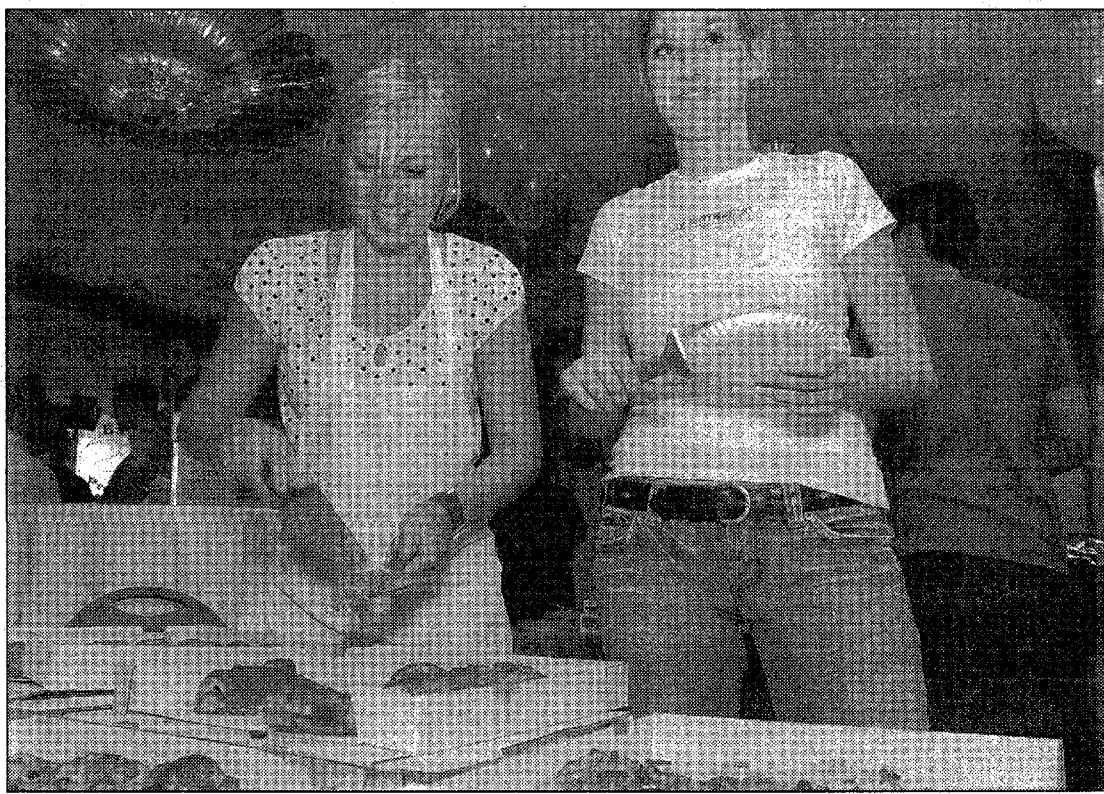
Sandy Mustonen draws a lot of business for her Northville design firm, Graphic Visions, Inc., from the Plymouth area. That's why Mustonen was among the 80 or so vendors, restaurateurs and pizza-makers who set up booths at Wednesday's annual Showcase Plymouth event, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township. "I think (Showcase) brings us a lot of exposure," Mustonen said. "We like to be seen out here, because we do a lot of business out here. It helps keep us out there, keeps us in touch with other vendors we deal with and, hopefully, brings us some new clients." The annual business expo is designed to provide a net-



Jen Barton, of Dilly Dally Deli, keeps the display looking good, while Sarah Webb samples the deli's offerings.

working opportunity for local businesses. Hundreds of people pushed through the various rooms at the Inn at St. John's, picking up ideas and giveaways from the various booths set up. There were a few fewer

booths than the reported nearly 100 last year, and a driving rain may have had an effect on attendance, but Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce executive director Fran Toney was quick to point out the success of the event, which also recognized dozens of Volunteers of the Year from various groups and civic organizations. "We've very pleased with the turnout, in booths and in people attending," Toney said. "(Showcase) is a great way to bring all the businesses together. If you look around, you see we have a little bit of everything." The event also included three "favorite" contests, for Best Booth (LaSalle Bank), Best Restaurant (Station 885 in Old Village), and Best Pizza. Mother's Pizzeria won that competition for the fourth time in five years. "Our whole mission when I



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Errin LaVaque, and Alexis Patterson offer samples of Mother's Pizzeria's wares. Mother's won the Best Pizza contest for the fourth time in five years.

opened this place was I was sick and tired of plastic pizzas that tasted like plastic cheese and cardboard," Mother's owner Stan Sheehan said.

"We thought this area needed some good old-fashioned pizza with flavor, so that's what we set out to do. We must be doing something right,

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Correction

A photo in Thursday's Observer incorrectly identified Madonna University board chairman Richard Walawender. The Observer regrets the error.

Poppy Days

Volunteers from the American Legion Post 112, the Beasley Zalesny Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary will be at several locations throughout Plymouth for the annual Poppy Days event 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 17-19.

The poppies became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives lost during World War I and have become a way to honor the contribution of all veterans. Hand-crafted by hospitalized veterans, the poppies are given out in exchange for donations which will be used to benefit veterans and families.

As in past years, volunteers will be stationed at Kmart on Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, Farmer Jack on Morton Taylor and Joy, and Leo's Coney Island and Busch's grocery store, both at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

Marching band recruiting

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, named Bands of America Regional Champions for 2006 and a BOA Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, is hosting a series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2007 Marching Band program.

The meeting is designed for incoming eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how eighth-graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2007 summer/fall season.

Parents and students are asked to attend the Open House meeting 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, in the Plymouth High School Small Band Room, 8400 Beck in Canton.

For more information, call band director Marc Whitlock at (734) 582-5666.

Nursing Home Week National Nursing Home Week will be celebrated May 13-19, a week designated to honor nursing home residents, staff and families. The theme of the week's events will be "Treasure Our Elders."

The Medilodge Group, including the facility in Plymouth, hosts their sixth-annual "Senior Prom" 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Andiamo in Warren. Residents, staff and family members will dance to the sounds of The Contours.

Attending the afternoon dinner/dance will be more than 400 residents, staff, family members and students representing the 14 nursing homes and two assisted living homes Medilodge Group manages, including the Plymouth facility.

For more information, call Cathie Coleman, (586) 752-5008.

Baccalaureate Mass
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth hosts its annual Baccalaureate Mass and reception 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Colleen Misiak, coordinator of youth ministry, is extending an invitation to all area graduates to join in worship and prayer. Graduate sare to arrive in cap-and-gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level at 3:30 p.m. Mass follows at 4 p.m.

To register, go to the church's Web site at www.olgeparish.net (click on Life Teen to download response form), or call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 243.

Flora Springs Wine Dinner

Join Napa Valley winemaker Ken Deis of Flora Springs Winery and Vineyards for an evening pairing the fine wines of Flora Springs Winery and Vineyard with five courses of La Bistecca's signature Italian cuisine.

Wines include: "Soliloquy" Sauvignon Blanc, "Select Cuvee" Chardonnay, "Trilogy" Blend (red), "Rutherford Hillside Reserve" Cabernet Sauvignon.

The \$75 event takes place 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 16 at LaBistecca Italian Grill, 39405 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Tickets are only available at WineStyles, 17836 Haggerty in Livonia.

For more information, call (734) 464-9600.

Historic home credits

The Plymouth Preservation Network hosts a workshop designed to show homeowners how to receive income tax credits for making improvements to historic homes 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Improvements can include new roof, air conditioning and heating systems, kitchen and bathroom renovations or painting. The seminar will feature Bryan Lijewski, architectural coordinator for the Michigan Historic Preservation Office.



PHOTO BY BILL HANSEN

Asthma battle

Grant Harmer, 6, of Plymouth meets puppeteer Maureen Schiffman of Novi and her puppet pal Coco in the family activities tent at the recent Blow the Whistle on Asthma Walk, conducted by the American Lung Association of Michigan at the Detroit Zoo. More than 600 walkers helped raise money for asthma research and treatments. WDIV Local 4 meteorologist Paul Gross was the morning's walk leader. In Michigan, Wayne County has the highest asthma rate in the state. Asthma is responsible for more school absences than any other chronic disease. More than 20 million Americans suffer from asthma, which affects nine million children under the age of 18.

For more information, visit the Plymouth Preservation Network's Web site at www.plymouthpreservation.org

Kindergarten expansion

New Morning School officials announce they have expanded their successful early childhood program to offer parents even more ways to make New Morning School a perfect fit.

Due to popular demand, New Morning School has just added an additional morning preschool class. Parents can now choose from two-, three-, four- or five-morning preschool programs. Beginning in September, New Morning School will also offer a three-afternoon-per-week preschool option.

New Morning School now offers three kindergarten options: morning, afternoon or full-day kindergarten. Plymouth-Canton bus service is available.

New Morning School is a state-certified, non-sectarian, non-profit school for students in preschool through grade eight.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com or call (734) 420-3331.

Art in the Sun

An annual Father's Day tradition, Northville's juried fine arts festival, Art in the Sun, returns June 16 and 17.

In its 19th year, the event features over 100 artists in all mediums of fine art, lively music throughout the festival,

and concessions. Over 20,000 people will take in the sights and sounds at one of Michigan's best-attended shows. Festival attendees will again be able to paint on a mural - a fun addition for young and old alike. Patrons will also revel in the unique boutiques, galleries, and patio dining in downtown Northville.

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce on the Web at www.northville.org or call (248) 349-7640.

Family safety fair

USA Credit Union's Plymouth Branch hosts the third-annual Family Safety Fair, an informative, fun, and free event for the public focusing on important safety issues.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at USA Credit Union's Plymouth branch at the corner of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads.

The event features the Plymouth Fire and Police Departments, Blaine Fowler from the 96.3-FM Morning show, a child ID program, Car Seat safety information and a host of entertainment for the kids including a strolling magician. There will also be free refreshments and a drawing for a Family Four Pack prize worth \$200.

For additional information about the Plymouth Safety Fair, call Melanie Zidonis at (248) 322-9800, Ext. 1023.

Community band concert

The Plymouth Community Band spring concert is set for

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, in the Little Theatre in Canton High School.

There is no admission charge.

For more information, visit the band's Web site, www.geocities.com/ply-comband

Corriveau hours

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to join him for a cup of coffee and informal conversation during his coffee hour 8-9 a.m. Monday, May 14, at Big Boy in Plymouth.

Corriveau holds coffee hours, office hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns.

Businesses or organizations who would like to schedule an event with Corriveau should contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

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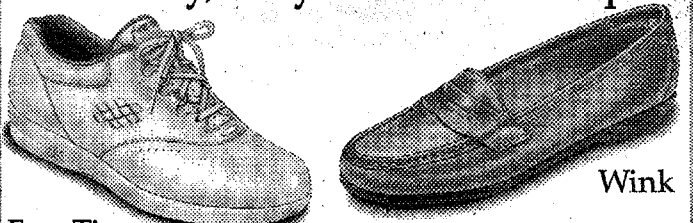
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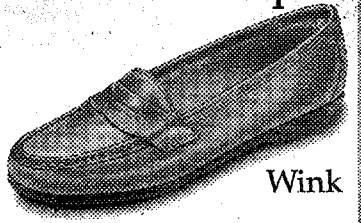
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were in the lowest quarter of the county and right now we're top 10, in some cases up around fifth," he said. "I credit that to a very very talented staff that really believes that all kids can learn."

His legacy, he hopes, will be that very student progress, and the district's focus on progress for all students, not just some.

As superintendent, Weber pushed new continuous improvement processes, such as the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence; strong staff development; and the major building improvements resulting from the community's support of the 2005 bond issue.

During his last board meeting April 23, nine former board members joined the current board in congratulating him with a standing ovation. Several spoke of the "enormous respect" Weber has both in the district and among his peers in education.

"You just don't understand how intelligent this gentleman is," said Scott Moore, a former trustee. Former board member

Michael McCann credited Weber with raising standards and helping pass a bond to fix the buildings. Weber, in turn, thanked others: "It was a team effort. Nobody works in isolation."

Thurston High Principal Bill Zolkowski later presented a large plaque to Weber made from a piece of that school's old gym floor — including the painted Eagle head. It was significant, since Weber once coached football and basketball and later started his administrative career as assistant principal at Thurston way back in 1971. (That would be the Nixon administration's first term.)

A LOOK BACK

Weber's South Redford career began even before that. He was hired as a science teacher at Marshall Junior High in 1963, with a fresh, month-old bachelor's degree in science from Michigan State University. He moved his then-young family here and remembers having 44 children in a class, back then.

Looking back, he marvels at the advancements in communication. Nowadays there are e-mails, faxes and computers, plus phones in classrooms. Back then, he remembers cranking

out copies on a ditto machine.

Weber, who later completed his master's degree and doctorate at the University of Michigan, served as assistant principal at Thurston from 1971-76. It was a time of discontent and anti-war protests. Since he meted out enforcement at the school, Weber found his local neighborhood could be a target for angry students, one of the reasons he moved to Plymouth Township.

At that time, he said, the district was among the forerunners in using technology and part of his job was handling student scheduling using a computer. It was a bit cumbersome.

In those days, each student's schedule information was key punched on a punch card, and the processing for the whole school's scheduling was done on a massive machine owned by the county.

He recalls loading trays of cards into a vehicle and driving them to Wayne County RESA for processing, and hoping not to spill or damage them. "The most traumatic part of all was just getting the cards there," he said.

THE 'PSYCHE' OF LAYOFFS

Later, when Weber moved to

the district's central office to lead the personnel department, he faced even more trauma.

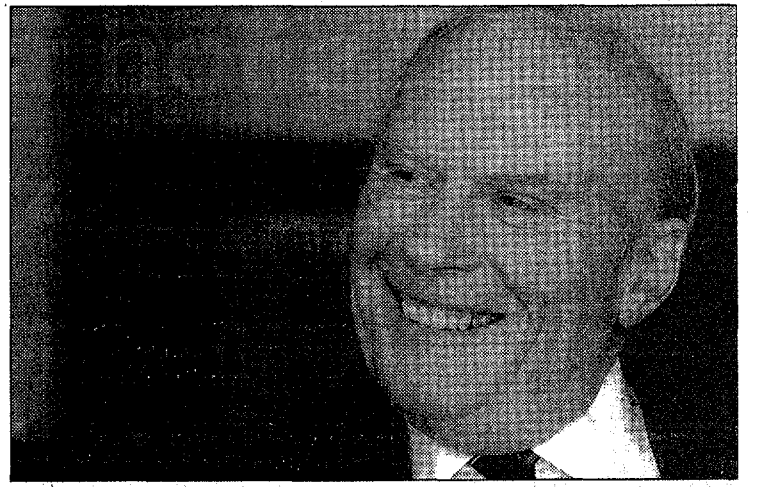
Back then, he notes, the district had well over 400 teachers to handle the 8,600 pupils. However, the baby boom was sputtering out and the district enrollment began its plummet to a low of 2,600. (It's now around 3,400.) That decline put the district into a layoff posture for many years in a row.

Many teachers, some with 15 years or more of experience, faced pink slips. "It was very, very difficult to call each of these people in on a personal basis and talk to them about layoffs," he said.

The result of those layoffs on a community like Redford was felt by Weber, and they played a part in the way he led the district during its current budget crisis.

Despite today's looming uncertainty of funding from the state, South Redford is not sending out layoff notices. "What it does to the psyche of a staff and psyche of a community is not good. That's why we tried in every way possible not to lay people off," he said.

Providing professional staff development has always been important to improving the dis-



Weber

trict, Weber said. He cites the Galileo program as an example. Again, he notes the work of others, pointing to Syndee Malek's leadership.

The key is "allowing teachers to grow and realize their potential and you just don't do that on your own. You don't," he said.

'AWESOME' ARTS CENTER

Looking back on the 2005 bond issue, Weber said he knew that the district's buildings needed work, but he put his priority on getting academic improvement first. He remembers telling the board, "We have to demonstrate to the community that we're worthy."

Once those test scores improved, the issue was promoted and the community came through, he said. The results can be seen around the district, including the performing arts center at Thurston, which brings a smile to Weber's face as he refers to the center as "so awesome."

In retirement, Weber and his wife, Jean, who are longtime

Plymouth Township residents, plan to spend time with the families of their two children. They have five grandchildren. One perk of not having a jam-packed work schedule is that Weber plans to catch a football game at Brown University, where their grandson plays.

He expects to find time for fishing, golfing and to do some consulting. There may even be a farmers market visit Wednesday mornings. "I'm really looking forward to Jean and I sharing some of the things we haven't been able to do in the past," he said.

On his last full day, a late Friday afternoon, Weber was asked to walk out of the administration building. A large contingent of staff from central office and the schools had gathered to applaud and offer a farewell. Weber called the moment one of the most moving he's ever had. "I am not speechless too often, but I sure was on Friday," he said.

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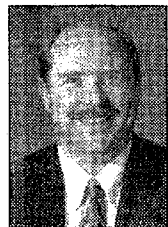
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New Liberty hires new president

Robert J. Krupka, Jr. has joined New Liberty Bank as president and CEO of the Bank and its holding company, Plymouth Financial Corporation.



Krupka

"I am excited about the opportunity at New Liberty Bank," Krupka said. "While the economic environment is challenging, the bank is situated in an excellent market. I look forward to working with the bank's staff and the community to grow the organization."

Krupka has more than 20 years of banking experience including most recently serving as senior vice president and commercial services manager for Sky Bank, where he was responsible for opening a loan production office in Detroit.

"The Board of Directors is excited about Mr. Krupka joining the New Liberty Bank team," said Board Chairman Donald Soenen. "He has the talent, experience and management capability to effectively lead the bank in achieving its objectives."

Krupka replaces Ray

Reame, who had served in the same capacity on an interim basis following the departure of former president/CEO and founder Mike Weaver.

Magazine honor

Martha Schultz of Focus: HOPE has been chosen as the top Chief Financial Officer in the non-profit/human service category by Crain's Detroit Business.



Schultz

Schultz, of Plymouth Township, along with five other top financial leaders and 11 finalists, will be honored during the business magazine's recognition dinner at DaimlerChrysler Financial Services in Farmington Hills.

Schultz was nominated by interim CEO Tim Duperron for her leadership in helping transform Focus: HOPE and improve the annual net

income position by 75 percent within four years from a \$12 million deficit.

Schultz joined Focus: HOPE in 2000 as controller and became Chief Financial Officer in 2002. Previously she worked as controller at Mercy College and University of Detroit Mercy where she led the finance team when the two institutions merged.

"This award is an honor for me, but also for all my colleagues at Focus: HOPE," said Schultz. "We have been working hard to transform Focus: HOPE by implementing major operational and financial changes across the organization. At the same time we have maintained the highest level of service to all our students and the community. Our vision for the future is to provide additional outreach to the community; to enhance our training programs, to offer support activities to senior citizens, and to work with the community to revitalize the neighborhood."

Schultz earned her Bachelor of Science from Madonna University in 1983 and her Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University in 1986.

Focus: HOPE is a nationally recognized civil and human rights organization in Detroit founded 39 years ago. It offers a food program, which assists 42,000 seniors, mothers and children each month; career training programs in machining, engineering and information technology; child care; business conference facilities; community arts projects; and neighborhood revitalization initiatives. Through Focus: HOPE, thousands of individuals - especially women and minorities - have become financially independent.

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long term," he said. "If the city elects to renew the millage, we need to address infrastructure issues as we go."

Wright said if he's elected he will still be looking out for the welfare of downtown Plymouth.

"I certainly would continue to have an interest in, and some influence over, downtown development," Wright said.

"I'm also intrigued with the sense of studying regional cooperation efforts that can be good for our community and neighboring communities."

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Kiwanis hosts benefit to fight hunger

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth hosts the club's first "Super-Interclub" to benefit the international food assistance organization, "Kids Against Hunger," Tuesday, June 5, at Fox Hills Country Club.

The event, entitled "Hockey Night in Plymouth," takes place 6-9 p.m. and includes dinner, cash bar, live and silent auctions, and local hockey legends as special guests.

The Kids Against Hunger program (www.feedingchild-

ren.org) has been packaging and distributing food for several years. Dr. Don Burwell, director of the KAH program in Michigan, said that not only does the food keep starving children alive, studies have discovered an increased mental capacity for reading and learning in school with children who have been receiving the food packages for some time.

The meals consist of a casserole that has been developed by nutritionists that has all essential nutrients. It is made of rice, soy protein, chicken broth, and dried vegetables. It can be cooked in boiling water for 20 minutes. Each bag feeds six adults or 12 children.

Since February 2004, when the Plymouth Colonial Kiwanis

Club first began working with KAH, they have packaged over 510,000 nutritionally balanced meals. This has been accomplished, according to club officials, with the "beneficent efforts of elementary, middle, and high school students, church groups, and other service groups throughout the area."

While packaging the meals first began at KAH's Oak Park facility, Kiwanis saw the value in taking the raw materials to the packaging volunteers. As a result, the Plymouth club raised funds to purchase and donate a truck and a van to make KAH a fully mobile operation.

The defining statement of Kiwanis illustrates why this project is so fundamentally important to the group, officials said.

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time," Kiwanis spokesperson Jennifer Philpot-Munson said. "Kiwanis truly is dedicated to helping children and their families throughout the world."

The international Kiwanis Family consists of Kiwanians, Circle K (college students),



Young volunteers package meals for the Kids Against Hunger program for the Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth.

Key Clubbers (high school students), Builders Club (middle school students), and K-Kids (elementary school students).

Tickets to the Super-Interclub are \$25 per person or \$350 to sponsor a table of 10. To purchase tickets, contact Kiwanis representative Jeanne Gonyer Baldwin at (734) 414-8900. For more information about sponsorship for this event, how to get involved, or Kiwanis in general, contact Dan Herriman at (734) 459-5440.



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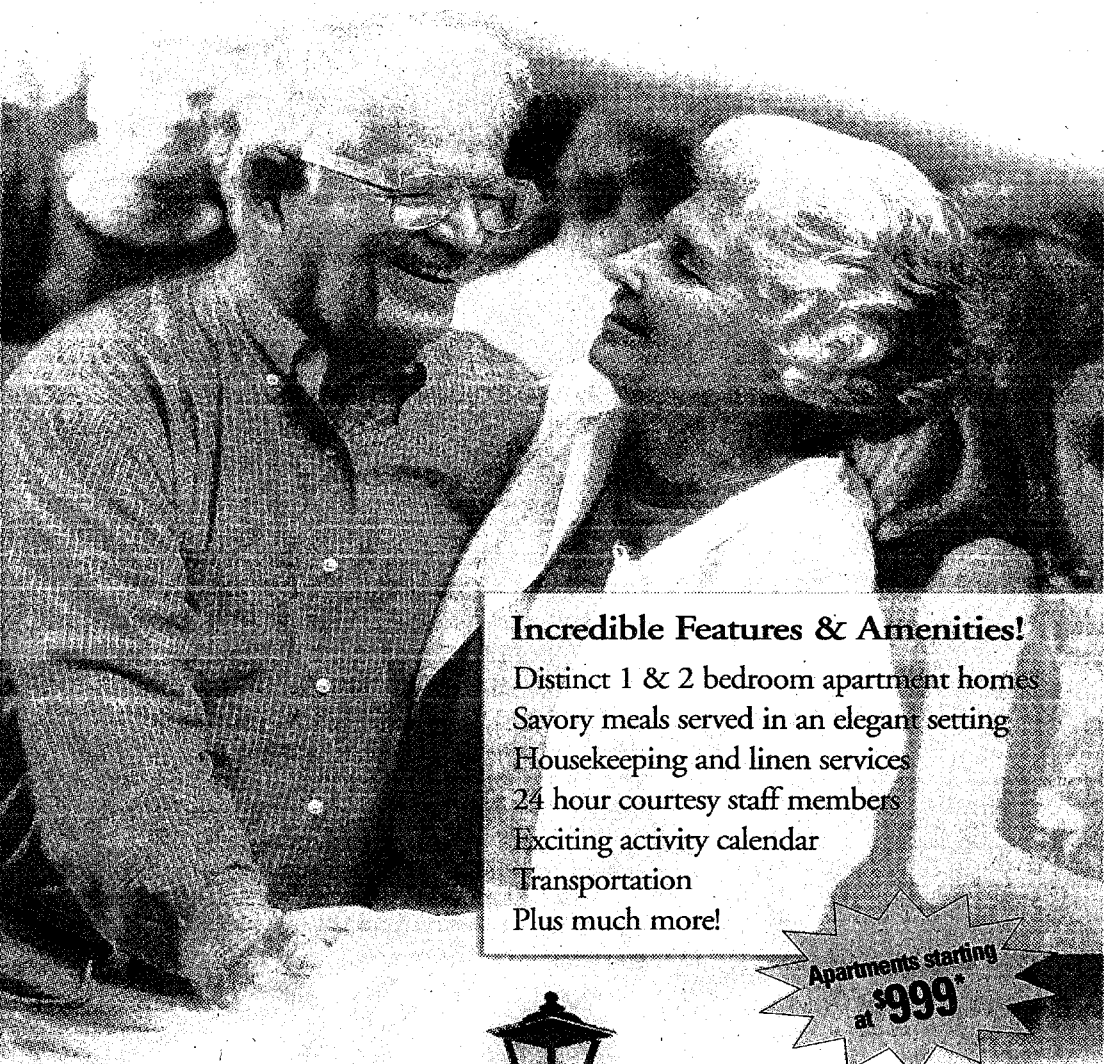
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Volunteer Debbie Umlauf of Plymouth sells raffles tickets for the Angela Hospice Golf Outing. "First Choice" Raffle tickets sell for \$10 each and offer a chance to win one of four great prize packages.

Golf outing benefits hospice patients

Angela Hospice's supporters and business friends will once again head to the greens for the organization's annual golf outing benefiting programs for terminally ill patients and their families.

Phillips Service Industries of Livonia is sponsoring the outing, which takes place Friday, June 15.

"We are excited about taking our golf outing to the Woodlands of Van Buren, in Wayne, this year," said Barbara Paul, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "This is a new venue for Angela Hospice and we anticipate a great day of golf."

The event begins with continental breakfast and free range balls before golf, shotgun start at 10 a.m., 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch and open beverage carts on the course, steak reception following golf with open bar and dessert, prizes, and a mini silent auction.

"We are receiving registration for golfers weekly," said Paul, "but there is still room for new and returning individuals and groups to join us."

Golfers can register in foursomes or as individuals at a price of \$175 per golfer. Packages for business partners and corporate sponsors are also available.

The popular "First Choice" Raffle is one way that both golfers and non-golfers alike

can take part in the enthusiasm. Each \$10 ticket offers a chance to win one of four prize packages, including a Mackinac Island getaway; a weekend at a Northern Michigan golf resort; Tigers box seats and a helicopter ride with WJR; or a night on the town with Detroit Symphony Orchestra tickets, dinner at Opus One and a stay at the Atheneum Suite Hotel.

"Thanks to Phillips Service Industries generously underwriting this event, 100 percent of proceeds will directly benefit Angela Hospice's patients and families," said Paul.

The event will support Angela Hospice programs not covered by insurance reimbursements. Since 1985, Angela Hospice has been providing home hospice services to patients throughout Southeast Michigan. Angela Hospice also offers specialized programs for terminally ill children, a prenatal hospice program, and a dedicated hospice care center, which provides a home-away-from-home for hospice patients. The organization provides grief support services free-of-charge to the community as well.

To learn more about supporting the mission of Angela Hospice and the annual golf outing, call Barbara Paul at (734) 953-6014 or log on to www.angelahospice.org

Grab a piece of the Botsford Inn legacy

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

It seems everyone has a fond memory or two from the historic Botsford Inn.

Whether it was a wedding, an anniversary or a summer jazz festival in the courtyard, the sprawling white inn on Grand River has served as a landmark for anyone who's ever raised a glass, enjoyed a meal or danced on the spring-loaded dance floor in the upstairs ballroom — and the memories live on.

"It was clearly a meeting place for the community," said Margo Gorchow, corporate vice president of community relations, marketing and development at Botsford Hospital. "The hospital feels the commitment to the inn and it, too, is part of the lega-

cy of the Botsford Inn."

The public can grab a piece of that legacy at an estate sale as the hospital prepares to demolish the east and west wings, which were added in recent decades.

Botsford Hospital plans to build a cancer treatment center on the site, but preserve and restore the central portion of the inn, which was built originally as a home in 1836.

"There are a lot of fond memories here — and this place is historically important because of who owned it, including Henry Ford," said Andrew Adelson, owner of the West Bloomfield-based Everything Goes Estate Liquidators Inc. "A lot of people are going to want to have a piece of the memory."

Everything Goes Estate Liquidators Inc. will conduct a public sale of the inn's contents from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 13; Friday, May 18; Saturday, May 19; and Sunday, May 20.

Items for sale include cherry and mahogany bedroom sets, book cases, dining sets, chests, mattress sets, bedding, linens, some antiques, artwork, the 24-foot oak and cherry Coach House bar, lighting fixtures, hundreds of chairs, a wine cooler, windows, doors, awnings, shutters, air conditioner units, televisions, radios, paneling and commercial kitchen equipment, including coolers and freezers.

Items will be taken from 65 rooms, three apartments, two ballrooms and one commercial kitchen on the property.

All items will be priced, but Adelson said there will be room to deal.

"All prices are negotiable and very reasonable," he said. "We want to sell everything."

Items that do not sell will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

The Botsford Inn is located on the north side of Grand River, between Middlebelt and Inkster in Farmington Hills. Enter at main entrance and shop throughout the inn.

Gorchow said the antiques will be set aside and used in the restored portion of the inn.

"We want to use the antiques to create a sense of history and to maintain the legacy of the inn," she said.

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■ **PLEASE NOTE:** Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 27-28, for Memorial Day weekend.

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP,** Sunday, May 13, 1:30 p.m. — Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Shirley Weimar, (248) 348-9953.

■ **GREAT BOOKS,** Monday, May 14, 7 p.m. — This meeting will wrap up the 2006-07 Great Books series — meetings will resume in September. This discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website: <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE** STORY: A SENIOR WRIT-

ING GROUP, Tuesday, May 15, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary.

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION,** Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or email spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP,** Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m. — Join other gardeners in this informal gathering — exchange ideas, share tips, discuss gardening concerns. No registration required.

■ **STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS,** Monday, May 21, 7 p.m. — Find out what you can expect from the upcoming summer skies from Plymouth resident Mike Best. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is

required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@aol.com

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING,** Monday, May 21, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION,** Wednesday, May 23, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *A Thread of Grace* by Mary Doria Russell. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **OPTIMISTIC ECOLOGY WITH CHUCK GAIDICA,** Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m. — The Friends of the Plymouth District Library invite all to meet and enjoy this presentation by WDIV Director of Meteorology, Chuck Gaidica. Mr. Gaidica will share his

thoughts on optimistic ecology and ways we can all contribute to the ecological well-being of our community.

■ **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** — Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 240 to enroll or go to plymouthlibrary.org and complete the homebound delivery service registration.

Youth Programs

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME,** Monday, May 14, 10 and 11 a.m. and Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. — Lap Sit Storytime is a 15-minute song and rhyme time for babies ages 6 to 24 months and their caregivers. Only the registered caregiver and baby may attend. No siblings please. Registration is limited to the first 16 children; call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

■ **BABY PLAY** — There will be no Baby Play session this month, due to the Memorial

Day holiday. This program, which takes place on the fourth Monday of the month, is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required.

■ **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES,** Wednesdays through May 23, 7 p.m. — This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

■ **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES,** Thursdays through May 24, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3 1/2 - 5 years. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

■ **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES,** Tuesdays through May 22, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-to-3-1/2 years. This one-on-one ses-

sion welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and can be made by telephone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Teen Program

■ **TEEN VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION,** Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. — Plymouth teens are encouraged to come to an orientation meeting that will provide details on volunteer opportunities at the Library.

The Library requests that orientation participants pick up a Teen Volunteer Application from the Reader's Advisory Desk prior to these sessions. Form should be signed by a parent and brought to the orientation session. Only one session required.

■ **BOOKS & BAGELS,** Tuesday, May 15, 4 p.m. — This month the group will read and discuss 13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson. Sign up at Reader's Advisory Desk and pick up the book.

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Plan designed to put region on 'road to renaissance'

The Southeast Michigan "aerotropolis" may actually begin to take flight as part of an ambitious program to kickstart the area's troubled economy. On May 3, Detroit Renaissance released its Road to Renaissance: Final Business Plan.

The plan focuses on six priorities for developing the metro Detroit area. They are 1. Become the Center for Global Mobility, 2. Grow an Aerotropolis, 3. Grow Greater Detroit's Creative Community, 4. Grow Greater Detroit's Entrepreneurial Capacity, 5. Retain our Future Talent, Base, 6. Promote Globally, Communicate Locally.

Community, civic and business leaders have come together to set 11 specific strategies, timelines and funding sources to meet these goals. The report was produced by a 125-member task force.

Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance, which coordinated the initiative, discussed the wide-ranging report in an e-mail question and answer with the *Observer & Eccentric*.

Why these six priorities and how did the task force decide on these priorities?

We based these priorities on benchmarking six regions inside and outside the U.S. and getting the input from over 650 individuals representing over 500 organizations in metro Detroit.

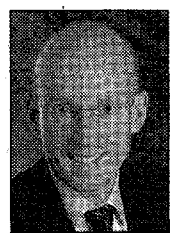
Each priority has a timeline, cost estimates, potential funding sources. What kind of commitments have you received from government and private sources? How difficult is this given our current economic conditions?

We are raising funds from the corporate community and working closely with the foundation community. While there are one or two initiatives that need government support, the overwhelming majority will be driven by the community.

These ideas build on ideas that have been at least conceptually advanced over the last decade or more such as the emphasis on mobility and logistics, the creative corridor along Woodward, the aerotropolis. Why do you believe it's necessary to pull these ideas together in this one plan?

Because a plan provides the ability to focus limited resources, time and energy. We have never had a strategy for growing our region's economy before. We have planned projects and tactics, but never put together a strategy that prioritizes what needs to be done.

You were in the group that recently toured Schiphol



Doug Rothwell

Airport in Amsterdam and attended the Airport Cities Conference in Frankfurt. What did you come away with from seeing an airport city functioning and from the conference?

Schiphol has 60,000 workers in various businesses adjacent to the airport. Frankfurt has a similar number. In the U.S., Chicago, Memphis and Dallas have used their hub airports to attract business investments. There is a tremendous opportunity to develop the 20,000 acres of developable land between Metro and Willow Run Airports. But we need to do it thoughtfully. We should look at this like North Carolina looked at developing the Research Triangle Park back in the 1950s. It is a transformational project that needs to be given time to work.

What kind of businesses do you see forming around the airports; what kind of timeline do you see for that development?

Research Triangle Park took 20 years to take off. We don't think it needs to take that long for the Detroit Aerotropolis because we aren't starting from scratch. We already have one of the best hub airports in the U.S. But we have four studies that need to be completed in the next year before we can seriously start attracting investors. These include benchmarking, master development, business attraction and marketing plans. Wayne County is leading the effort and County Executive (Robert) Ficano really gets what needs to be done. He is committed to doing this right. We need to support his efforts. Detroit Renaissance will be partnering with the county by funding some of these plans and staffing the effort.

What do you see as the principal advantages of the I-94 corridor, Metro and Willow Run in competition with other cities, particularly Chicago for dominance as the Midwest transportation hub?

We have capacity and are ready to grow. Unlike most hub airports we aren't land-locked. We have 20,000 acres we can develop. We have four parallel runways and can add more. No one else can boast such potential.

And speaking of transportation, why no mass transit component in this plan?

Mass transit takes years to put in place and we still aren't sure how to do it in Detroit where we are so spread out in terms of where we live and work. Road to Renaissance is focused on what we can get done in three to five years. Mass transit doesn't fit that timeframe.

How do you see the business accelerators as working?

Accelerators provide help to new and growing companies to help them grow faster. Most business people are experts at the product or service they produce. They aren't always trained in managing and leading business enterprises. Accelerators give them the business planning, financing, sales, exporting and research assistance they need to grow their enterprises. We have four accelerators in metro Detroit doing great work, but they are at capacity and need more resources. We need two new ones to fill some geographic gaps. This is an area where government help is needed and expected. We think a \$30 million investment from our Congress and \$15 million from the state isn't too much to ask for a region that is hurting like ours is right now.

A recent survey of graduating students from the Big 3 universities showed that two-thirds will be looking for work outside of Michigan. Retaining talent is one of the priorities. Has the situation reached a point where Michigan will have a hard time filling the needs of the businesses you're hoping to attract?

I'm not one that believes if we just graduate more college grads we will fix our economy. It's all about creating jobs and career opportunities that our kids want to take advantage of. There are plenty of these in the region today, but generally with companies that are smaller and less well known. Through intern and apprenticeships we can connect kids to these opportunities before they graduate. That is one of the Road to Renaissance action steps.

Are there specific job growth and economic growth goals? What kind of overall timeline are we looking at?

Yes and we will be publishing report cards on a quarterly basis to let people know how we are doing. We expect and want to be held accountable. If we are running into roadblocks, the report card will show what the problem is and bring pressure to fix it.

What else would you like to say about Road to Renaissance?

This is a strategy that focuses on a handful of priorities. It doesn't address everything we need to do to get our economy in fifth gear. But it is a start. What we need to do now is FOCUS. This region has a tendency to "zig and zag" on the project du jour. Our success will largely be determined by our ability to stick with a strategy long enough to see it through. That's what virtually every other successful region has done.

Hugh Gallagher is the managing editor of the *Observer*

It's finally time to say goodbye to a gentle vampire

With all the fuss over the Bloomfield Hills school bond vote and school board election, an important event was passed over.

Sir Graves Ghastly has died. Admittedly, I thought he had died years ago, but I have since learned that he passed on recently at age 94. Officially he was Lawson Deming, but to all of us Saturday afternoon fans from the late 1960s to early 1980s he will always be Sir Graves - or as my then-young nephew used to say, Sir Grapes.



Greg Kowalski

Sir Graves delighted his fans with some of the corniest TV ever seen on TV. Interspersed with ancient horror films, like *The Mummy* and *The Wolf Man*, Sir Graves would entertain us with songs and jokes with the aid of an assortment of helpers like Cool Ghoul, Tillie Trollhouse, The Glob and Baruba.

All of them looked suspiciously like Sir Graves. The jokes were awful. The songs dreadful. And the set - a cardboard coffin in a little graveyard - was about as cheesy as you could get.

No matter. Sir Graves was fun. He was a gentle vampire. He had good manners and never spoke ill of anyone. He was campy in his own way, but he never attempted to be hip or sly. He even preferred to show the classic old horror movies, where nary a drop of blood was shown and there was no such thing as a serial killer. They had class. So did he.

And look what we've got now. Sir Graves used to be on Saturday afternoons in a TV land that existed long before cable. Now we have dozens of channels that essentially show nothing. These Saturday afternoons, I might flip over to Fox news, or MSNBC or CNN, as I am a news junkie. But for the most part the shows feature people yelling at each other or otherwise engaging in verbal mudfests.

There doesn't seem to be any room anymore for honest debate of legitimate disagreement. Now, many shows are just exercises in character assassination.

What a waste of time. At least with Sir Graves you got entertained. No one could croon a tune like Tillie Trollhouse who warbled like a nightingale, or perhaps a sick moose.

Some horror film aficionados prefer the much hipper Ghoul as their favorite horror movie host. We must also give due respect to the witty Count Scary. And does anybody still remember Morgus? They have made their own mark on the local TV scene and are - or were - great in their own way.

But none of them can generate the affection that Sir Graves inspired.

There hardly is any local TV anymore. Celebrities like George Pierrot, Bill Kennedy and a host of others are long gone and replaced by... well, by nobody.

As a rule, I try to avoid nostalgia. It colors realistic views of history as we tend to remember the great things about the good ol' days, like playing baseball in the street when you were a kid, while forgetting the reason you were out there - school had closed because of a polio outbreak.

I will, however, look back on Sir Graves with fondness and nostalgia.

Good night, sweet vampire.

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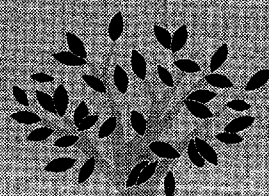
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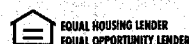
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Cost basis important for calculating your taxes

Dear Rick: Can you tell me what cost basis means?

Cost basis is what you paid for an investment. For example, if you purchased 100 shares of stock at \$10 a share, your cost basis would be \$1,000. Cost basis is an important number, particularly when it comes to taxes. If your cost basis in an investment was \$1,000 and you sold that investment for \$1,500, you would have a \$500 gain to report on your tax return.

Cost basis is a little different for mutual funds. In this case, it's what you paid for the fund plus all the dividends and capital gain distributions you reinvested. For example, if you paid \$1,000 for a mutual fund and over the years you had \$100 of dividends reinvested and \$200 of capital gain distributions reinvested, your cost basis would be \$1,300. If you sold that investment for \$1,100



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Rick Bloom

you would be able to take a \$200 loss on your tax return. If you inherited an investment, then your cost basis is the fair market value of the investment on the date of death of the decedent. On the other hand, if you have an investment that was gifted to you, your cost basis is a transfer basis. In other words, you now have the same cost basis as the person who gifted you the investment. Sometimes it is very difficult, particularly if you have owned an investment for a long period of time, to know what the basis is. For mutual fund investors, it is easier because

you can contact the company and they can assist in determining your basis. On the other hand, for individual stocks it is often difficult or nearly impossible. When you consider some of the corporate mergers that have occurred over the last number of years, determining basis is sometimes difficult. In those cases, I generally recommend contacting the investor service department at the individual company for assistance. In cases where you can not get assistance the only alternative is to take a fair guesstimate and to document how the calculation was done.

Dear Rick: I recently received a call from my mortgage company offering me an option to buy a type of insurance that if I pass away will pay off my mortgage. Is this a good deal?
The short answer is no. This type of policy is more

gimmicky than anything and it's something that consumers should avoid.

This insurance is generally the most expensive you can buy. As time goes on, you continue to make the same premium payment to the mortgage company, however, the amount of coverage goes down. After all, the longer you have a mortgage, principal is being paid down every month and you owe less.

In this type of life insurance, the beneficiary has no option but to pay off the mortgage. Why would you want to tie the hands of your beneficiaries? After all, you

can have a very low interest rate mortgage and it may be in your beneficiary's financial interest not to pay off the mortgage at the time of your death.

Decide whether you need life insurance. Look at your entire financial picture. Not everyone needs life insurance. I believe it is needs-based. Ask yourself if anyone will lose financially if you pass away. If the answer is yes, look at the resources you have. If there's a shortfall, life insurance is an option. Rather than buy a mortgage-based insurance policy, consider a term life policy. It's

more cost-effective and gives your beneficiaries much greater flexibility.

Mortgage companies have become more aggressive in offering a variety of gimmicks that are not consumer-friendly. Unless there is a unique situation, I do not recommend life insurance deals offered by mortgage companies.

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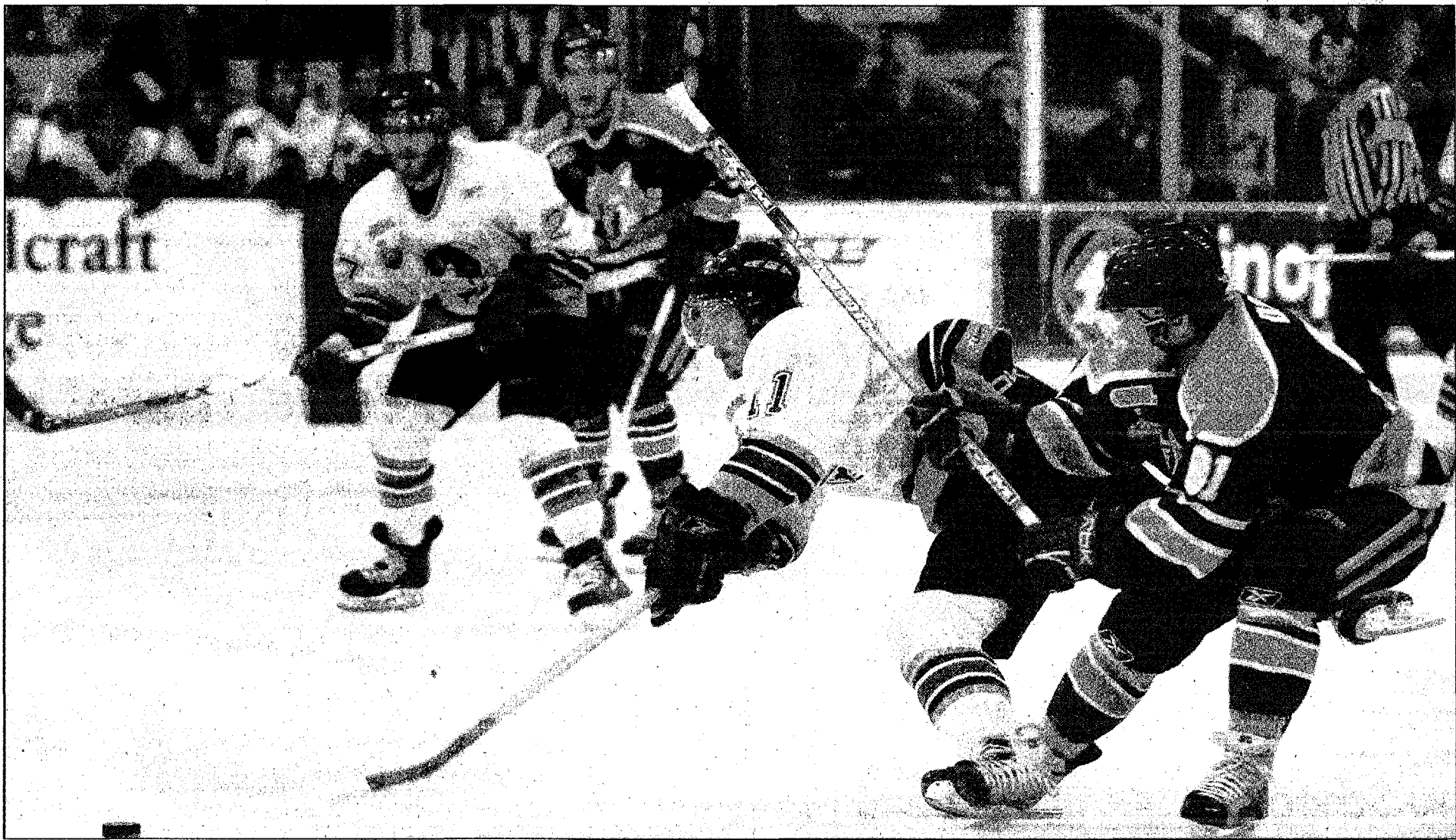
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Plymouth's Evan Brophoy is upended by Sudbury's Justin Donati during the second period of Friday night's Game 5 of the OHL Championship Series. The Whalers won, 4-3, in overtime to take a 3-2 lead heading into tonight's Game 6 in Sudbury.

Whalers on brink of OHL championship

Collins' OT game-winner nets 3-2 lead in series

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Following 73 minutes of high-intensity hockey, a franchise-record 81 shots on goal and a countless number of near misses, the Plymouth Whalers saw the light Friday night.

The red light. And they couldn't have been happier — or more relieved.

Dan Collins' goal with 6:26 left in overtime earned Plymouth a 4-3 victory over Sudbury in Game 5 of the Ontario Hockey League's

Championship Series. Possibly the most exciting contest ever played at the Compuware Sports Arena — especially considering the high stakes involved — was witnessed by 3,359 sure-to-be-hoarse-by-Saturday-morning fans.

The Whalers, who are now just 60 solid minutes of hockey away from claiming possession of the J. Ross Robertson trophy for the first time since 1995, will pack themselves and a 3-2 series lead into a bus and travel to Sudbury for Game 6 on Sunday night. A Wolves' victory

will force a Game 7 on Tuesday night at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

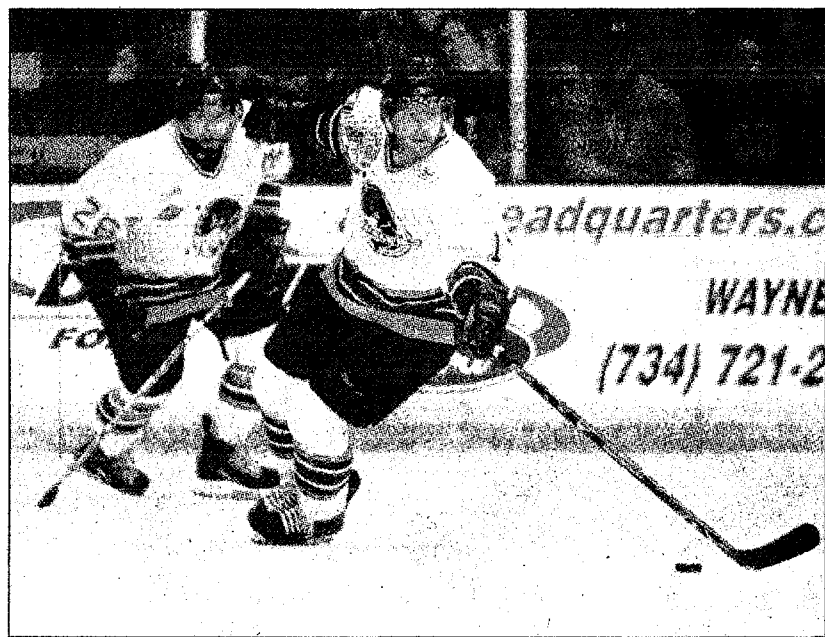
A Whalers' win will earn Plymouth a coveted OHL title and a trip to Vancouver for the Memorial Cup.

After what transpired Friday night, anything is possible.

The Whalers outshot the Wolves, 81-35, but still had to sweat out the win after blowing a 3-1 third-period lead.

"You always get a little nervous when you outshoot a team that bad and the score is still tied," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "Overall, though, I thought we played really well. We stayed focused, played hard and did all the things you need to do to win a game like this.

"Probably the best way to put



Plymouth's Dan Collins (right) tallied the game-winning goal Friday night with just over six minutes left in overtime.

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What a relief

Canton's Milus calms Rocks' bats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

After two innings of Thursday's cross-campus showdown between Canton and Salem, it appeared as if a fuse may be blown in the Rocks' scoreboard.

Over the final five innings, the scoreboard was barely needed.

In a game that quickly evolved from a slugfest into a pitchers' duel, the Chiefs prevailed, 6-5, to improve their record to 8-9-1 overall. The Rocks dropped to 7-11.

Ten of the game's 11 runs crossed the plate in the first two frames, which ended with the two rivals knotted at 5-all. Canton pushed across the game-winner in the fourth when Brad Barath's fielder's choice grounder scored Cody Bakita, who had reached on an error. Senior right-hander Dan Milus earned the win in relief for the Chiefs after cooling off the Rocks' bats over the final 5.2 innings. Milus retired 16 of the 21 batters he faced, striking out three while yielding just three hits.

After a shaky start that was hampered by a couple of ill-timed errors, Salem senior left-hander Brad Way settled down and tempered the Chiefs' bats. After giving up five runs (only two earned) in the first two innings, Way held Canton in check with the exception of an unearned run in the fourth.

Altogether, the lanky southpaw gave up eight hits and struck out five while issuing just one free pass.

Both pitchers may owe a couple of their teammates steak dinners — or at least Happy Meals — after they snuffed out rallies with sterling defensive efforts. In the second, Salem right fielder Justin Horger threw out Canton's Will Tidwell at the plate to help squelch a Chief uprising.

In the sixth, Canton returned the favor when left fielder Kyle Gring fielded Kyle Powell's single and gunned down Rock shortstop Heath Parling — the potential tying run — at the plate.

Canton jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first when Blaine Paden and Barath led off with singles. No. 3 hitter Kyle Gring then laid down a sacrifice bunt before Milus brought Paden and Barath home with a sharply hit single.

Salem answered with three in its half of the first when the first two batters — Parling and Powell — walked, setting the table for sophomore center fielder Sam Ott's three-run, opposite-field home run.

The Chiefs tallied three unearned runs in the second on an RBI single from Barath and a couple of Salem errors. The Rocks knotted the game at 5-all when Powell ripped a two-run single.

That set the stage for Barath's game-winning fielder's choice.



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Phenomenal focus

Plymouth second baseman Beth Heldmeyer, pictured above in a game earlier this season, went 2-for-2 with two RBI in the Wildcats' 15-0 victory over Walled Lake Western Friday afternoon. For details on the game, see page B2.

Pairings set for District tournaments

The District 27 baseball and softball brackets have been released for the two-day tournament that will include Plymouth, Canton and Salem on May 29 and June 2.

In the baseball competition, Plymouth will square off against host Livonia Stevenson on Tuesday, May 29, at 4:30 p.m. The winner will take on Salem, which drew a first-round bye, in a semifinal matchup set for Saturday, June 2, at 12:30 p.m.

On the other side of the brackets, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin will play a pre-district contest on May 29 at 2:30 p.m. The winner will take on Canton, which drew a first-round bye, in a semifinal game set for June 2 at 10 a.m.

The championship game will be played June 2 at 3 p.m.

In the softball tourney, Plymouth will take on host Stevenson on May 29 at 2:30 p.m. The victor will battle Salem, which drew a first-round bye, in a semifinal clash set for June 2 at 10 a.m.

On the other side of the brackets, Churchill and Franklin will square off in a pre-district showdown on May 29 at 4:30 p.m. The winner will tangle with Canton, which drew a first-round bye, in a semifinal game set for June 2 at noon.

The championship tilt will commence at 2 p.m.

Sidelines

Caillie excels

Former Canton track-and-field standout Dave Caillie is burning up the track at Lansing Community College.

On May 9 at the Aquinas Twilight Open Track Meet in Grand Rapids, the college sophomore established a new LCC record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.47 seconds. The effort qualified Caillie for the National Junior College Track Meet in Coffeyville, Kan. Caillie was also a member of the LCC 400-relay contingent that set a new school record with a time of 42.71.

The former Chief capped his memorable day by winning the 400-meter dash in 48.66. The meet included top-notch athletes from Michigan and Ohio.

Hole-in-one

Canton resident Rocco Varalalli recorded his first career hole-in-one on April 30 on the 137-yard 17th hole at Eagle Crest Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

Varalalli used a pitching wedge for his ace and finished with a nine-hole round of 37.

High Velocity sports camps

High Velocity Sports in Canton is currently accepting registrations for its spring/summer basketball and volleyball leagues.

Youth and adult basketball leagues will begin June 4 and last 10 weeks plus playoffs. The registration deadline is May 29. The youth team fee is \$850 and includes one practice per week. Youth individuals may sign up to play on a house team. The adult team fee is \$750 and adult individuals may also sign up to play on a house team for \$85. Both adult and individual fees include a jersey.

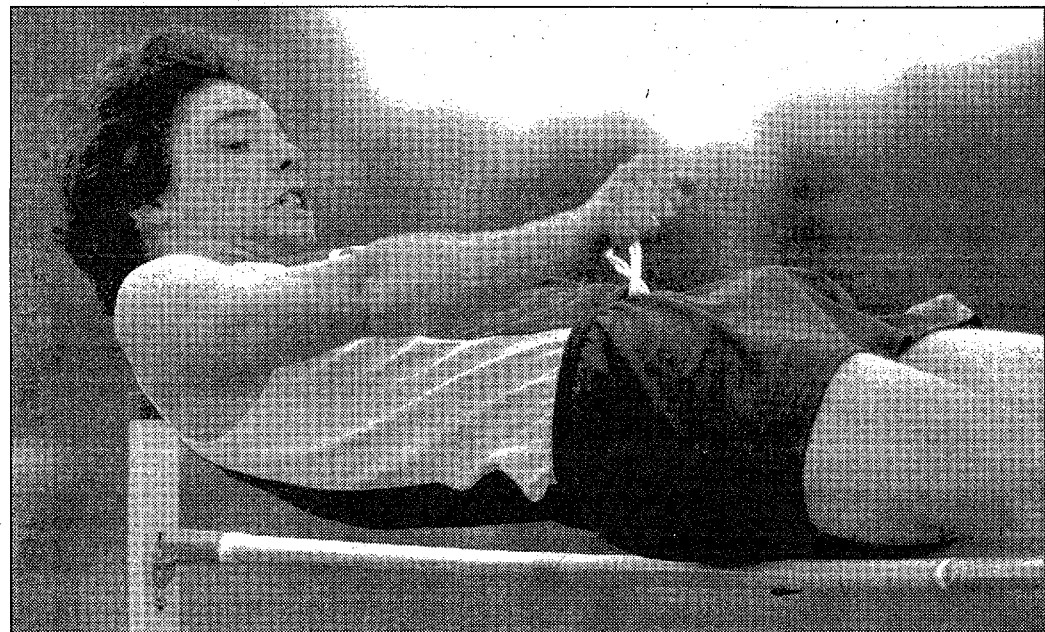
Adult co-ed volleyball leagues also start June 4 and run for 10 weeks plus playoffs. The registration deadline is May 29. The volleyball leagues play on Mondays or Wednesdays and the cost is \$510 per team.

Youth volleyball clinics are also available for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The beginner class is set for Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the intermediate/advanced class is on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$80 for eight weeks and classes start June 6.

MU softball falls

Bethel College (Ind.) ended Madonna's softball season Wednesday with a 7-2 win in the NAIA Region VIII championship round in Battle Creek. The Pilots (43-8), ranked 21st national, also beat the Crusaders 3-0 earlier in the day and moved on to the NAIA national tournament, beginning May 18 in Decatur, Ala. Between the two MU-Bethel games, the Crusaders earned a 4-3 victory over Marian.

The Crusaders finish the season with a 34-16 overall mark and for the second straight year were defeated in the championship round of the regional.



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Salem's Zack Gaskell is pictured clearing 5-3 in the high jump during the Observerland Relays held May 5 at Farmington High School.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 96.67
W.L. WESTERN 41.33
 Thursday at Plymouth
Shot put: 1. Sam Richards (P), 44 feet, 1.75 inches; 2. Saxson (WLW), 41-6.75; 3. Corey Gomall (P), 40-1.
Discus: 1. Gerald Lou (P), 136-10; 2. Derek Bradford (P), 121-7; 3. Calo (WLW), 113-0.
Long jump: 1. Kassell (WLW), 22-1.50; 2. Mack (WLW), 19-11.50; 3. Nate Gholston (P), 19-7.
High jump: 1. Marvin Whitaker (P), 5-10; 2. Ohngren (WLW), 5-8; 3. (tie) Kassell (WLW), Pawan Dahiwal (P), Mike Hanchett (P), 5-3.
Pole vault: 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 12-7; 2. Andrew Sheperd (P), 10-6; 3. Jake Zawaski (P), 10-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Anthony Scaparo, Justin Huey, Matt Lewandowski, Kyle Wallath), 8:33; 2. W.L. Western, 8:35.
100 high hurdles: 1. Nick Plescia (P), 16.5; 2. Stoloff (WLW), 18.58; 3. Ross (WLW), 18.74.
100 dash: 1. Jenarian Caldwell (P), 11.2; 2. Morelli (WLW), 11.39; 3. Connor McKinney (P), 11.4.
800 relay: 1. W.L. Western, 1:37; Plymouth was disqualified.
1,600 run: 1. Justin Huey (P), 4:41; 2. Matt Lewandowski (P), 4:44; 3. Mahakian (WLW), 4:46.15.
400 relay: 1. W.L. Western, 45.25; (Plymouth disqualified).
400 dash: 1. Mike Hanchett (P), 52.4; 2. Schnaible (WLW), 52.93; 3. Marvin Whitaker (P), 53.79.
300 hurdles: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 41.69; 2. Mack (WLW), 44.55; 3. Nick Plescia (P), 44.96.
800 run: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:09; 2. Justin Huey (P), 2:10; 3. Andrade (WLW), 2:11.
200 dash: 1. Jenarian Caldwell (P), 23.59; 2. Malik Rich (P), 24.15; 3. Probst (WLW), 24.26.
3,200 run: 1. Derek Lax (P), 10:15; 2. Anthony Scaparo (P), 10:17; 3. Patrick Slavens (P), 10:31.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Hanchett, Nate Gholston, Kenneth Lomske, Marvin

Whitaker), 3:39; 2. W.L. Western, 3:45.83.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 3-2; Western, 0-5.
SALEM 72
JOHN GLENN 65
 Thursday at Salem
Shot put: 1. Henley (JG), 49-3; 2. Bozigian (JG), 42-5; 3. Jim Crabill (S), 41-9.
Discus: 1. Henley (JG), 136-5; 2. Bozigian (JG), 134-0; 3. Courtney Frazier (S), 118-11.
High jump: 1. Jace Bearden (S), 6-2; 2. Ian Thornton (JG), 6-2; 3. Ross Davis (S), 6-2.
Long jump: 1. Jace Bearden (S), 19-7; 2. C. Jackson (JG), 18-11.5; 3. Baze Efremov (S), 18-11.5.
Pole vault: 1. J.P. Truesdell (S), 12-0; 2. Lawrence (JG), 11-0; 3. Lockhart (JG), 10-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Salem, 8:43.86; 2. John Glenn, 9:05.84.
100 high hurdles: 1. Baze Efremov (S), 15.24; 2. Ajetunmobi (JG), 15.31; 3. Anthony (JG), 16.26.
100 dash: 1. Ian Thornton (JG), 11.16; 2. Dawkins (JG), 11.29; 3. Adam Kashoro (S), 11.55.
800 relay: 1. John Glenn, 1:34.02; 2. Salem, 1:38.55.
1,600 run: 1. Craig Cowing (S), 4:54.09; 2. E. Volstromer, 4:54.77; 3. A. Volstromer, 4:55.71.
400 relay: 1. John Glenn, 44.51; 2. Salem, 45.12.
400 dash: 1. Curtiss (JG), 51.36; 2. Kevin Cope (S), 52.76; 3. Grant Stone (S), 53.69.
300 hurdles: 1. Baze Efremov (S), 41.67; 2. Anthony (JG), 42.86; 3. Scott O'Connor (S), 43.51.
800 run: 1. Rob Curtis (S), 2:11.46; 2. Wood (JG), 2:11.50; 3. Devin deBear (S), 2:15.65.
200 dash: 1. Dawkins (JG), 23.19; 2. Adam Kashoro (S), 23.70; 3. Marks (JG), 24.09.
3,200 run: 1. Mike Charara (JS), 11:06.20; A. Volstromer (S), 11:06.37; 3. Jason Smith (S), 11:06.39.
1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 3:32.86; 2. John Glenn, 3:37.27.
Salem's dual-meet record: 3-2.
CANTON 81.5
WAYNE MEMORIAL 55.5

Thursday at Wayne
Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (C), 46.11.25; 2. Bryant (WM), 45-4; 3. Gorring (WM), 44-3.25.
Discus: 1. Nick Moores (C), 146-10; 2. Steve Paye (C), 142-10; 3. Hassen (WM), 119-7.
High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6-5; 2. Bryant (WM), 5-6; 3. (tie) Keith Zech (C) and Mills (WM), 5-3.
Long jump: 1. Okemdi Oparaeke (C), 19-10.5; 2. Freeman (WM), 19-9.5; 3. Powell (WM), 19-0.5.
Pole vault: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 12-10; 2. Joe Massel (C), 12-0; 3. Brian Rakovitis (C), 11-0.
3,200-meter run: 1. Canton (Marcus Sylvester, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst, Scott Zech), 8:35.3; 2. Wayne, 8:36.0.
100 high hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 15.4; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 15.4; 3. Rykalsky (C), 16.9.
100 dash: 1. Crowe (WM), 11.3; 2. Nick Moores (C), 11.7; 3. Freeman (WM), 11.8.
800 relay: 1. Wayne, 1:34.7; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassainin, Tim Belcher, Andrew Manuel), 1:35.6.
1,600 run: 1. Eric Zech (C), 4:49.6; 2. Duncan Spitz (C), 4:51.5; 3. Schofield (WM), 4:54.0.
400 relay: 1. Wayne, 45.9; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall, Rohn Gaudi, Ocie Lewis, Tosin Adedeji), 47.5.
400 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 51.0; 2. Crowe (WM), 51.2; 3. Josh Etim (C), 54.3.
300 hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 41.5; 2. Powell (WM), 42.2; 3. Sherif Hassainin (C), 45.3.
800 run: 1. Lewis (WM), 2:03.5; 2. Scott Zech (C), 2:07.6; 3. Josh Godwin (C), 2:08.
200 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 23.5; 2. Baskin (WM), 23.6; 3. Freeman (WM), 24.5.
3,200 run: 1. Greg Reed (C), 10:45.2; 2. Kyle Clifton (C), 10:50.6; 3. Schofield (WM), 10:53.2.
1,600 relay: 1. Wayne, 3:35.8; 2. Canton (Sherif Hassainin, Tim Belcher, Josh Etim, Scott Zech), 3:36.1.
Canton's dual meet record: 5-1.

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK BESTS

SHOT PUT
 Nick Moores (Canton) 52-3.50
 Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 50-4
 Adam Gorring (Wayne) 50-2
 Jon Robinson (Churchill) 48-10.75
 Steve Paye (Canton) 46-11
 Kevin Wengert (Franklin) 45-11
 Mike Wood (Franklin) 45-7
 Alex Edwards (Lutheran Westland) 45-4.25
 Matt Broome (Stevenson) 44-11.5
 Wardell Fuqua (Canton) 44-9.75
DISCUS
 Steve Paye (Canton) 150-9
 Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 150-6
 Nick Moores (Canton) 147-10
 Matt Broome (Stevenson) 141-3
 Robert Pennywitt (RU) 138-11
 Mike Wood (Franklin) 138-8
 Thomas Myers (Churchill) 138-6
 Gerald Lou (Plymouth) 136-10
 Zach Bozigian (John Glenn) 134-0
 Brad Doak (Stevenson) 133-0
HIGH JUMP
 Eric Thornton (Canton) 6-8
 Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6-4
 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 6-3
 Jace Bearden (Salem) 6-2
 Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 6-2
 Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 6-2
 Ross Davis (Salem) 6-0
 Patrick York (Stevenson) 6-0
 Marvin Whitaker (Plymouth) 5-10
 Phillip Grasshof (Clarenceville) 5-10
 Wyatt Stahi (Stevenson) 5-10
 Justin Floyd (RU) 5-10
LONG JUMP
 Myles White (Stevenson) 22-3
 Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 22-2.5
 Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 21-1.5
 Dave Simor (Stevenson) 21-5.5
 Alan Freeman (Wayne) 20-6.5
 Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 20-2.25
 Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 20-2.25
 Nate Sergison (Stevenson) 20-0.5
 Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 19-8
 Eric Thornton (Canton) 19-7
 Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 19-7
 Jace Bearden (Salem) 19-7
POLE VAULT
 Derik Peterman (Churchill) 14-0
 Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 13-9
 Joe Tessner (Churchill) 13-9
 Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 13-0
 Ryan Langdon (Canton) 13-0
 Chris McGinnis (Canton) 12-6
 Joe Massel (Canton) 12-0
 Brian Rakovitis (Canton) 12-0
 J.P. Truesdell (Salem) 12-0

BOYS TRACK BESTS

John Gudeman (Stevenson) 11-6
100-METER HURDLES
 Myles White (Stevenson) 14.7
 Rico Walker (RU) 15.0
 Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 15.3
 Hammed Ajetunmobi (John Glenn) 15.3
 Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 15.5
 Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 15.5
 Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 15.6
 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 15.8
 Mark Zehner (Churchill) 15.9
300 HURDLES
 Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 39.2
 Myles White (Stevenson) 39.4
 Tim Belcher (Canton) 40.5
 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 41.2
 Baze Efremov (Salem) 41.6
 Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 41.7
 Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 42.2
 Sherif Hassainin (Canton) 42.5
 Rico Walker (RU) 42.5
 Kyle Ramthun (Luth. Westland) 42.5
100 DASH
 Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 10.6
 Larry Dawkins (John Glenn) 10.6
 Steve Eideh (Stevenson) 10.8
 JaJuan Marks (John Glenn) 11.0
 Janerian Caldwell (Plymouth) 11.1
 Daran Carey (Churchill) 11.1
 Casey Wolfe (Wayne) 11.1
 Connor McKinney (Plymouth) 11.2
 John Stewart (Clarenceville) 11.2
 Mike Schatz (Luth. Westland) 11.2
 Josh Palka (Luth. Westland) 11.2
200
 John Stewart (Clarenceville) 22.6
 David St. Amant (Churchill) 22.6
 Andrew Manual (Canton) 22.7
 Larry Dawkins (John Glenn) 22.7
 Dan Cragel (Stevenson) 22.8
 Steve Eideh (Stevenson) 22.9
 Josh Palka (Luth. Westland) 22.9
 Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 23.0
 Nate Sergison (Stevenson) 23.0
 Casey Wolfe (Wayne) 23.0
 Darell Myree (Franklin) 23.0
400
 John Stewart (Clarenceville) 49.5
 David St. Amant (Churchill) 50.2
 Dan Cragel (Stevenson) 50.5
 Andrew Manual (Canton) 51.0
 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 51.4
 Curtis Jackson (John Glenn) 51.4
 Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 51.5
 Derek Buskey (Stevenson) 51.6
 Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 51.8
 Kevin Cope (Salem) 52.3
 Kyle Wallath (Plymouth) 52.3

Josh Palka (Luth. Westland) 52.3
 Kyle Osborne (Stevenson) 52.3
800
 Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 1:57.6
 Kelvin Lewis (Wayne) 2:00.9
 Scott Zech (Canton) 2:01.3
 Kyle Wallath (Plymouth) 2:02.0
 Mike Gibbons (Stevenson) 2:03.4
 Brian Robertson (Churchill) 2:05.0
 Justin Huey (Plymouth) 2:06.4
 Mark Waterbury (Churchill) 2:06.4
 David St. Amant (Churchill) 2:06.0
 Spencer Lyle (Luth. Westland) 2:06.4
1,600
 Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 4:29.8
 Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 4:37.2
 Rob Curtis (Salem) 4:37.9
 Eric Zech (Canton) 4:38.2
 Justin Huey (Plymouth) 4:41.0
 Spencer Lyle (Lutheran Westland) 4:40.7
 Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 4:42.3
 Brian Robertson (Churchill) 4:43.7
 Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 4:43.9
 Matt Lewandowski (Plymouth) 4:44.0
3,200
 Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 10:01.0
 Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 10:10.8
 Rob Curtis (Salem) 10:11.3
 Derek Lax (Plymouth) 10:13.9
 Duncan Spitz (Canton) 10:16.3
 Joe Varilone (Churchill) 10:21.8
 Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 10:29.4
 Kevin deBear (Salem) 10:32.1
 Mike Green (Stevenson) 10:32.3
 Evan Sirena (Franklin) 10:33.6
400 RELAY
 Livonia Stevenson 44.0
 Plymouth 44.1
 Westland John Glenn 44.4
 Livonia Franklin 44.7
 Plymouth 44.9
800 RELAY
 Livonia Stevenson 1:30.5
 Livonia Churchill 1:30.9
 Westland John Glenn 1:32.1
 Lutheran Westland 1:32.7
 Livonia Franklin 1:32.8
1,600 RELAY
 Livonia Churchill 3:24.5
 Livonia Stevenson 3:27.1
 Canton 3:31.5
 Salem 3:32.7
 Wayne Memorial 3:33.8
3,200 RELAY
 Livonia Churchill 8:14.6
 Livonia Stevenson 8:15.0
 Plymouth 8:28.0
 Canton 8:31.5
 Lutheran Westland 8:33.3

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 94
W.L. WESTERN 43
 Thursday at Plymouth
Shot put: 1. Johnson (WLW), 31 feet, 8.50 inches; 2. Christien Guyton (P), 30-4; 3. Loney (WLW).
Discus: 1. Johnson (WLW), 95-2; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 79-4; 3. Julie Hersey (P), 77-6.
Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 16-3.75; 2. Meffah (WLW), 15-6.75; 3. Jill Morton (P), 15-2.25.
High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (P), 4-11; 2. Margucci (WLW), 4-9; 3. Shaakira Hayward (P), 4-9.
Pole vault: 1. Tobel (WLW), 8-6; 2. Beah Kinisely (P), 8-0; 3. Sink (WLW), 7-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Etleve Mema, Lauren Ahearn, Sarah Brown, Kelly Hahn), 10:33; 2. W.L. Western, 11:09.
100 high hurdles: 1. Ray (WLW), 17.94; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 18.46; 3. Lewis (WLW), 19.52.
100 dash: 1. Zeitlin (WLW), 12.99; 2. Jill Morton (P), 13.05; 3. Stephanie Okolo (P), 13.09.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Stephanie Okolo, Jalesa Moise, Whitney Askew, Jill Morton), 15:7; 2. Western D'O'ed.
400 dash: 1. Nour Bacha (P), 1:06; 2. Konfara (WLW), 1:07; 3. Gabrielle Zuzo (P), 1:08.
300 hurdles: 1. Mandy McManus (P), 52.88; 2.

Angela Calcaterra (P), 54.06; 3. Shaakira Hayward (P), 57.56.
800 run: 1. Etleve Mema (P), 2:42; 2. Karen Okolo (P), 2:43; 3. Brickner (WLW), 2:47.
200 dash: 1. Whitney Askew (P), 28.59; 2. Jalesa Moise (P), 29.04; 3. Kristen Yates (P), 29.56.
3,200 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 12:18; 2. Molly Slavens (P), 12:28; 3. Doherty (WLW), 12:47.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Etleve Mema, Angela Calcaterra, Mandy McManus, Karen Okolo), 4:28.27; 2. W.L. Western, 4:28.75.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 3-2.
CANTON 81
WAYNE MEMORIAL 47
 Thursday at Wayne Memorial
Shot put: 1. Kathy Hansen (WM), 29 feet, 7 inches; 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 28-4; 3. Nicole Douglas (C), 26-10.
Discus: 1. Kathy Hansen (WM), 91-7; 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 90-5; 3. Jessica Colton (C), 88-0.
High jump: 1. Megan Metheny (C), 4-10; (no one else cleared starting height).
Long jump: 1. Bree Edge (C), 13-4; 2. Maggie Tihanyi (C), 12-4; 3. Kathryn Wells (C), 11-1.
Pole vault: 1. Nichols (WM), 7-0; 2. Kathryn Wells (C), 6-6; 3. Hira Naqvi (C), 5-6.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Paula Schubatis, Christy O'Keefe, Maggie Carlson, Beth Swanberg), 12:12; 2. Wayne.
100 high hurdles: 1. Ashley Hoener (C), 18:02; 2. Wayne, 18:46; 3. Megan Howard (C), 19.4.
100 dash: 1. Williams (WM), 13.3; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 13.5; 3. Sims (WM), 13.8.
800 relay: (both teams were disqualified).
1,600 run: 1. Paula Schubatis (C), 5:54; 2. Maggie Carlson (C), 5:57; 3. Smith (WM), 6:06.
400 relay: 1. Wayne, 53.66; 2. Canton, 55.96.
400 dash: 1. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:04; 2. Woods (WM), 1:07; 3. Macey Flaishans (C), 1:12.
300 hurdles: 1. Megan Howard (C), 52.8; 2. Ashley Hoener (C), 53.8; 3. Goines (WM), 1:00.
800 run: 1. Smith (WM), 2:46; 2. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:52; 3. Laura Kushner (C), 2:54.
200 dash: 1. Goines (WM), 28.18; 2. Fleming (WM), 28.38; 3. Ashley Hoener (C), 29.46.
3,200 run: 1. Goines (WM), 28:18; 2. Fleming (WM), 28:38; 3. Ashley Hoener (C), 29.46.
1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Megan Howard, Megan Metheny, Maggie Tihanyi, Beth Swanberg), 4:42; 2. Wayne.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 2-3.

Salem enjoys 'sweeps' against Walled Lakes

Walled Lake's three softball teams will be glad to see Salem in their rear-view mirrors. The Rocks completed a week-long, three-game sweep of the Walled Lakes on Friday when they nipped Central, 2-1, thanks to tight defense and strong pitching from senior Melissa Leach. Salem ousted Northern on Monday and Western on Thursday. "I couldn't be more proud of my girls for going out and doing something not many teams do — we beat the teams we lost to early on (Northern and Central), so coming back and getting those wins this week really shows progress," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We continue to improve in all aspects of our game. A week ago, most teams would have thrown in the towel but not us." Leach allowed six hits, walked one and struck out three to outduel Central's Brittany Burkhardt. "It wasn't a pretty win and it wasn't an impressive win in the sense that we had great hits to win, but we had patience at the plate today when we needed it most," said Southerland. Salem accounted for all of its offense in the second inning when Emily Pitcole singled and scored on Mary Cox's double.

PREP SOFTBALL
 Three straight walks — the last of which by Emily Behr — forced in the second run. "We only had four hits, but we played great defense today," said Southerland. "My outfielders were on their games today. Parsons, Behr and Thomas all tracked down some deep shots to save us. And Leach keeps getting stronger every inning." Central (13-5) scored its lone run in the second inning. Following the game, both Salem and Central were 5-3 in WLAA's Lakes Division, two games behind Livonia Stevenson. **CANTON 16, WAYNE 0:** Winning pitcher Amy Dunleavy struck out six and went 3-for-3 at the plate while scoring three runs to give the Chiefs (15-3, 7-1) a WLAA-Western Division triumph Friday at Wayne Memorial (1-17, 0-8). **PLYMOUTH 4, STEVENSON 2:** In a WLAA makeup game Thursday, the host Wildcats (12-2) earned the victory as Kim Klonowski had a solo homer and Amy Bondy went 2-for-3 with an RBI single in a win over Livonia Stevenson (12-6). Winning pitcher Megan Patterson went all seven

innings, scattering seven hits and two walks. She struck out three. Freshman Emily Hollandsworth was the losing pitcher in relief. She gave up two earned runs on one hit over four innings. Starter Jamie Johnson went the first three, allowing two hits and a walk. Laura Deacon went 2-for-3 for the Spartans, including a two-run homer in the fourth inning to tie the game at 2-all. Emily Hollandsworth also had two hits, including a double. **SALEM 6 W.L. WESTERN 0:** On Thursday at Western, Melissa Leach the shutout win as she allowed just three hits and one walk while striking out 10. "We were swinging the bat very well today," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. Salem scored three in the second inning when Mary Cox doubled in two before Liz Thomas ripped a single that plated Cox. In the fifth, Kait McKinley singled with one out, Emily Pitcole reached on an error and Kristen Warnick singled to score McKinley. Liz Thomas added an RBI single in the sixth for the winners. Thomas, Abby Pairitz, Pitcole and Cox paced the Rocks' offense with two hits a piece.

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WHALERS

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it is that we toughed out a win. This was a tough, tough hockey game and we played as tough as we could."

The catalyst for Collins' game-winner was Ryan McGinnis, who fired shot No. 80 at Sudbury goalie Sebastian Dahm. Collins gobbled up the rebound on the doorstep and wristed it home.

"Ryan McGinnis put a quick shot on net and the rebound just came right out to me," said Collins, recalling his OT-ender. "I was getting a little frustrated early on in the overtime because I had some obvious chances that I couldn't bury. But it's extremely gratifying to be able to score the game-winner and give us a chance to go to Sudbury on Sunday and close it out."

Prior to Friday's game, the Wolves had been the "Kings of Overtime," especially during the 2006-07 post-season when they've registered six extra-session victories. But they got trumped by Collins' ace in what may turn out to be the pivotal game in what's been an entertaining series.

"We seemed to sit back a little bit in the overtime for whatever reason," said Sudbury coach Mike Foligno, referring to Plymouth's 19-1 edge in shots on goal in the OT. "I don't know if it was nervousness or what. Whatever it was, it wasn't a good time to sit back. I think we had one chance in overtime on a power play, but we fanned on the shot."

While Foligno couldn't have been more disappointed with Friday night's results, he couldn't have been more proud of the way his team erased its two-goal, third-period deficit.

"All season, I've kept asking so much of them and they've always found a way to give it to me," said Foligno.

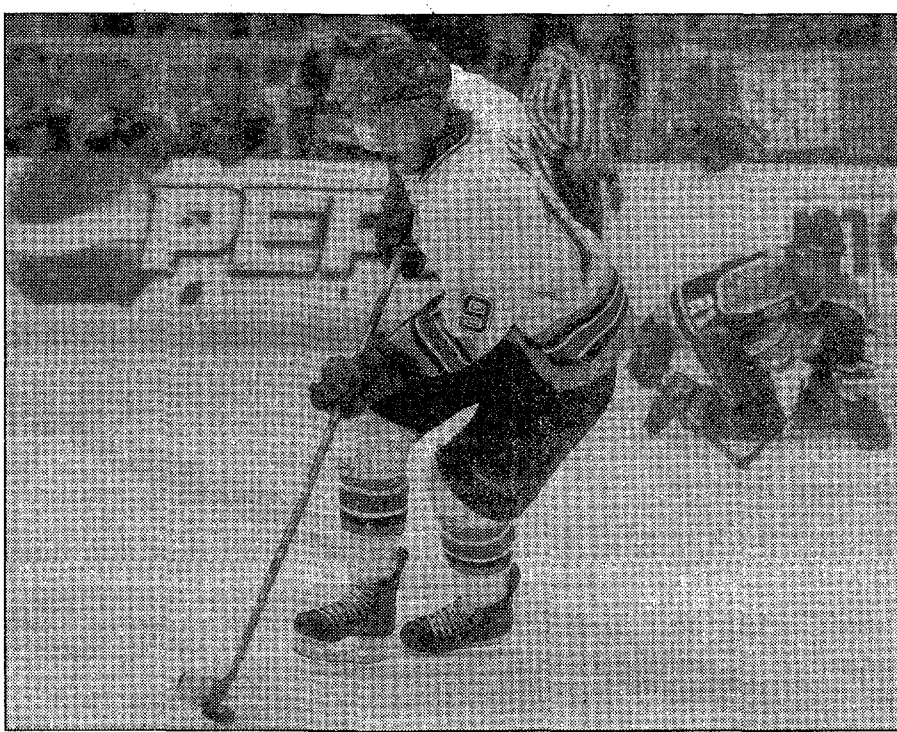
Nick Foligno put the Wolves ahead 1-0 1:51 into the game when he one-timed the puck past Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth from the lower right circle 59 seconds into a power play.

Plymouth's Jared Boll knotted things at 1-all with 7:45 left in the first period when he scooped in a one-timer top shelf from Andrew Fournier. Chris Terry also assisted on the goal.

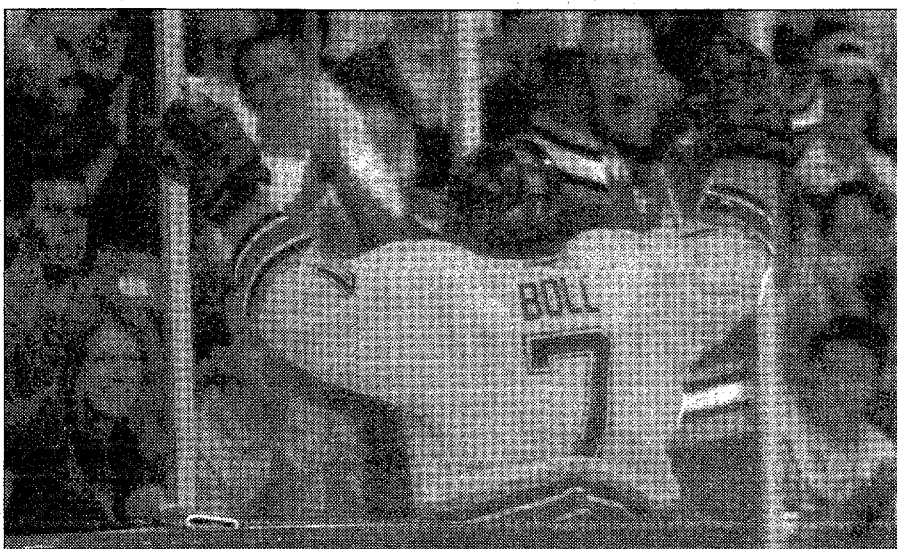
The Whalers outshot the Wolves, 28-13, in the period, but had just a 1-1 tie to show for it.

Plymouth seized a 2-1 advantage 6:04 into the second period when Evan Brophy one-timed a pass from Daniel Ryder past Dahm. Terry increased the hosts' lead to 3-1 just 49 seconds later when he backhanded a low, ice-hugger past Dahm.

The Whalers appeared to have things



Plymouth's James Neal advances the puck during Friday night's 4-3 overtime victory over Sudbury.



Plymouth's Jared Boll celebrates his goal Friday night in the Whalers' 4-3 victory over Sudbury.

firmly under control until Sudbury's Justin Donati lit the lamp with 16:40 left in regulation on a power play to cut its deficit to 3-2.

Ten minutes later, the resilient Wolves temporarily silenced the Compuware Arena masses when Patrik Luszak beat Neuvirth from close range.

"I thought we sat back a little early in the third period and when they scored early in the third it put us back on our heels a little," said Vellucci. "Even when they tied the game, we kept our composure and didn't panic. The guys stayed positive on the bench and kept playing

hard."

The Whalers had several quality chances during the first 10 minutes of overtime, but were either turned away by Dahm or missed the net by a foot or two.

That is until Collins finished things off with the biggest goal he's scored this season.

"Everybody seemed confident and focused in the lockerroom before the overtime," Collins said. "We knew what we had to do, then we went out and did it."

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Whalers and Red Wings: Simultaneous supremacy

What to do when Hockeytown gets too expensive?

There's a parallel hockey "dynasty" of sorts over at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township, where rafters are adorned with numerous banners for the extended Ontario Hockey League supremacy of the Plymouth Whalers.

How about banners for the 2000 or 2001 Western Conference champions? They're on display as well as pennants for division championships in those years.

Other Western Division banners hang for 1999, 2002, 2003 and 2006 and don't forget more will be raised next fall - after the Whalers' outstanding 2006-07 regular season and playoffs.

As of this week, Plymouth was mired in a battle with Sudbury for the OHL Championship.

It could be JLA West, with so much tangible proof of consistent excellence.

Want more? Strolling through corridors at Compuware are framed photographs of former players who toiled for the Plymouth Whalers - or their predecessors, the Detroit Jr. Red Wings and Detroit Whalers - and have laced them up in the National Hockey League.

Some of those names and respective big-league pit stops include David Legwand (Nashville), Stephen Weiss (Florida), Bryan Berard (Columbus), James Wisniewski (Chicago), Todd Harvey (Edmonton), Jason York (Boston), Justin Williams (Carolina) and Jason Bacashihua (St. Louis).

Another photo is of former Jr. Wing and Washington Capital forward Pat Peake, whose potential star career in the NHL was literally shattered when he slammed into the end boards beating an opponent to the puck for an icing.

Peake also has his number 14 retired by the Peter Karmanos-owned junior franchise; it hangs

near the many other banners above the Compuware ice.

It's not The Captain, but it's a start.

Unfortunately, the year-after-year excellence in Plymouth is often overlooked by the major media in metropolitan Detroit, where the Red Wings are heavy leaders in the publicity department.

That means hockey lovers might not be aware of the product they are missing, especially those living in Oakland County or other far-flung points in Red Wings Nation. They might not get to enjoy future NHLers in their formative years, when they play for the sheer excitement of it and before hearing their names called in the NHL Entry Draft.

But it's a place residents of Hockeytown might want to take a look at, especially with the price of admission at JLA going through that stadium's banner-laden roof, so to speak.

So again, what to do when Hockeytown gets too expensive?

Friday night (when the Wings opened their Western Conference finals against Anaheim) provided an option for hockey fans who are financially strapped to shell out anywhere from \$90 for nosebleed seats to \$250.

There was Game 5 in the Plymouth-Sudbury series going on at the same time, for a fraction of the cost.

OK, it's not the NHL. But it's another sports venue in town where winning hockey is virtually a given, where fans always know they'll be entertained by one of the best teams in that particular league.

Certainly, the dominance will come to a halt at some point. But for now, and for the last 10 years or more, Compuware and Joe Louis Arena have almost been synonymous with championship-caliber hockey.

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Wildcat baseball team prevails in 10 innings

Plymouth's baseball team edged closer to the .500 mark Friday afternoon by edging visiting Walled Lake Western, 9-8, in a 10-inning thriller.

The Wildcats improved their record to 9-10 overall and 4-4 in the WLAAs Western Division.

Senior right-hander Tyler Locklear earned the mound win

PREP BASEBALL

for Plymouth to even his record at 2-2.

Plymouth turned a 2-0 deficit into a 6-2 lead with three runs in the second and fourth innings. The Warriors grabbed a 7-6 lead with five runs in the top of sev-

enth, however, the Wildcats countered with a run in the bottom of the inning to send the game into extra frames.

Both teams pushed single runs across in the eighth inning before Plymouth won it in the 10th.

Matt Barrera and Ben Kosmalski registered multi-hit

games for the winners. Brett Lubanski (three), and Max Webberman were the only Warriors to record more than one hit.

Among Plymouth's nine hits were Brad Lineberry's triple and Matt Priebe's double. Among Western nine safeties were round-trippers from Zack

Gatten and Ryan Warwick. **STEVENSON 5, PLYMOUTH 4:** Pitcher Matt Tuttle struck out 14 and ran his record to 6-0-1 Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson (11-9) edged the Wildcats (8-10) in a WLAA crossover.

Luke Knochel, who went 2-for-2, scored a pair of runs,

including the game-winner on a passed ball in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Tuttle went all seven innings, allowing just four hits.

Larry Klemczak also had an RBI, while Matt Loney and Jeff Sorenson also scored runs.

Garrett Reban went 1-for-3 and scored a run for Plymouth.

PCA strengthens its grip on first in MIAC

Plymouth Christian Academy strengthened its hold on first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference last week with a pair of key victories.

On Tuesday, the Eagles downed Birmingham Roper, 3-1, before ousting Southfield Christian, 8-0 on Thursday. As of Friday, PCA held a two-game lead over second-place Roper with just two conference games remaining.

Senior forward Abby Lorion shined in the both of the wins, scoring three against Southfield and in the triumph over Roper.

The Roper contest was scoreless at the half before Lorion found the net early in the second stanza. Jalese

PREP SOCCER

Debiasi scored the winners' second goal before Lorion added an insurance marker late in the game.

"Roeper played a flat-five defense against us and in the first half we tried to go up the middle against them, which is hard to do against that kind of defense," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "In the second half, we went outside more and we were more successful."

Sarah Ross earned the victory in goal for the Eagles.

Leading the offensive charge in the lopsided win over SC were: Lorion (three goals), Meghan Polera (two goals,

assist), Debiasi (goal, assist), Lauren Beckett (goal) and Sarah Roth (goal).

"I was afraid of a letdown after our big win against Roper, but the girls came to play," said Bob Lorion.

PCA is now 10-0 overall and 7-0 in the league. The Eagles have registered five shutouts.

SALEM 1, W.L. CENTRAL 1: On Wednesday, the Rocks notched an impressive tie against the WLAA Lakes Division front-running Vikings, especially considering they were playing without the services of their two leading scorers — seniors Kelly Adsit and Katie Shull.

The draw left Salem with a 3-7-1 mark.

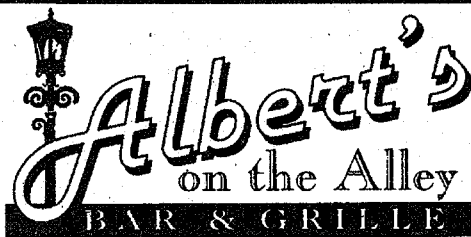
"I was very proud of the way

the girls played without our two leading scorers in there," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We lost to Central 4-1 earlier in the year, so it shows how much improvement we've made since then."

Salem led 1-0 thanks to a goal from Lindsay Newton. The Vikings knotted the contest at 1-1 with 10 minutes to play.

"Jill Slabey did a great job in goal for us," added Nora. "She made seven saves."

PLYMOUTH 2, W.L. WESTERN 1: On Wednesday, the Wildcats won thanks to goals from Chelsey Quinlan (unassisted) and Kelly Dobbs, who was assisted by Val Klemmer. Brittany Warner earned the victory between the pipes for Plymouth.



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Plymouth at Wayne Memorial (DH), 4 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15
Oakland Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16
W.L. Northern at Canton, 4 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 18
Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 19
PCA at Parkway, 11 a.m.
Canton at Redford Union Baseball Classic, noon
Plymouth at Gibraltar
Carlson Invitational, 9 a.m.
Salem at Novi Invite, 4 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Monday, May 14
A.A. Greenhills at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
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Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
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Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Salem, 4 p.m.
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Saturday, May 19
Canton, Salem and Plymouth at Madonna Varsity Tourney, TBA

Sunday, May 20
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GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 14
PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15
Parkway at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 17
Flint Powers at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 19
Lake Orion at Plymouth, noon
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, May 18
Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Division 1 Regional at A.A. Huron, 8 a.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Tuesday, May 15
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Tuesday, May 15
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 3:45 p.m.
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INJURY-PREVENTION PRESENTATION

High school cross country runners and their parents are invited to attend an injury prevention presentation entitled "Common Overuse Injuries with Runners" from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, in Canton High School's Duboise Little Theater.

The program will be presented by Glenn Edgerton, the head athletic trainer at Canton High School.

For more information, contact Cindy Hoerman at (734) 454-5746 or crh3d@aol.com.

CANTON CHIEFS

FOOTBALL EVENTS.

■ The annual Canton Football Skills Camp for kids in sixth through ninth grades will be held 5-7:30 p.m. June 11-14 at Canton High School. All incoming freshmen players should plan to attend the camp, which will improve football fundamentals and skills. To register, contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 or rmui@hotmail.com.

The fee is \$50 before May 26 and \$60 after that date. All campers will receive a Chiefs football T-shirt and shorts. Registration forms and more information on the camps can be found at www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

■ The annual Canton Football Team Golf Outing will be held June 23 at Fox Hills near Plymouth. The shotgun start is set for 1:30 p.m. For the \$100 entry fee, participants will get 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and an opportunity to win prizes. There is a nongolf/dinner-only package for \$40.

For more information on the golf outing, visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

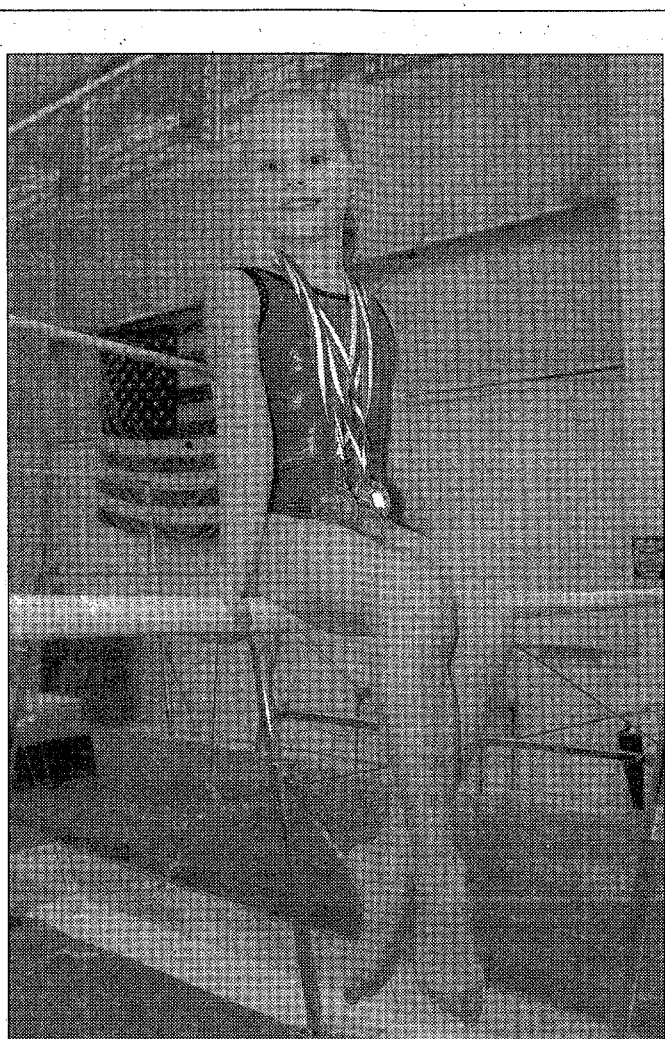
PLYMOUTH FOOTBALL

GOLF OUTING

The seventh annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3605 Napier in Canton.

Included in the \$100 entry fee for the best-ball scramble (shotgun start) are 18 holes of golf and a dinner afterward. Individuals are invited to attend the dinner only for \$40.

There will be prizes for the



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State champ

Nine-year-old Canton gymnast Rachel Dickson, who trains at Splitz Gymnastics in Canton, was crowned state champion on the balance beam, floor and all-around at the Level 6 state championships April 21 in Midland.

first-place team; longest drive for men and women; and closest to the pin. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

To register, mail a check to and the names of the individual in your foursome to: Lisa Goble, 5160 Gotfredson, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call (734) 207-8889 or send an e-mail to: Rgoble64@aol.com.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, May 22.

FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

The annual Livonia Ladywood Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp will be held Saturday, June 23, at Ladywood High School, which is located on Newburgh between Schoolcraft and Five Mile in Livonia.

The camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$50 per

participant, will introduce future high school players to the sport of field hockey as well as promote enthusiasm for the game. An emphasis will be placed on learning the basic fundamentals of the game and teaching proper techniques of the skill sets used to play, including dribbling, driving, shooting, passing and stopping.

The first half of the day will focus on skills with the second half set for team play and small-sided scrimmages.

All campers will need to bring shin guards, a mouthpiece, a water bottle, a field hockey stick (some will be available to sign out at the camp) and a sack lunch. Rubber cleats are also recommended.

Registration forms can be picked up at Ladywood High School. For more information, call (734) 751-9790.

PLYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The annual Plymouth High School Volleyball Team Camps will be held July 23-25 (Monday through Wednesday) in the Plymouth gymnasium. A camp for current Wildcat volleyball players will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon while a separate one for fifth- through ninth-graders is set for 1-4 p.m. each day.

The cost of the morning camp is \$95; the afternoon camp is \$65.

Contact Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

SUMMER GIRLS HOOP CAMPS

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be held in June in the Canton and Salem high school gymnasiums.

A camp for girls who will be starting seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 18-22 from 1-3 p.m. The seventh graders will be at Salem while the eighth and ninth graders will utilize the Canton gym. The cost of the camp is \$70.

A camp for girls who will be starting fourth, fifth and sixth

grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 25-29 from 1-3 p.m. The fourth graders will be at Salem while the fifth and sixth graders will utilize the Canton gym.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the coaching staffs of Canton and Salem high schools as well as from high school players.

Players can register through Plymouth-Canton Community Education, which is located at 40260 Five Mile Rd. in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-2940.

SALEM ROCKS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The Salem High School football staff, players and Linebackers Club will be hosting a "Women Only Football Academy" on Saturday, June 2, at Salem High School.

Registration will begin at 7:59 a.m. in the Salem gym. The academy, which will run from 8:59 a.m. to 2:59 p.m., will include on-the-field instruction, classroom instruction, lunch and an intra-academy scrimmage all in an effort to teach women the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle football.

All of the proceeds from the event will be donated to "First

Step" and the "Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute."

The cost of the academy is \$50 per adult and \$40 for girls under the age of 13. Only the first 200 registrants will be accepted.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Registration forms can be found at saalemfootball.net. Forms should be mailed to: Salem High School, Attention: Parker Salowich II, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48170.

Send an e-mail to: saalemrocksfootball@yahoo.com.

CANTON CHIEFS BASEBALL CAMP

The 2007 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp is currently accepting applications. The camp will be held June 18-23 at the Canton varsity baseball facility. The camp will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. and run until 1 p.m.

The camp's \$100 fee includes a T-shirt and lunch each day for the campers. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144; or by visiting the team's Web site: www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com

Space is limited, so interested campers are encouraged to register early.

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Sweep success

Several local gymnasts played pivotal roles in the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics Level 10 boys' success at the Michigan State Meet earlier this year. The MAG Level 10 boys swept the top three places and took the top team honors at the event, which was held in Cadillac. Individual awards included first-place finishes on floor, vault and parallel bars as well as a first-place in the all-around by Dan Klimkowski. Andrew Vance (Plymouth) finished second in all-around and first on the still rings and parallel bars. Teammate John Furcean took third place. Pictured above (from left) are Andrew Vance, coach Dian Kolev, Dan Klimkowski and John Furcean.

Bucks to make stop in Canton

The 2006 North American Premier Development League champion Michigan Bucks home schedule this season covers more ground than most team's away schedules.

The Bucks have decided to bring their top notch product to all parts of metro Detroit - and beyond.

This year's home schedule includes the "Celebrate a Championship" opener at 8 p.m. Friday, May 18 at Troy Athens High School against the Cleveland Internationals.

Tickets for the opener are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youths (under-16).

Last year's champs then jump right into the fire with a US Open Cup match against their annual powerhouse rival Chicago Fire Premier at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26 at Independence Park as part of the annual Canton Cup celebration.

And the Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew come back to Detroit to take on the Bucks, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30 at Berkley's Hurley Field.

Tickets for the Crew's match against their minor league affiliate Bucks are \$15 at the gate (all ages-5 under always free), but will go on presale Monday, May 14 for just \$10 each. The \$5 savings per ticket will apply to all tickets purchased at one of the Bucks local outlets or on their Web Site.

The Bucks will continue to travel their home schedule this

year with visits to Saline, Rochester, Bloomfield Hills, Lake Orion and back home to where it all began 12 years ago in Saginaw.

According to first-year Bucks general manager Dave Morgan, "the only complaint I have ever heard about the Bucks this past year was that all the games were way out in a difficult area to get to (mainly traffic and road construction).

"We decided to give up the comfort of having one home for the season as we had at Stoney Creek High School, to visit our loyal fans," Morgan said. "There will be no Bucks fan in the state that does not have a great opportunity to see the North American Champions in action."

Looking over a very difficult Bucks schedule this year, Bucks owner and Livonia native Dan Duggan points out a couple of very special dates on the calendar.

"There is no doubt that Bucks fans will not want to miss the Championship ceremony on May 18 at the opener or the epic battle of (arguably) the top two PDL franchises in history when we take on Chicago for that precious Open Cup berth," he said. "If one team would lose that game, their 2007 US Open Cup hopes would surely be done."

"And most Bucks fans look at this schedule and the Crew game on May 30 jumps out and it will be another huge

crowd at Hurley Field; but the two games that will really leave a special mark on our players will be our return to Saginaw on June 23 so we can celebrate last year's championship where this whole great tradition began in 1996 and our final "home game" where we will play the Fort Wayne Fever at Columbus Crew Stadium at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 22 (prior to the MLS Crew/Toronto FC match).

"I have no idea how this team will fare this year, but I can promise you that all our players and fans will get the opportunity to see what world class soccer is like from Mid-Michigan all the way to Columbus, Ohio."

The Bucks "flex" schedule was the creation of former Bucks co-owner and general manager Jim Duggan, who used the idea over a decade ago to help build the legend of Bucks soccer in every part of the state.

This will probably be the last year the Bucks will use such a schedule, as they continue to work on finding a permanent home in a central location of metro Detroit.

The Bucks have also received enormous support from various youth soccer groups throughout the region, who have helped to make the flex schedule work for everyone. The Bucks opened training camp this past week and have the last half of their players reporting from out of state by this weekend.

Season's over for MU baseball team

Madonna University's baseball season is over.

The Crusaders advanced to the NIAA Region VIII championship game for the second straight season after eliminating Indiana Tech, 7-2, on Thursday and edging No. 1 seed Spring Arbor, 7-6, on Friday as Tony Luttmann had a pair of RBI on Friday afternoon in Battle Creek.

But in Friday night's Region VIII finale, Spring Arbor jumped out to a 6-1 lead and held on for a 6-4 triumph in a game that was delayed nearly two-and-half hours because of rain.

MU, which had won three in a row after losing Wednesday's tournament opener in a mercy, ends its season at 34-20 overall.

On Thursday, the Crusaders got a strong pitching performance from Westland John Glenn High product Will Kennedy (5-1), who went seven strong innings, fanning seven and allowing just one earned run.

The game was scoreless heading to the bottom of the fifth when MU scored four times off Tech starter Pete Pignatello. Kyle Fedorka provided the first two runs on a single to left, scoring Manny Alvarado (Southfield) and Rikco Rhoades.

After Gary VanAllen reached on a hit-by-pitch, Tony Luttmann (Farmington) drew a bases-loaded walk to make it 3-0.

Tech closer Garrett Wiejak came on and walked Zach Flavin

to score the fourth MU run before getting John McCracken to strike out to end the inning.

Kennedy cruised into the seventh before surrendering the first Tech run of the day on a sacrifice fly by Shane Tirey, making it 4-1.

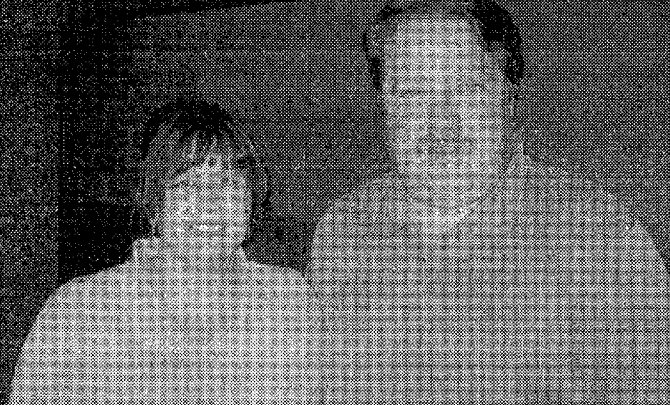
The Crusaders scored three more in the seventh, with Garrett Ignasiak doubling home Fedorka and Luttmann. Flavin later singled, scoring pinch runner Drew Fry, giving MU a 7-1 lead.

Indiana Tech (41-15-1) added another run before reliever Mike Hand (North Farmington) came on to record the final six outs.

Earlier Thursday, MU defeated fourth-seeded Bethel College (Ind.), 8-3.

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Market challenges translate into market advantages for home buyers, particularly right now. The basic principle of supply and demand will tilt away from shoppers for newly built homes because economic conditions are pushing builders to sell off "spec homes" built before the current slowdown in home purchasing and not replacing them in the same numbers. About half of such properties, especially single family homes, in Southeastern Michigan have been sold in recent months according to a report by Housing Consultants, Inc. and remaining ones are drawing traffic and sales this spring because they're priced to move. Until a definitive housing rebound, builders and their lenders hesitate to commit resources to as many spec homes as they traditionally did, a dramatic change for consumers who count on selecting a finished new house for immediate move-in. After current low inventories are snapped up, virtually all new homes will be custom-ordered as fresh construction—potentially increasing the price and waiting time. This is a disadvantage to purchasers who have sold their homes and transferees, both of whom need quick occupancy. Builders still have a "let's make a deal" approach to inquiries about existing spec homes, of course while the supply lasts. But the ample choices, quick-occupancy convenience and "deep discounts" available when major companies had dozens of spec homes available will become bygone bargains. For now, builders are eager to recover construction and financing costs so they can move ahead on new sites. Unprecedented values remain—a springtime shower of sales that won't soon be repeated. There's no time to dawdle if you hope to be among the last savvy shoppers who snap up mint-condition models at prices unlikely to be offered again. Visit a builder's sales center this month to see what attractive deals look like—while they last. Prices are projected to rise later this spring so there is urgency as this segment of the buyers' market begins to disappear. To view homes built by the Professional Master Builders of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, visit www.biaparadeofhomes.com

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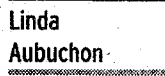
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Slow and steady wins diet race

Some people enjoy working under pressure. Such people wait until the last minute to start something because they feel they can only succeed if their back is up against the wall.

Do you wait to put a lot of effort into losing weight one week before a vacation? Have you ever waited until the community pool was open for the summer before you tried to lose weight so you can look great in your bathing suit?

Are you currently on a crash diet to lose weight before Memorial Day weekend? Some goals can be met in one week. Unfortunately for most people, losing weight is not one of those achievable short-term goals.



Linda Aubuchon Weight loss is a process. Think of your weight loss journey as a marathon, not a sprint. You cover more ground in a marathon. It's not something you rush through, but rather something you pace yourself through. There are many smaller goals to meet before you get to the end. By the time you're through with the program, you should have accomplished a lot more for your body and mind than you could in one week.

Try to accept the fact you can't meet your weight loss goal overnight. Instead, you need to take steps to get to the end. This means tackling smaller tasks such as eating small portions, drinking enough water, increasing activity levels, avoiding fried foods, etc.

As you accomplish more and more little tasks, your weight should drop closer and closer to your goal weight.

Small tasks can also include exercise. So many of my clients think they have to hit the gym for an hour a day to get the results they want. It's far more important, however, to develop the habit of healthy exercise and the duration appropriate to your lifestyle will naturally follow.

I often hear, "I don't have time to exercise enough to gain any benefits." You might think that since you can't work out three or four times a week, why bother to start an exercise program at all?

However, studies show you actually only need two days a week to gain the benefits exercise contributes to your weight loss and health. Just two days can improve your strength and shed fat.

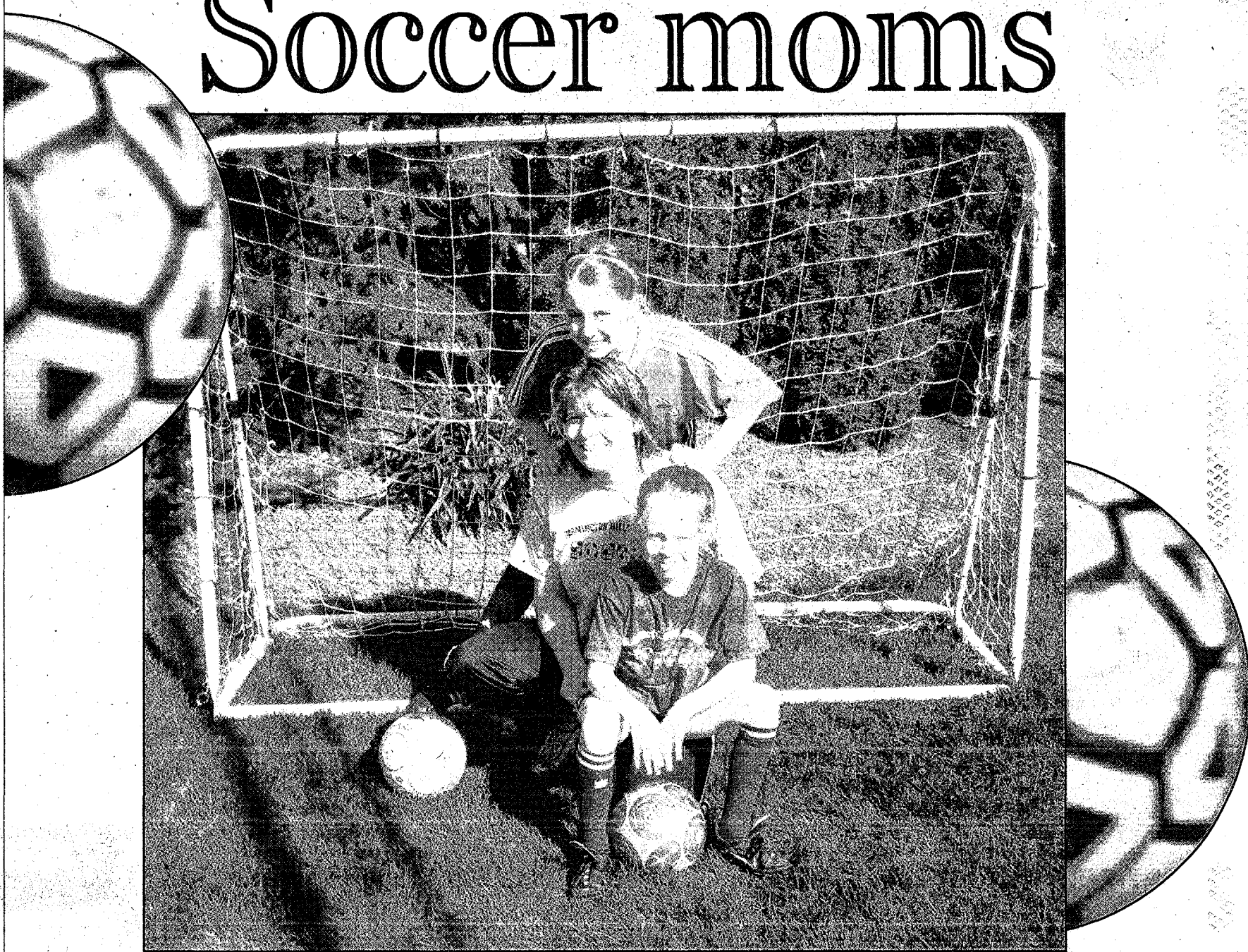
A study held at the YMCA in Massachusetts compared people who exercised twice a week to those who exercised three times a week. Both groups exercised for 25 minutes doing aerobic activity and 25 minutes doing weight training per each workout session.

The study showed that those who exercised twice a week gained 90 percent as much benefit as the group who exercised three times per week. Those who worked out two days a week also showed similar improvement in weight loss, muscle gain and blood pressure.

So to gain maximum benefits from exercise, it's certainly better to exercise at least three days a week. However, you only need two days a week to take advantage of benefits from exercise. So if you're just starting out, aim to fit exercise in at least two days a week. The significant positive weight loss and health results you can gain may eventually lead you to add an extra day or two to your routine!

Linda Aubuchon owns Diet Center in Canton, a provider of personalized, one-on-one weight loss solutions. You can e-mail her at Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com or call her at (734) 414-9200.

Soccer moms



They want their kids to have fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Some soccer moms keep calendars to remind them of game-related activities, some don't, but they all devote as many as seven days a week to their kids whether coaching or standing on the sidelines.

Some soccer moms leave a full-time job to rush their kids to the fields. Rachel Valentine, a stay at home mom, spends nearly the entire day at a computer working on business for the nonprofit Wayne/Westland Soccer League (www.eteamz.com/wwsl).

Valentine registered 490 kids and placed them on the league's 44 teams this

PLEASE SEE **SOCCER, C8**

Michele Sgambati and daughters Emilia, 8 (top), and Gabriela, 7, enjoy spending time together on the soccer field. Sgambati coaches Gabriela's Farmington Hills Special Services recreation team.



Soccer gives Sheryl Smith and her children Alexis, 12, and Hunter, 13, plenty of time to bond while traveling to practices and games with the Livonia Soccer Club. Sheryl manages Alexis's Premier team. Husband Todd is an assistant coach for Premier and Select teams.

Event to raise funds for Leah's Happy Hearts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Shortly after Leah James died in August 2005, her mother, Karen, knew she had to do something for other children battling the disease which took her daughter's life. On Friday, May 18, the first fund-raiser for Leah's Happy Hearts takes place at Genitt's in Northville. Proceeds will go to host a Christmas party for patients at the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and financially help families of those patients with life-threatening illnesses. The money will also help the Children's Pediatric Brain Tumor Association fund research to find a cure.

Leah died at age 5 1/2 from a diffused pontine brainstem glioma. She fought the tumor for one year before slipping into a coma.

"She was too special not to do something," Karen Cioma-James said. "I had to channel my grief into something."

"We're working through Mott Hospital to host

events for children to give them some kind of normalcy. For the Christmas party, we're going to fill up a cart with all kinds of gifts so they can shop for their family and friends.

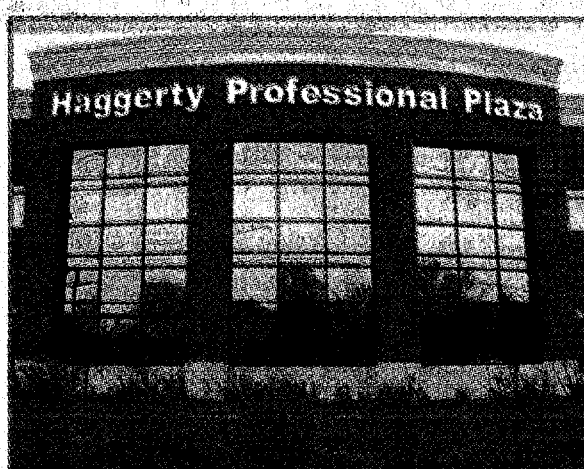
"When Leah was battling her tumor, an organization (www.alliesangels.com in Birmingham) allowed her to pick from a mini-wish gift list and invited her to a party with other sick children, so I thought this would be a great way to do something in her name. My friends formed a board of directors with me. I couldn't have done it without their help and support. We hope this is just the start of many events."

James established Leah's Happy Hearts, a 501(c)(3), to keep her daughter's upbeat spirit alive. Leah would always say, "Mommy, my heart is happy even up to the end," at least once a day, James said. The logo for the nonprofit is a heart Leah drew. Guests will receive a bracelet designed with purple hearts and the nonprofit's logo.



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PLEASE SEE **LEAH, C8** This photograph of Leah James was taken in March of 2005.



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NON-FICTION

Donations sought for animals displaced by Greensburg tornado

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Donna Law believes no animal should be forgotten no matter what the crisis so she's collecting supplies again, this time for the animals displaced by the tornado that leveled the town of Greensburg, Kan. on Friday, May 4, killing 12 people. For the next three weeks Law's Mutts & Mutts Rescue League is working with Pet Supplies "Plus" in Canton to gather donations of dog and cat food, collars, bowls, treats, toys, shampoos, pet carriers and kennels, fans, coolers, garbage bags, bandages, plastic gloves, blankets, sheets, old rugs, towels, flashlights, batteries, hand-sanitizers, cotton balls, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, and veterinary supplies to help the animals.

Checks should be made out to Mutts & Mutts Rescue and

mailed to P.O. Box 40386, Redford, MI 48240.

"Somebody has to help," said Donna Law. "We're collecting paper towels, bleach, extension cords to run fans for the animals, canned and dry food, ace bandages, anything you think they may need to assist the rescue groups," said Donna Law. "Canton Township is donating a conference room for sorting and boxing."

"If we get animal feed we'll ship that out too. You can't forget about the cows, pigs, lizards, and birds."

According to Mike Hill, a board member of the Pratt Humane Society in Pratt, Kansas, animals are still being pulled out of the rubble alive. While some owners have claimed their pets, others like a miniature schnauzer are still waiting at the no-kill shelter 30-miles outside of Greensburg.

Hills says the shelter especially needs money. Because of the chaos it's too soon to tell exactly what the shelter will need to care for the animals. Hill is hoping they can all be returned to their owners, including the miniature schnauzer.

"She just breaks my heart because no one's claimed her," said Mike Hill. "I've named her Survivor."

Law's Mutts & Mutts is

working hand and hand with Homeward Bound to do what they can to help the animals in Kansas. Homeward Bound is a rescue group run by Carrie Marsh of Canton and Kathy Brown of Farmington Hills. The two women have found homes for 150 dogs since September by offering homeless animals for adoption every Saturday at Pet Supplies "Plus" on Ford Road, between Morton Taylor and Sheldon.

"I'm doing whatever I can to make phone calls and collect donations," said Carrie Marsh. "I'm going to be up at the store taking in donations, organizing them and taking them to the township hall."

In addition to Homeward Bound, Law is working with Heaven Can Wait Rescue and Michigan Coonhound Rescue. She is also in the process of looking for property to care for the animals of military personnel while they're on duty far away from home. Currently Law is caring for Chesnut, a Chesapeake mix, and Sam, a black Lab mix for Sgt. Thomas W. Winters who is serving with the U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq.

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- June 1 - Mass Transit, a perennial favorite feel-good band kicks off the 2007 season.
- June 8 - The Bel Airs play the greatest hits of the 1950s and 1960s.
- June 15 - Michael King Band, one of metro Detroit's most celebrated artists.
- June 22 - Doug Deming and the Jeweltone help listeners chase away the blues.
- June 29 - Harper, originally from Australia, brings his international flavor of blues-rock to the park in Plymouth.
- July 6 - Redhill, Detroit's original Detroit Country band.
- July 20 - Randy Brock Group with the blues, the blues and nothing but the blues.
- July 27 - Sarah Lenore Band, featuring Plymouth's hometown star.
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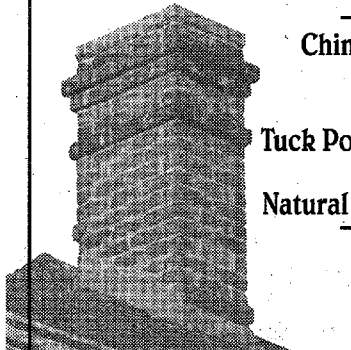
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Gallery exhibit

The Lawrence Street Gallery will be exhibiting the works of Donna J. Engstrom and Mary Macey, from May 29-June 30. The public is invited to the opening artists' reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 1. "Intimate Views" is a joint mother-daughter exhibit featuring mixed media pieces by Donna J. Engstrom and photography by her daughter, Mary Macey. Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward in Ferndale, in the second block south of 9 Mile on Woodward's east side. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, visit the gallery's Web site at www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Suburban GOP Women meet

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host a presentation of Lia Sophia Jewelry available for purchase during its meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 39325 Six Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$12. For reservations and menu selection, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

Pet Adoption Day

The fourth-annual Pet Adoption Day takes place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Gone to the Dogs, 22497 Heslip in Novi. For more information, visit www.gonetothedogsnovi.com on the Web or call (248) 347-9081.

VNA Volunteers

For a unique and truly rewarding life experience, we invite you to become a Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan hospice volunteer. We are in search of kind, compassionate individuals to help support our patients and families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The next training session is June 9, 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In as little as 2-4 hours per week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free 18-hour comprehensive training program over a three-day period is provided. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. Call toll free (800) 882-5720, ext 8361/direct (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org <<http://www.vna.org>>

Music Together classes

Harmony and Me will offer free Music Together sample classes at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22 and at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., May 24. Music Together is an early childhood music and movement program for children and their parents/caregivers. Siblings are welcomed and encouraged to attend classes with older siblings. Advanced registration is required, and spaces are limited. Please call (248) 489-9330 or go to www.harmonyandmekids.com to reserve your space. Summer classes begin June 20 - Aug. 2.

Irish Genealogical Society

The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will present a free program

titled "Genealogy and DNA, The New Tool" featuring Roberta Estes, a professional in the information technology arena, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, at 2068 Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Michael Brautigam, (734) 454-3495.

Western Wayne Genealogical Society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Speaker Carl Katafiasz of Monroe will discuss "French Canadian, Polish, and Name Changes." At 6:30 p.m. will be a DVD presentation "Ancestors: Discovering Your Heritage, episode 2, Family Records." Meetings are open to the public, guests welcome. Visit <http://www.rootswest.com/~miww-cgs/> or call Margie at 734-522-4050.

Golf league

The Livonia Women's Golf League is hoping to expand with 18-hole women golfers. The league plays at Whispering Willows Golf Course on Newburgh just south of 8 Mile Thursday mornings teeing off at 8 a.m. beginning May 3. Cost is \$25 per week, which includes golf and a cart. Non-residents are encouraged to join. For more information, call Kathy, (248) 476-3991.

Register for St. Genevieve School

St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum, full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia



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Asthma battle

Grant Harmer, 6, of Plymouth meets puppeteer Maureen Schiffman of Novi and her puppet pal Coco in the family activities tent at the recent Blow the Whistle on Asthma Walk, conducted by the American Lung Association of Michigan at the Detroit Zoo. More than 600 walkers helped raise money for asthma research and treatments. WDIV Local 4 meteorologist Paul Gross was the morning's walk leader. In Michigan, Wayne County has the highest asthma rate in the state. Asthma is responsible for more school absences than any other chronic disease. More than 20 million Americans suffer from asthma, which affects nine million children under the age of 18.

Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and com-

munication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy,

in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or

know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. Call (734) 765-8384.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth-A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer, at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwaniis.org).

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

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REUNIONS

Avondale High School
Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007 at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

Berkley High School
Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimslisosophia@gmail.com. Reunion website is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Birmingham Groves
Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@myblue-light.com.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by email haningk@yahoo.com.

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Class of 1976

Golf Scramble and/or casual dinner at Camp Ticonderoga, Friday, June 29, 2007. Reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Pine Lake Country Club. For information go to www.Lahser1976.com or contact Jackie (McLernon) Bean at (248)399-9054, Dean Shipman at (313)701-8544, John Wallbillich at (800)707-7170 or Jeffery Given at (248)594-2401.

Burt Elementary and Junior High
(Detroit)

Class of 1967

For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at andysgard-2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgal-

lagher@prodigy.net

Clarenceville High School

All classes

Sunday, July 29 at Kensington Metro park, shelter "T," open to all Clarenceville alumni - grads and non-grads. Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (email for division of stuff to bring). For more info, contact: clarenceville_alumni_reunion@yahoo.com

Clawson High School

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1952

A 55 year reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. Reunion begins at 2 p.m. with buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Call Marianne Hoak (313)274-9064 or Carolyn Haseltine Chambon (734)420-2591.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net.

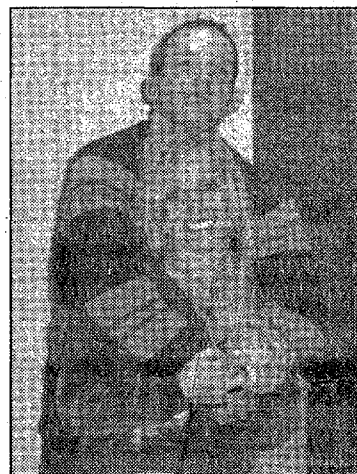
ENGAGEMENTS

Rock-Hammer

Robert and Debbi Rock of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Rock, to David Hammer.

Natalie is a business student at Eastern Michigan University. David is the son of Don and Susie Hammer of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Indiana University. He is working as a cost accountant.

A July 15, 2007, wedding is planned for Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi.



Frederick-Kyle

Ernest Atkins of Detroit, Michigan and Margaret Frederick of Westland, Michigan announce the engagement of their daughter, Breana Celene Frederick, to Michael Sean Kyle, son of Edward and Claudia Kyle of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Michael and Breana are both graduates of Eastern Michigan University and reside in Canton, Michigan.

A spring wedding is planned for April 2008 in Commerce Township, Michigan.

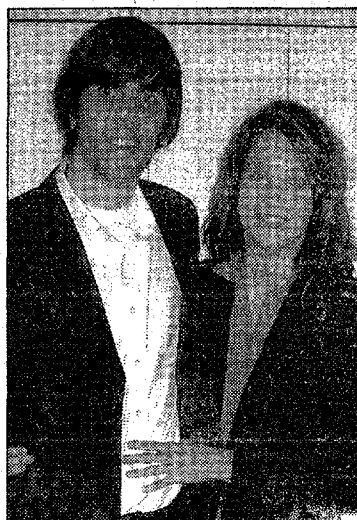


Lamberson-Anderson

Debra Dzenko of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Kathryn Antoinette Lamberson, to Matthew Eric Anderson, son of Fred and Karen Anderson of Washington, N.C.

Kathryn is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School and earned a bachelor of science in culinary nutrition in 2002 from Johnson & Wales University and master of science in nutrition in 2005 from the University of Bridgeport. She is a chef/nutritionist and culinary instructor at the Art Institute of Nashville.

Matthew is a 2003 graduate of Campbell University in North Carolina with a bachelor's degree and major in church music. He is a member of the renowned Nashville Choir Music Ministry of Shelby Avenue Baptist Church and also employed in the satellite



phone industry.

A September 2007 wedding is planned at Shelby Baptist Church in Nashville, with a reception at a private residence in the historic Belle Meade area of Nashville.

The couple will make their home in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Tappan-Mann

Elizabeth Rose Tappan of Livonia and Stephen Joseph Mann of Livonia will be married May 25 at the Catholic Central Chapel.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Rosemary of Donald Tappan. She graduated in April from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science in engineering in mechanical engineering. She will be working for Shell Exploration and Production.

Stephen is the son of Timothy and Diane Mann. He graduated in May from Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science in computer science. He will be a middle school science teacher for Teach for America.

Presiding at the wedding will be Deacon Richard Misiak and the Rev. John Wheeler.

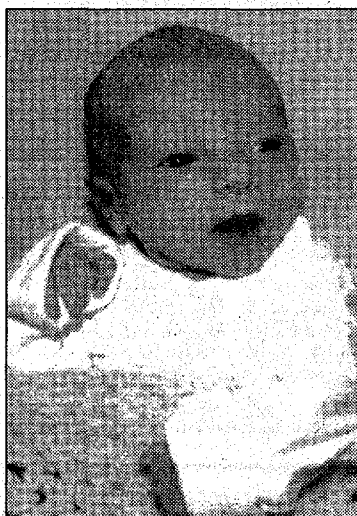
Honor attendants are Adam Colton (best man), Catherine



Tappan (Maid of Honor), Donald Tappan III, Katie Mann, Chris Kin, Christine Tappan, Dan Kramer, Carolyn Tappan.

The couple will be making their home in New Orleans, La.

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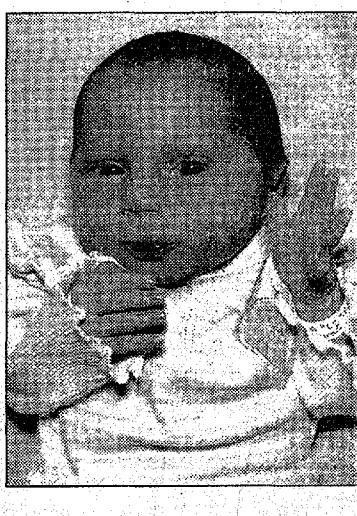


Natalie Elizabeth Francis

Michael and Laura Francis of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Elizabeth Francis, on April 8, 2007, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Natalie weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Casimir and Stasia Gorecki of Westland and Carl and Judy Francis of Owosso.



Josephine Michelle Carignan

Kelly and Aaron Carignan announce the engagement of their daughter, Josephine Michelle Carignan on Feb. 26.

Josephine was 7 pounds, 3 ounces and 19 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mike and Lee Ramsden of Westland and Dan and Daisy Carignan of Redford.

Great grandparents are Catherine and Bob Carignan of Redford.

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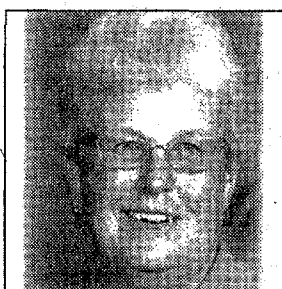
Age 77, of Royal Oak, MI died May 5, 2007 in Eureka Springs, AR after a short illness. He was born June 14, 1929 to Verna L. and Frank A. Bennett in Miami Beach, FL. He is survived by his daughters Gwen Bennett and Holly Burks, both of Eureka Springs, AR and his sister, Ethel Weldon of Washington, MI. He was preceded in by his son, William Kirk Bennett. He served in the U.S. Army, received a Masters in history from Wayne State University and was a real estate developer. He taught in the Royal Oak school system and believed development of the mind through education to be a teacher's duty, a child's right and essential for betterment of society. He was the founder and editor of the Social Critic newspaper in the 1960s. He was a keen student of the law and successfully represented himself in several court cases. He was a avid reader and collector of books. Never one to miss an opportunity to do a favor, last year he with the aid of the VFW sent thousands of books to the troops in Iraq. His book-giving extended beyond the troops to children's hospitals, local churches and individuals. His wit, wisdom and love will be greatly missed. A private memorial is planned. Brashears Funeral Home, Huntsville, AR.

BERNICE "BERNIE"
WALKER BIRD

Age 84, of Kettering, Ohio died 5:00 PM, Thursday, May 10, 2007 at Mt. Carmel West, Columbus, Ohio. Her husband, George W. Bird, whom she married May 14, 1949, survives. Mrs. Bird was born October 8, 1922, in Fairfax, Highland County, Ohio, daughter of the late Jerome Garfield "Gar" Walker and Nell Ross Walker. She was a graduate of Spring Valley High School. She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Kettering, Ohio. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bird is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffrey Michael Bird & Eulalia Ferrer of Royal Oak, Michigan and Jerald Matthew Bird of Troy, Michigan; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Doris Bird-Parks & Lewis Parks of Barrington, Illinois; two sisters, Elizabeth "Lib" Walker of Leesburg, Ohio and Virginia Walker of Hillsboro, Ohio; three grandchildren, Jennifer Nell (Robert) Liebreich of Washington DC, Mary Stephanie Burpee of Washington DC, and Clara Nicole Bird of Royal Oak, Michigan; and a great grandson, Joseph Benjamin Liebreich. She was also a loving relative and kindred spirit to many, many more. In addition to her parents, four brothers, Clarke Walker, Jerome Walker, Harry Walker, and Wendell "Jack" Walker; and two sisters, Mary Doris Walker and Anellen Walker Anderson, are preceded in death. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM, Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering, Ohio with Rev. Gerald R. Haemmerte officiating. Burial will be in New Vienna I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at the L. Eugene Smith & Son Funeral Home, 64 S. South Street, New Vienna, Ohio. For more information or to sign the registry of condolences, visit www.smithandsonfuneralhomes.com

KAREN S. HOOT
(BURNETT)

Age 48, passed away May 10, 2007. Beloved wife of Donald P., dear mother of Gary (Becky) Plateau of Westland, Russell (Maureen Corbin) Plateau of Westland, and Miss Krystine Plateau of Dearborn Heights; sister of John Burnett of Oregon; Mark, Scott and Sean Burnett all of Prescott, MI. Valerie Christenson of Dearborn Heights, Anita (Richard) Baldwin of Romulus and Michelle Anderson of Prescott, MI; grandmother of three. Visitation is Mon. 12 noon-9 pm at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd., Romulus. 734-941-9200. Service Tues. 10:30 a.m. at Fair Haven Baptist Church, Westland, MI. Interment Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Memorials to organization of donor's choice.

KATHLEEN CLARA
ISRAEL

May 6, 2007 age 63 of Plymouth. Loving wife of Stewart. Beloved mother of Peter (Melissa) Israel, Mary Israel and Sara (Tim) Orrys. Proud grandmother of Grant and Kennedy Israel. Dear sister of Mary (Ron) Kies, Larry (Paula) Kersten and John Kersten. Kathleen graduated from McKenzie High School in 1963. She obtained a BS degree from Wayne State University and a MA in Physical Education, Master Gardner and Advanced Master Gardner. She was a member and former board member of U of M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Master Gardner Association of Wayne County and co-founder of the Canton Garden Club, past President of the Vivians Auxiliary of the Plymouth Elks. She was also a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland. She also taught in the Allen Park and Livonia School districts. A gathering of Family and Friends will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer Rd., (W. of Newburgh), Westland, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Cremation services were handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 North-western Hwy., Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48033-2169 or the Elks Major Projects Fund, c/o the Plymouth Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

CLIFFORD JOHNSON

Age 80, of Wayne, MI. Uht Funeral Home, Westland



JEAN W. McAULIFFE

Age 87, May 6, 2007. Beloved wife of John A. McAuliffe. Cherished mother of Jim (Sherry), Jay (Bel), Jerry (Kathy), Jeff (Kristi) and Jane Peterson (Bruce). Loving grandmother of Kyle, Jessica, Ben, Lucas, Cassie, Mirami, Molly, Brendan and Schuyler. Great grandmother of Audrey Buckman. Step-grandmother of Mark and Tracey Chedister, Amy Buckman, Andrea and Amanda Tinsley. Sister of Barbara Wezerek. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Congregational Church of Birmingham Music Department. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



MARY JO MULARONI

May 10, 2007. Age 72. In loving memory - we will miss you everyday. Beloved wife of Humbert for 49 years. Loving mother of Humbert, Jr. (Karen), Edward (Seraphina), Jean (Dana), Marc (Diane) and Peter (Maribel). Dear grandmother of nine. Family will receive friends at Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 3-8pm. Funeral Mass Monday 1pm at Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 12:30pm. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Silent killer

Heart walk to raise funds to battle disease affecting all ages

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jason Schwartz was only 25 when he died of severe coronary artery disease in August of 2002. His mother, Jackie Schwartz, is determined to do everything she can to spread the word about the dangers of this silent killer including taking part in the American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walk Saturday, May 19, at the Southfield Municipal Complex.

"There were no signs, no symptoms, no warnings at all. I would have known," said Jackie Schwartz, who lived with Jason in Farmington Hills until he moved into an apartment just before his death. "I thought maybe it was aneurysm, an allergic reaction. Heart disease was the last thing I thought of, but there was a genetic component to the disease that we did not know about due to a divorce. We didn't know Jason's biological father had stents put in in his 30s."

Although the knowledge of Jason's hereditary heart disease came too late to save him, Schwartz is making sure her younger son Jeffrey, 26, is regularly monitored by a cardiologist. While Jeffrey does have a problem with

cholesterol, a 64-slice CT scan showed his arteries as clear.

KNOW FAMILY HISTORY

"Just knowing your family history is so critical and not thinking heart disease is the disease of a 60-year old man," said Schwartz. "Heart disease kills young people, and women more than all cancers combined. That's why I became involved with the American Heart Association."

As an AHA volunteer, Schwartz takes time from running her Home Accessory Warehouse in Walled Lake to speak about heart disease. This year, she's taking her support a step further. Together with AHA volunteer Susie Dubin, the two women have formed the Heart Lights, a team of 60 family members and friends. The women used their e-mail address books to gather the walkers so they could raise awareness and funds for AHA research and education programs in the metro Detroit area. So far, the Heart Lights have raised more than \$37,000 of their \$50,000 goal.

'POWER IN NUMBERS'

"We feel really good about it because this is money the AHA wouldn't have had. Somebody's \$10 makes a difference. It's the power in numbers," said Schwartz. "There's been so much research and life saving procedures and drugs that without them we just wouldn't have."

Dubin's benefited from the latest technology firsthand. A number of medical complications have arisen since the West Bloomfield woman had a massive heart attack while driving home from the office in December 1999. Seventy percent of Dubin's heart was damaged causing her to tire easily. That isn't stopping Dubin from participating in the walk. For the last five years, her husband, Howard, has pushed her to the finish line in a wheelchair.



Erika Laszlo, her husband Bryan, and children Sophie and Ethan play in their Garden City yard.

Dubin is especially excited about this year's walk because of its educational elements.

"We have broken the grounds into villages," said Susie Dubin. "They can go into a tent and talk to someone about cholesterol or to learn about proper eating. There will be Eat Street with healthy snacks. Everything has been geared to physical activity and good eating habits. We're trying to get the message out that the Start! Heart Walk is not just a walk."

LET'S GET GOING

The walk is a key element of Start!, the American Heart Association's new national

campaign to promote physical activity, especially walking, all year round to prevent heart disease and stroke (www.americanheart.org/Start!).

"Heart disease should not be the No. 1 killer in this country," said Dubin. "When you talk about the risks for heart disease they are all controllable if the person chooses to want to be an advocate for their own health. Smoking you can stop. Cholesterol you can control, the same for diabetes. Eating habits you can change. Genetics is the punch line. You cannot change your genes, but you can have it monitored care-

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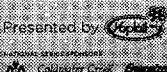
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fully so that if something is approaching you can hopefully get it in time but you have to truly listen to your heart, pay attention to your body."

Dubin has always been thin and doesn't smoke or drink, but heart disease runs in her family. Her father died at 46 when she was 4. Her mother had two massive strokes when she was 9 and 19 and died of heart disease.

"I was 60 last July and had my seventh re-birthday last December," said Dubin. "I consider myself to be very blessed to not only survive but to have listened, to have changed my eating habits. Instead of a death wish, I have a living wish."

Erika Laszlo is grateful for each day she has with her children. The 37-year-old Garden City woman was born with a hole between the chambers of her heart which was corrected when she was 5. Since then she's been diagnosed with a number of heart conditions but because of research and advances in technology she is alive to raise her children Ethan, 6, and Sophie, 2.

Laszlo is walking on May 19, with her family and co-workers at Garden City Hospital.

"For many reasons it's impor-

tant," said Laszlo, director of home medical equipment at Garden City Hospital. "More people need to be aware and take care of their heart whether you have a heart condition or not. We need to walk for awareness for people with congenital heart defects. I was fine all through grade and high school. It wasn't until I was 20 I was diagnosed with ventricular tachycardia where the heart goes into such a fast pace. I had an AICD device implanted to shock the heart back into rhythm. When I was 32, I had a pulmonary valve replaced.

"My kids are miracles. Doctors told me I'd never have them. Now I'm on the treadmill one-half to one hour every night. I think it's important if you have symptoms or think you are having a heart attack to call your doctor or go to the ER. You have to be active. You have to be your own advocate."

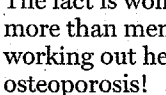
The Southfield Municipal Complex is on Evergreen, south of 11 Mile. Registration begins at 8 a.m. for the 1 mile, 5K or 10K walk. For more information, call (248) 827-4214 or visit www.detroitheart-walk.kintera.org.

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Weight training myths

Mike from Oak Park wants the lowdown on what a good strength training program really means. Mike, it is time to separate fact from fiction!

One strength training myth: It is only for the young, seniors will injure themselves. The fact is, older people need strength training even more than the young. It counteracts the debilitating effects of aging. Myth No. 2: Strength training is only for men. The fact is women benefit even more than men because working out helps prevent osteoporosis! Myth No. 3: Strength training is time consuming. Not true! You can perform the exercises with 3 twenty minute workouts per week! Just think, an hour a week to get an hourglass figure. That is a pretty good deal!



Peter's Principles
Peter Nielsen

Sherry from Troy noticed her local deli is selling hamburger loaded with cherries. She wants to know if it is really healthier than plain ground meat.

Sherry, cherry burgers not only taste delicious, but Michigan State University researchers discovered it makes it safer for grilling! Researchers found that adding tart cherries increased the anti-oxidants in meat.

It not only makes it taste better but suppresses the amount of cancer forming gases produced when grilling by as much as 90 percent.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter through his Website www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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Cancer survivor camps

Offered by the American Cancer Society, Young Camper's Day and Camp Catch-A-Rainbow applications due by Friday, May 18. Young Adult Retreat applications due Friday, June 8. Young Campers Day (June 17) is for children ages 4-6. Catch-A-Rainbow runs June 17-22, at the YMCA Storer Camps near Jackson. Retreat (July 12-15) is for cancer survivors ages 16-20, at St. Mary's College in Indiana. Visit www.cancer.org/campinrainbow or www.cancer.org/retreat. To volunteer your services (medical and non-medical), call (800) ACS-2345.

Childbirth class

Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby, 7-9 p.m. Mondays, May 14 to June 18, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Use south entrance off of Levan Road. Classes are based on Lamaze Method and include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role. There is a fee, registration required. To register, call (734) 655-7162.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meets May 14, with

sign in beginning at 7 p.m. at Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Meeting ends at 9 p.m. Parent group features Janet McPeck, Ph.D. and Phil McPeck, MSW speaking on Social Skills Training for Children with AD/HD. The Adult group presents Gregg Slubowski, BA Psych. Grad Student giving a Testimonial on Substance Abuse, Self-Sabotaging Behaviors until a proper Diagnosis of AD/HD which Empowered him to get his life in order with treatment for it. No charge for CHADD members, \$5 donation per non member family. For information, call (248) 988-6716 and phone line will indicate if meeting has to be canceled due to unforeseen reason.

Teach-in

A journey to eliminating health care disparities 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, west of Newburgh, Westland. Do you ever wonder what your doctor said after you return from an office visit? Need to know what your prescription does? Have trouble hearing or understanding your medical directions? Join us for this Teach-in. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or send e-mail to colleen@princeofpeacewestland.com.

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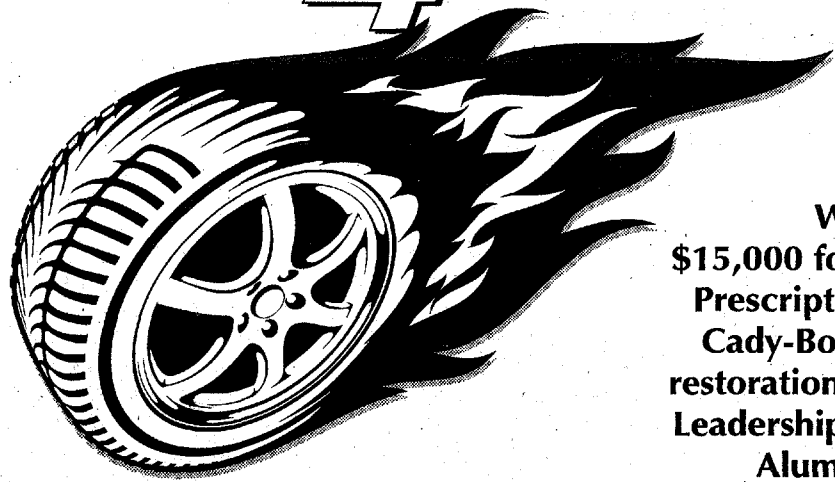
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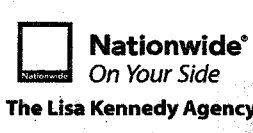
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Thank you to Leadership Canton Alumni Abe Vinitzki and Lisa Kennedy for their help on this year's rally. The Rally Team would also like to extend a special thanks the Canton Community Foundation. The event team also would like to thank Summit Creek Apartments for their hospitality during our planning meetings.

Thanks to all of the Rally participants — we hope you had a good time! Rally On!

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What Is Leadership Canton?

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, along with Cleary College and the Charter Township of Canton, established Leadership Canton in 1994. The program was developed in an effort to ensure a continuing source of skilled and motivated leaders for the Canton community.

Participants meet once a month from September through May. Each day-long session addresses a specific topic in the community and most sessions include guest speakers, tours of area facilities, and extensive networking opportunities with other students.

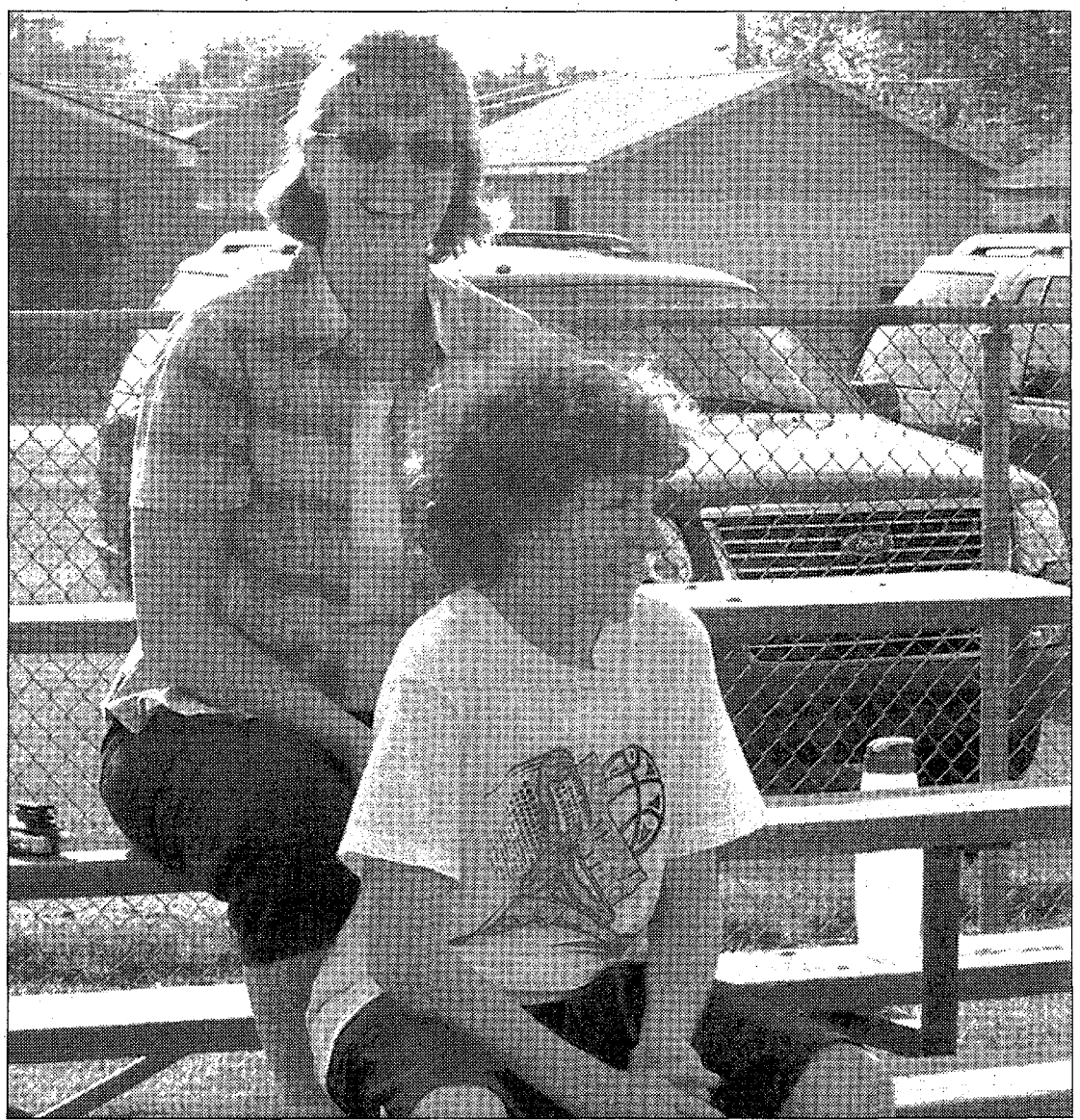
Leadership Canton students and alumni include participants from all facets of the community. Past participants include business owners, government employees, educators, managers and community volunteers. All participants share a common desire to gain a better understanding of leadership, and how to apply it to their community.

For information on enrolling in this year's Leadership Canton program, please contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce: 734-453-4040.

Rally On!

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Rachel Valentine and her son Austin take a break from a Wayne/Westland soccer practice on Thursday night at Corrado Park.

SOCCER

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season. That total included sons Austin, 13, a member of the Wolves Select team and a referee for the Wayne/Westland league, and Adam, 10, a Titans Select player coached by dad David. Son Alex, 16½, is a league referee who plays soccer for John Glenn High School.

'WAS STUNNED'

Still when Rachel Valentine was told she was chosen Volunteer of the Year by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), she "was stunned." MSYSA (www.msya.net) represents more than 90,000 players in 70-plus leagues who register boys and girls, ages 4-19, at various competition levels. MSYSA is a member of U.S. Youth Soccer and is the largest state association in U.S. Youth Soccer Region II (Midwest Region).

"I really don't have typical days between being a stay at home mom and working as a bookkeeper (for the Bargains 4-U store in Plymouth)," said Valentine, who also is treasurer for the Great Lakes Soccer League. "Today I've been typing up bylaws for Wayne/Westland. We're at a field seven days a week and watch games besides our kids. The first weekend of soccer we watched nine games. I like watching the kids have fun. My children are out playing and they're not bored. I encourage kids to play a sport to keep them out of trouble."

Soccer gives Sheryl Smith and her children Alexis, 12, and Hunter, 13, plenty of time to bond while traveling to practices and games with the Livonia Soccer Club (www.livoniasoccer.org).

Smith works full time in the University of Michigan admissions office of the Ross business school.

She is in her fourth year of managing Alexis' Livonia United Premier team. She also helps out with the Select team. Husband Todd is an assistant coach for Premier and Select

'I rush home to take the kids to practice or a game. It gives us that much more time to spend together. We have a lot of family conversations going to and from games...'

Sheryl Smith

teams. On Mother's Day, they'll go as a family to a soccer tournament in which Alexis is playing.

"I rush home to take the kids to practice or a game," said Sheryl Smith, who keeps a calendar on the refrigerator to keep their activities straight. "It gives us that much more time to spend together. We have a lot of family conversations going to and from games. There's a lot of good parent bonding going on at that time."

TIME WITH MOM

Gabriela Sgambati, 7, likes having mom Michele coach her Farmington Hills Special Services recreation team, the Pacers.

"It's fun because I get to stay with her a lot," said Gabriela, whose big sister Emilia feels the same way.

"At one time my mom was my assistant coach," added Emilia, 8, who now plays for the Farmington Soccer Club's Fusion (www.farmingtonsoccer.net). "It was fun having her around and helping."

"Coaching is a good way for Gabriela and I to do something together, a way for us to be involved with the neighborhood kids," said Michele Sgambati, who chauffeurs Gabriela to practice once a week and a game on Saturday. Emilia practices twice a week and plays games once or twice a week. Gabriela also plays baseball.

"The hardest part is having her remember I'm the coach and not her mom at that time, but I find this really fun.

Kindergarten was my first game team. I like seeing how excited they are about scoring a goal, excited about learning a skill."

While more fathers coach Farmington Hills Special Services teams, recreation supervisor Cathy O'Rourke said moms are more inclined to volunteer for the position if they played.

"Ours is pure recreational. We don't keep stats or scores," said O'Rourke. "It's all just for fun, for sportsmanship, fitness, to get them out and moving."

DAD'S VIEW

Like Farmington special services the Canton Soccer Club (www.cantonsoccerclub.com) has more dads who coach than moms, but Pete Alexander would like to see that change.

"We have about 50-50 boys and girls so I like to have a female perspective," said Alexander, Canton Soccer Club director. "Girls can learn a lot from having a woman as a mentor, having someone to talk to even if it's not about the game. Getting more women involved would be great for our game."

Debbie Locke not only coaches the Kicks, her 10-year old son Eric's team, but plays the game at the High Velocity indoor soccer facility in Canton and with another team through the Canton Soccer Club.

She also serves on the club's board of directors and works full time as an engineer at an automotive supplier.

Locke's older son Alex, now 13, has been playing since age 5. Alex is on the club's Celtic White team. Both of her sons play hockey as well.

"We're usually at soccer four days a week," said Debbie Locke, who's played the game since junior high. "It can be difficult to coach them because you expect a higher standard from them. Thankfully I don't coach the older one. He got too good for me. My older son helps out with my younger son's team and as long as he wants me to coach I will. Playing soccer myself gives me a better appreciation for what I'm asking them to do. I think every parent should attempt the sport their kids play."

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LEAH

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"She would always draw smiling hearts on her papers," James said.

Today, the Livonia home James shares with her husband Phil and 10-year old daughter Kylie is "too quiet."

"Kylie helps us both keep going," James said. "We have to stay strong for her. Whenever I said, 'I love you to Leah,' she would say, 'Do you love Kylie?' It was her way of telling me to take care of Kylie.

"Kylie still doesn't like to talk about it much, but I can see she's very lonely and it hurts her so much when we go on vacation

and see other families. I can see a sadness in her. This was her best friend."

The silence in the James house is one of the reasons James is keeping busy by planning the fund-raiser. She recently sent e-mails about the event to her old classmates at Bishop Borgess School, formerly in Redford. In addition to hors d'oeuvres such as gourmet shrimp and beef tenderloins, the \$35 ticket price includes two drinks, a DJ, silent auction and the showing of a video about Leah's struggle with the disease.

Silent auction items range from Red Wings tickets with a meet and greet with coach Mike Babcock to dinner at Tribute

worth \$1,000 for 8-10 people, front row seats to a Tigers game, an autographed Peyton Manning jersey, jewelry and a chef who will cook a meal at your home for six people.

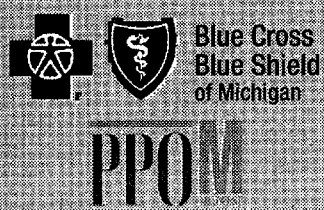
"The video is beautiful, sad and powerful all at the same time," James said. "It's an awareness video to show the stages Leah went through and a statement after every picture. The video tells about how many children are dying each year."

Tickets for the May 18 fund-raiser will be available at Genitti's, 108 E. Main, Northville. For more information, visit leahshappyhearts.org.

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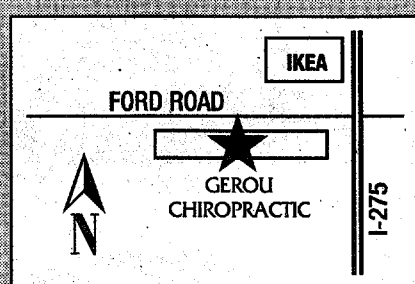


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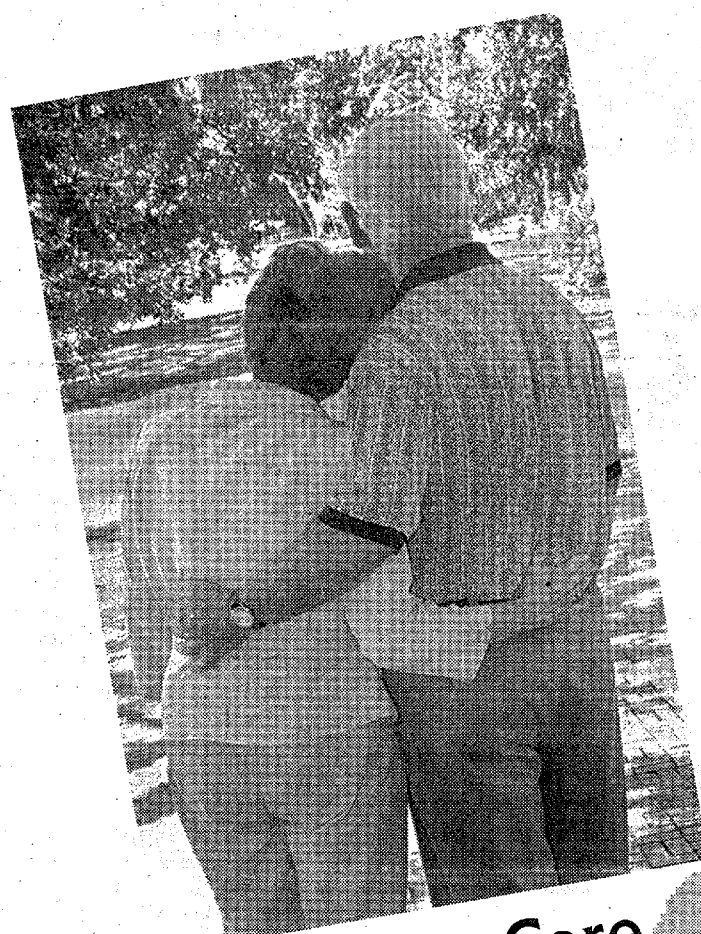


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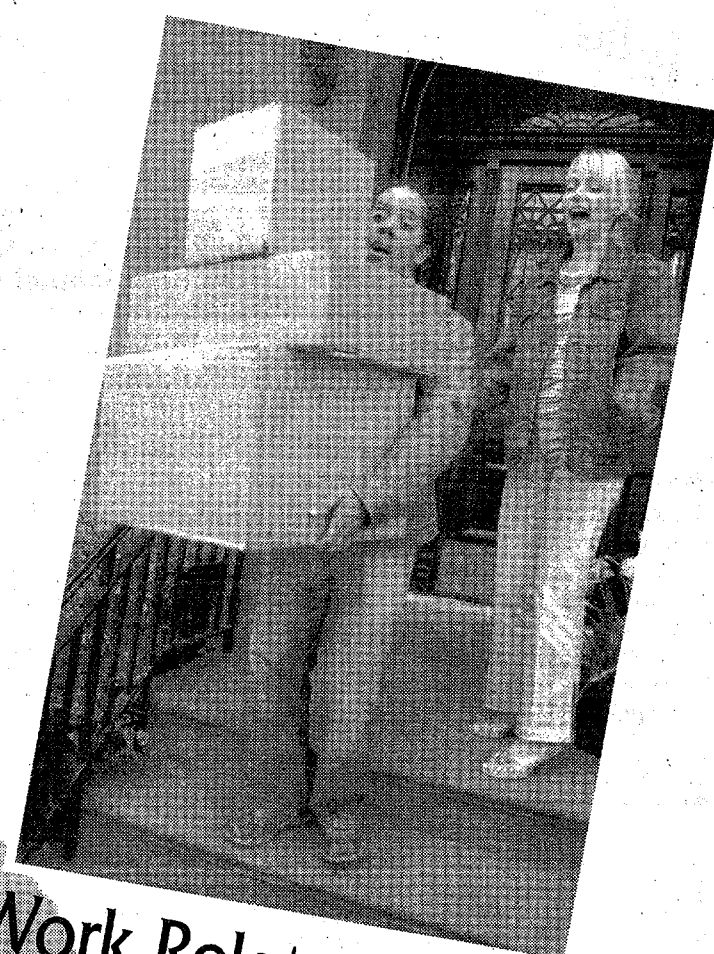
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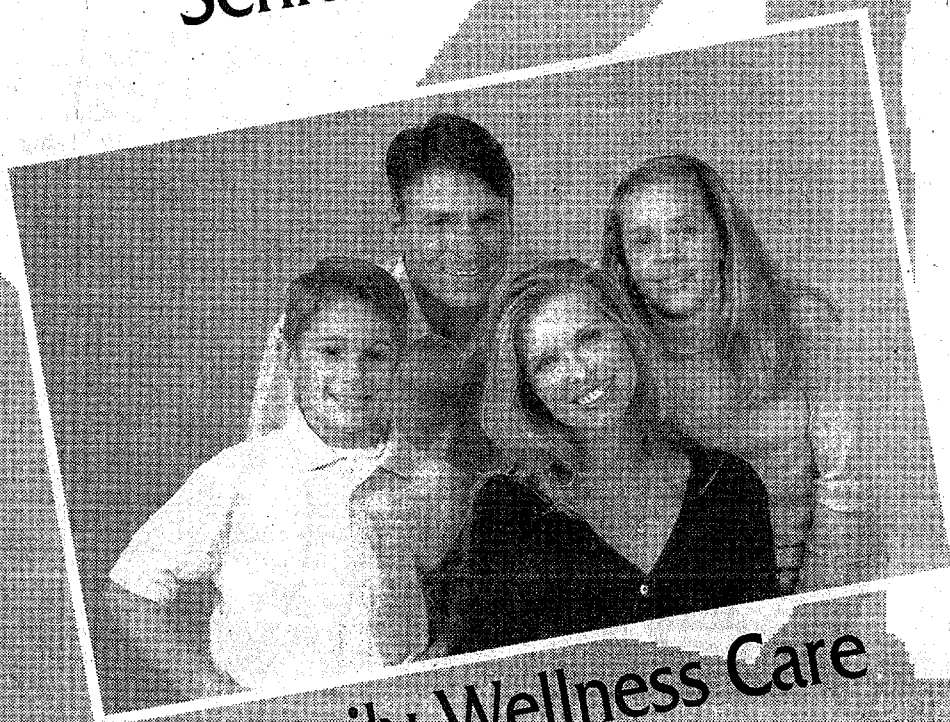
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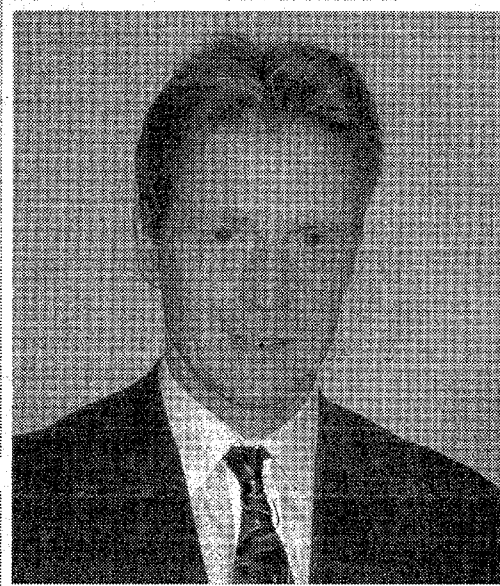
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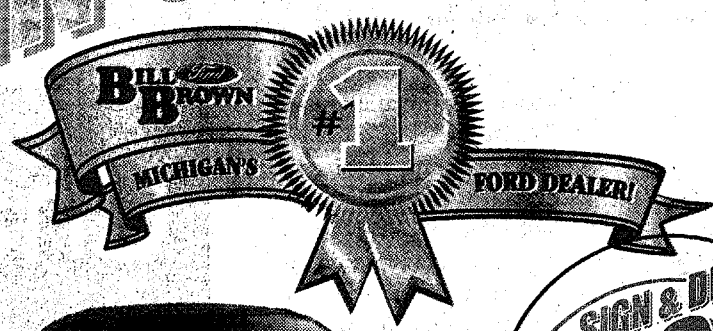
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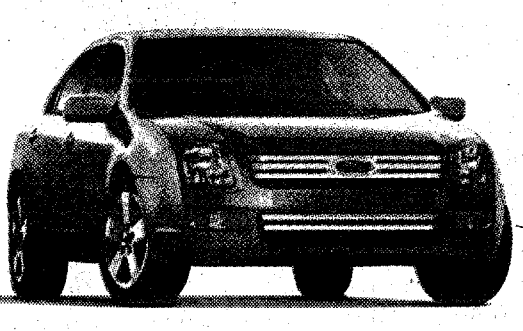
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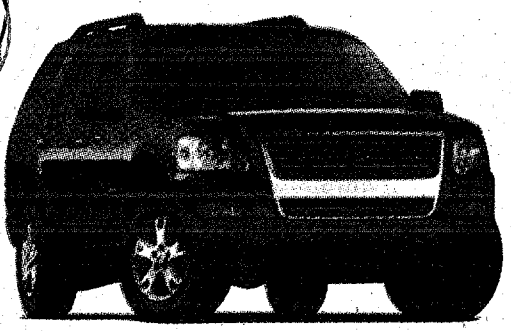
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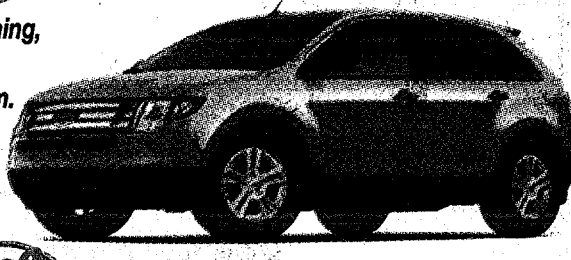
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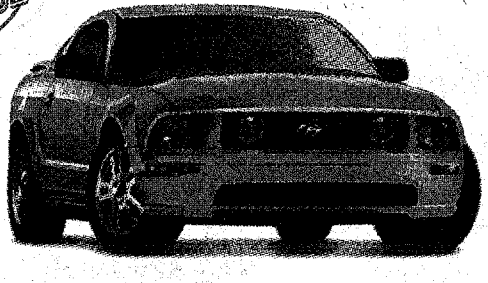
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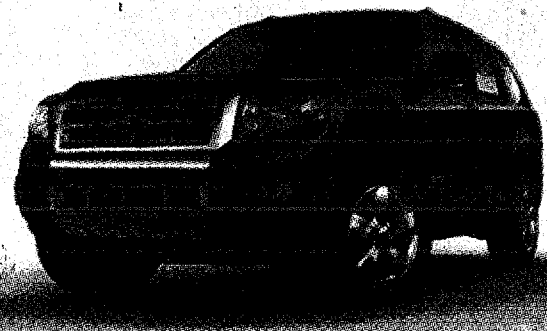
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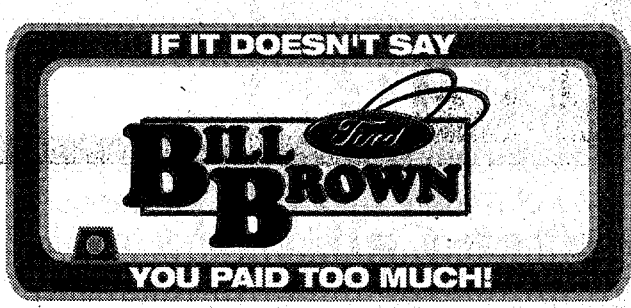
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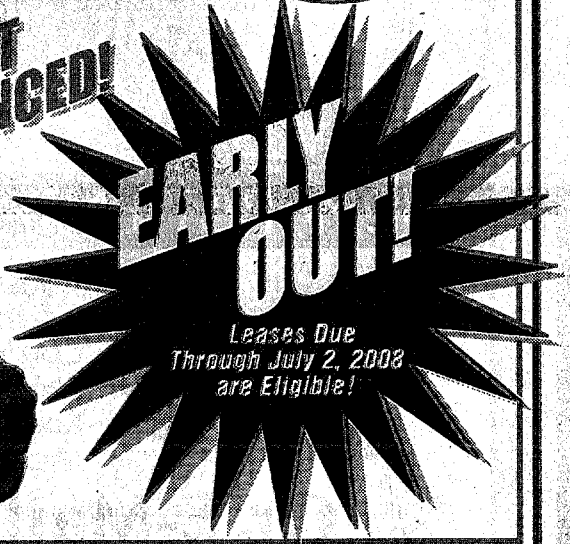


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2007 college graduates face challenging job market

BY JULIE BROWN
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New college graduates are entering the job market, and placement experts agree they'll face challenges in Michigan.

"They're graduating in a difficult market right now, a difficult job market," said Bob Thomas, director of career services at Oakland University in Rochester. The auto industry's ups and downs have had an impact on employment, "not the least of which is the technical and engineering area. Some of them are looking out of the state."

"The auto industry is still very iffy at the moment." Recent graduates can look at small or mid-sized companies, Thomas said.

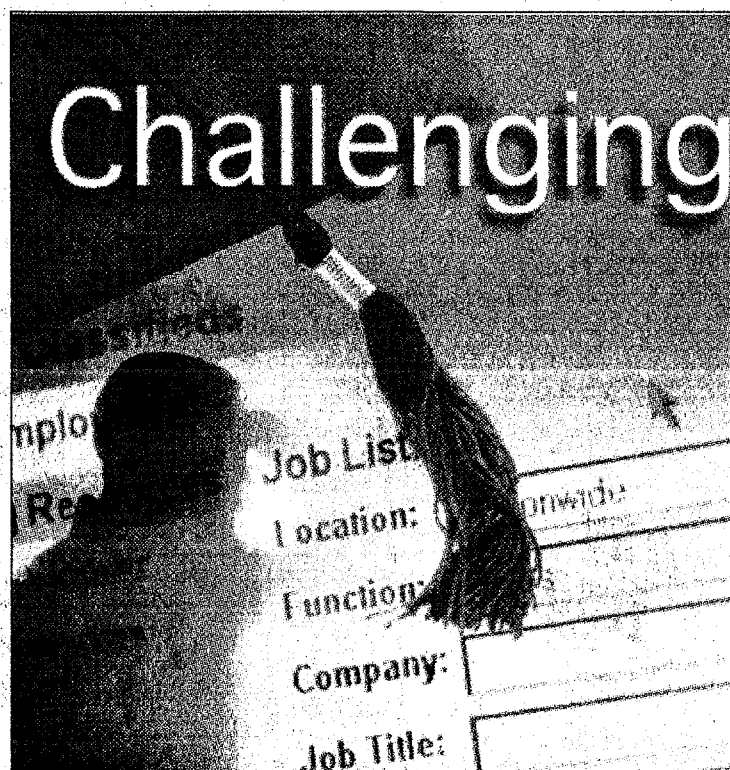
If you want to stay in Michigan, it's recommended you use the career service department at school. Also, look at other resources "that could identify those not so obvious employers," Thomas said. These include chambers of commerce, along with pro-

fessional organizations such as Automation Alley that have job posting/ résumé posting abilities.

Network with professional organizations in your career field, Thomas recommends. "Interact with as many people as they possibly can in their field." Talk to professors and people in your career center; your school's alumni office may have a database on alumni to contact, "to get at what I call the hidden job market. Many jobs are filled by word of mouth."

Some graduates will move away, Thomas noted, but schools such as Oakland, Wayne State and the University of Detroit Mercy have a large number of commuters. "They tend to want to be here." Graduates can try other cities like Cleveland, Chicago and Cincinnati or more distant ones, he said.

"Over 90 percent of our students stay in Michigan and have done so for some time," Thomas said. It's a competitive job market right now,



although that varies according to academic area.

Business, nursing, physical therapy and allied health fields in general are doing well.

"But your teaching candidates are having a difficult time." They still get hired but

not in the same numbers, Thomas said.

Liberal arts is a broad area, and job placement depends on the individual's career goals. "It will change from degree to degree."

Communications/marketing grads who have good writing

skills can look to business and industry for employment.

Some "more esoteric" fields like philosophy are less related to the business world. "It's not an easy group to put one label on." Some will go on to graduate school, he said, "those types of areas that typically require a master's degree," like social work. Some go to law school or even medicine.

"I think there is some apprehension." Graduates aren't getting jobs as quickly, or as high a level as in the past. "Some of them get underemployed" in posts not related to their major.

A career-related internship or co-op work while in school is a boon. "They're less apprehensive because they've already been out there," Thomas said, adding students can even get hired by the internship employer.

Thomas sees more attention to career areas, such as in business, engineering, education, "those that are most directly related to career areas." Even liberal arts faculty and administrators know students are

interested in jobs more so than 20 years ago.

"They do look at it more from a job-oriented aspect than they did in the past." Schools are aware employers need college graduates to participate in the workforce, and engage them in that process.

"I think schools could always do a better job of trying to get the students earlier." Students aren't always ready to think about that, but it's good to be exposed to career discussions and what requirements are for different career paths, Thomas said.

"A lot of times, students aren't even aware of what the requirements are," Thomas said. The challenge is to find time in curriculum for that; career counselors and programming come into play there.

"I think that could be expanded," he said of career efforts at the secondary level. He would like to see students develop a career portfolio for themselves, to help them start their thinking.



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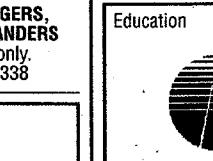
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 • Areas may include: Cart Attendant, Cashier, Clerical, Fitting Room, Food Service, Human Resources, Logistics Backroom, Logistics Flow (Stocking), Pharmacy, Photo Lab, Presentation, Price Accuracy, Sales Floor, Service Desk, and Starbucks
Team Leaders (Hourly Department Managers)
 • Lead teams that provide fast, fun and friendly service to Target guests, both face-to-face and by supporting sales floor teams
 • Help to keep the Target brand experience consistent, positive and welcoming for guests
 • Hire, supervise and train team members to achieve Target sales, service and presentation goals
 • Areas may include: Consumable Sales Floor, Food Service, Garden Center, Guest Service, Human Resources, Overnight & Dayside Logistics Backroom, Overnight & Dayside Logistics Flow (Stocking), Pharmacy, Photo Lab, Overnight & Dayside Presentation, Price Accuracy, Receiving, Sales Floor, Senior, Staffing & Development, and Starbucks
Specialists
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 • Make a difference supporting your fellow team members by focusing your best efforts in a specific store area
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CATERING COOK CHEF'S ASSISTANT

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Exp. preferred. Apply in person: American House Senior Residence Living, 35700 Hunter Ave., Westland. 12-15am Wed, Thur, Fri Position and Substitute Positions that are available Monday-Friday. Applications may be picked up at the school business office & should be returned by May 31st.

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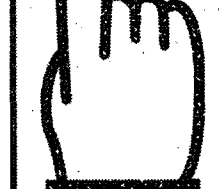
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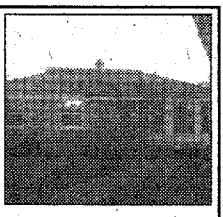
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Walled Lake 3420

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West Bloomfield 3440

By Owner

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By Owner

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Westland 3445

BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL

3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 2270 sq. ft. Livonia schools. \$287,500. 734-658-2205 Virtual tour: www.homesbyowner.com/74807

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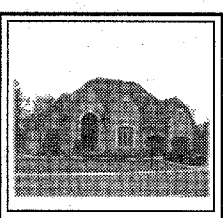
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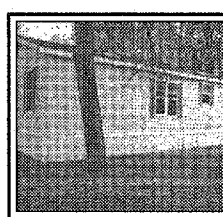
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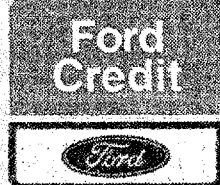
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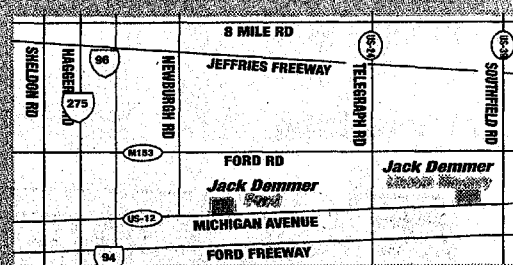
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Today's housing market rewards 'curb appeal'

(NAPSI) — Real estate agents say that typically 40 percent or more of a home's "curb appeal" — that certain something that grabs the attention of potential buyers — comes from the roof.

And with *Realty Times* reporting that adding a new roof ranks among the best home improvements for helping sellers realize their house's full market value, even those planning on staying put for several more years would do well to consider the implications for their ultimate bottom line.

"Most homeowners don't realize how valuable a good-looking roof is to the whole appearance of the house," says Liz Pollock of Edelman Productions, which produces the HGTV show "Curb Appeal." "The whole idea of our show is to transform a home's exterior, and often that includes the roof."

CHOOSING A ROOF

At one time, roofing shingles were pretty much the same: Flat strips of asphalt whose main job was to protect your home from the elements. Today, homeowners can choose asphalt shingles that simulate the look of natural materials such as slate or cedar shake, and can transform the look of their home — and at a fraction of the cost of the real materials. Plus, the shingles are available in dozens of colors, including terracotta tile and emerald-green slate.

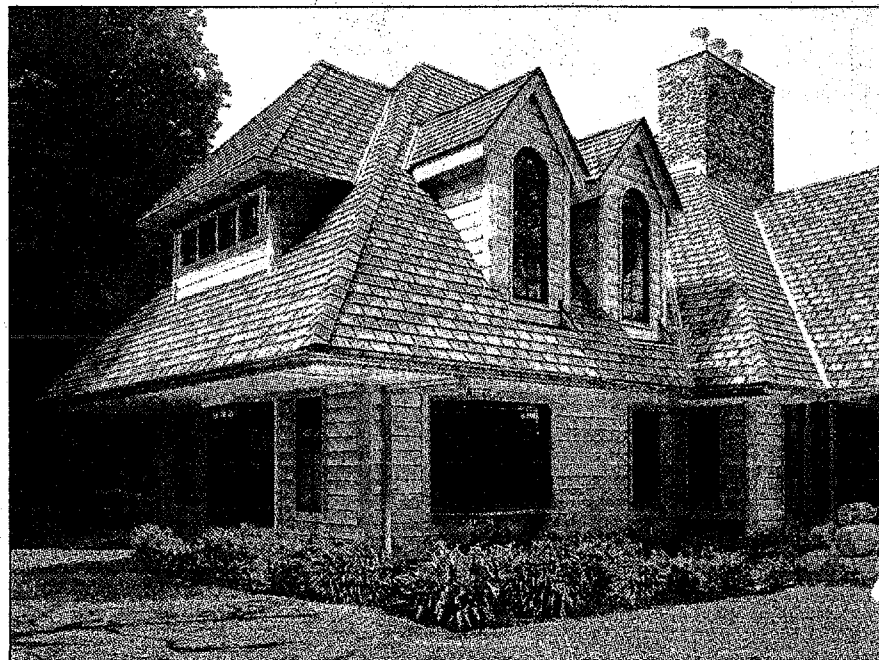
If you're having trouble choosing a style, you can check a Web site such as GAF's www.gaf.com to see how asphalt shingles might look on your home before you make a buying decision. Just click on the "Roof Selector" program.

After you choose a style, ask your contractor for full-size shingles of the colors you're interested in. Look at them in different light and next to any siding or wood trim that will influence the final decision.

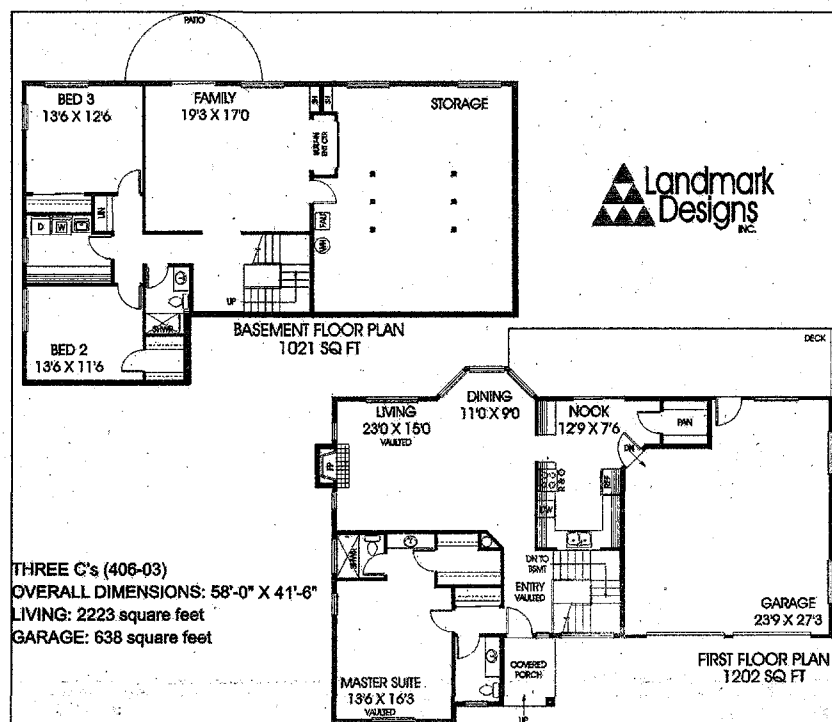
FINDING A CONTRACTOR

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You can also visit gaf.com to learn about roofing problems and solutions or to view a video on avoiding roofing disasters. Visit the site or call (888) LEAK-SOS for information.



The right roof can help boost a home's curb appeal and resale value.

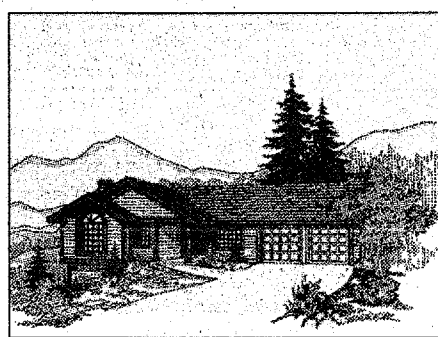


Three C's design is deceptive from the outside

From the front, the Three C's looks like a single-story home. Step around to the back and you will find yourself standing outside a lower level, looking up at the main floor. Designed for construction on a slope that falls off to the back, the Three C's main floor includes a garage, master suite and family living areas.

Two more bedrooms, a bathroom, utility room, family room and huge storage area are below. The large family room has a built-in entertainment center. A family who needs more bedrooms could easily convert the storage area into one additional large bedroom or two small ones.

A wide window bay brightens and adds a touch of elegance to the formal dining area of the combined living/dining room. The sunny eating nook at the far end of the kitchen



invites informal dining. Both eating areas are designed to take full advantage of a vista to the rear of the home. Other features in the kitchen include a large walk-in pantry, built-in dishwasher and range/oven. A window in front of the sink overlooks the open stair well.

Amenities in the luxurious master

suite include a walk-in closet and a vanity in the dressing area.

A small half-bath is located just inside the entry, allowing kids quick access when they are playing outside. The garage includes extra space for storage or a small shop.

For a study plan of the Three C's (406-03), send \$15, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.

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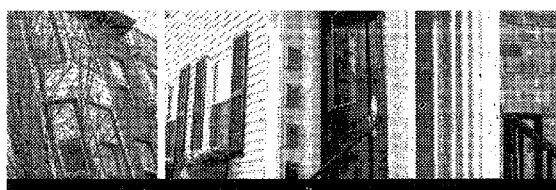


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The 2007 Hummer H3 has all the same iconic Hummer style and unparalleled off-road capability of the bigger H2. But its midsize-design is intended to extend the brand's fan base by making it accessible to a broader range of owners.

The 2007 Hummer H3 combines the Tonka Truck image of a Hummer without the bulk and impracticality of the H1 or the H2.

The Hummer H3 is actually the spitting image of the H2, as it is a three-quarters-scale version. Compared to H2, the H3 is 17 inches shorter, 6.5 inches narrower and 1,700 pounds lighter.

The H3 seats five and shares its design and powertrain with the compact Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck. The H3 is due a crew cab version in 2008, similar to the H2 SUT.

The 2007 Hummer H3 is available in two trim levels; the base model and the H3X. The standard \$29,405 priced H3 comes with air-conditioning, cruise control, OnStar, keyless entry, full power accessories, a six-speaker CD stereo, 16-inch alloy wheels and skid plates.

There is also a pair of packages available for the base H3. The Adventure package adds an off-road suspension and 33-inch off-road tires. The Luxury Package adds leather upholstery, power/heated front seats and an MP3-compatible Monsoon stereo. Stand alone options include an in-dash six-disc CD changer, a navigation system and satellite radio.

For 2007, a Midnight Blue exterior finish replaces Superior Blue, and Shadow Green has been dropped. The Ebony/Green cloth interior has also been discontinued. New chrome wheels are available for the 33-inch tires.

The H3X model, which has a base price of \$37,545, comes with chrome tube steps, chrome grille, chrome door handles, chrome roof rack, chrome wheels, a Monsoon audio system with CD changer, leather seating, power and heated front seats.

The H3X can also be ordered with any of the eight standard colors as well as two new metallic colors: Sonoma Red and Desert Orange.

Hummer says the smaller, more fuel-efficient H3 is about the same length as a typical midsize sedan. So it should be able to maneuver through city traffic with ease, unlike any other Hummer.

If you want to take it off-road, however, the H3 can still perform Hummer's famous crawling and climbing abilities just like the H2. The H3 can traverse 16 inches of water at 20



The 2007 Hummer H3 is the smallest Hummer yet. Don't let its smaller size fool you, though. It has the same unsurpassed off-road capability that all Hummers are known for.

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Five occupants fit comfortably in sporty bucket seats up front and on a 60/40-split, folding rear bench in back. The driver is treated to a large leather-wrapped steering wheel and bright instrument gauges. The interior trim has a brushed, machine-finished appearance, and the door release handles are chrome.

OnStar-equipped H3s will feature as an optional new service called OnStar Turn-by-Turn Navigation. It is the first factory-installed, fully integrated GPS navigation system from OnStar. Turn-by-Turn allows consumers to talk to a live advisor, who sends complete step-by-step directions to customers' vehicles through their OnStar system.

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Both H3s' power comes from a 3.7-liter inline 5-cylinder engine that is good for 242 horsepower. It sends its power to all four wheels via a standard 5-speed manual transmission or optional 4-speed automatic.

This is the first Hummer offered with the option of either a manual or an automatic transmission. Its four-wheel-drive system utilizes traction control and General Motors' StabiliTrak electronic stability system, which is now standard in all H3 models.

StabiliTrak is automatically enabled and always on. The system intervenes when it senses one or more of the wheels slipping or when the vehicle is not following the driver's intended path. When it detects slippage during braking or acceleration, it automatically adjusts individual wheel brake

pressure, engine power and adjusts front to rear drive power distribution to achieve optimal control.

Somewhat better than its big brothers, fuel economy ratings for the automatic are 16 miles per gallon in the city and 19 mpg on the highway.

The H3's safety is provided by anti-lock disc brakes, a tire-pressure monitor and a frontal dual-stage air bag system, which are all standard.

Optional roof rail-mounted, side curtain air bags provide head and rollover protection for the driver and front passenger. A rollover protection sensing system also helps protect occupants against impending rollovers by triggering side curtain air bags to increase the likelihood of occupant containment in a rollover event.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the 2007 Hummer H3 scored five stars for the driver and four stars for the front passenger in frontal impacts. Side-impact testing was five stars.

Standard in all H3 models, GM's Passenger Sensing System turns off the front passenger airbag if it detects an unoccupied seat or a smaller passenger. A reinforced passenger compartment safety cage and all-steel body panels help protect occupants in a collision.

For people looking for a vehicle with unsurpassed off-road capability and the iconic image of a Hummer, the H3 is a great choice.

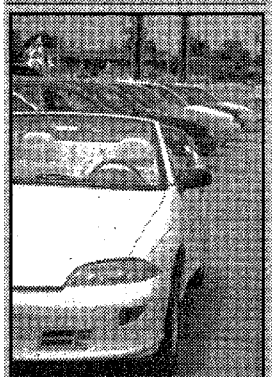
2007 Hummer H3: Vehicle class: Sport utility vehicle. Power: V5 engine. Mileage: 16 city / 19 highway. Where built: Shreveport, La. Base price: \$29,405.

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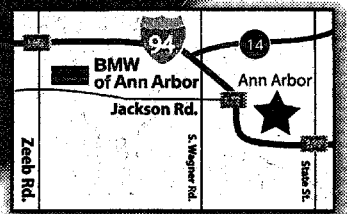
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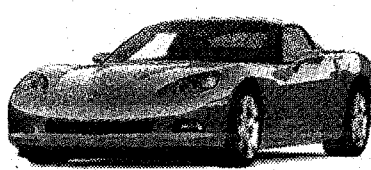
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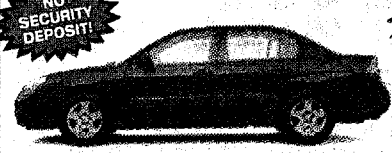
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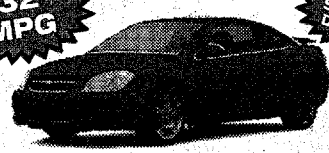
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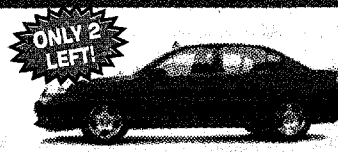
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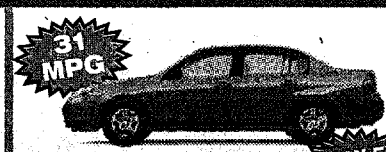
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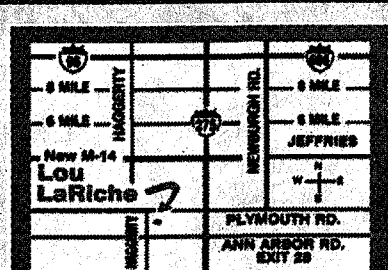
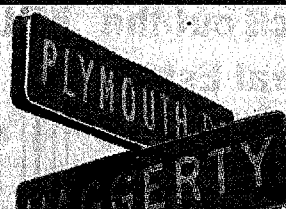
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