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Passport smooths middle school move

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Hunter Ferger prepares to transition from Bird Elementary to sixth grade at Central Middle School, he anxiously awaits the unknown.

"I get nervous thinking about it, but I'll get really nervous because it's a big step," said Hunter, 11, who lives in Plymouth. "I feel excited and nervous because I don't know everybody in my class or what teachers expect of me. There's more learning involved in each class and a lot of homework."

The passage to Central Middle School will be made a bit easier for Hunter, who will be among 125 students — 25 from each of the five middle schools — who will be participating in the newly organized Passport program.

West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin said the three half-day sessions just before school starts in August are modeled after the successful Bridge program at the high school, and will help troubled students transition from the elementary to the middle school environment.

"We're trying to be proactive about identifying students who have not been successful in elementary school," Franklin said. "And we're not waiting until they're in eighth grade to say we need something to help them."

"The transition from middle school to high school, in terms of structure, isn't so great," she added. "They're already used to going to class and having a lot of responsibility for themselves. But that change from elementary to middle school is really big."

Franklin said the advantage for Passport students will be getting an early focus on reading and mathematics, and discovering where everything is located in their respective middle schools.

That's good news to Hunter's mom, Shannon Ferger, who wants her son to start his middle school career on a positive note.

"All I can imagine is this 11-year-old boy in the lobby, wondering where to go, finding his locker and having five minutes in-between classes," Ferger said. "The program will help alleviate the pressure and intimidation on the first day of school. This will also give Hunter a chance to meet 24 other kids in the same position, and know that he's not completely by himself."

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If you need a mink stole complete with heads, this is the place. Jeanne McLoughlin shows off some of her eclectic stock.

Not so much as a pretty penny

Antique store owner bowing out of 'hobby'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Jeanne McLoughlin has been selling "treasures" at her In My Attic antique store on Liberty Street in Old Village for 17 years.

However, it certainly hasn't been for the money. "I have not made a penny since I've been in business," McLoughlin proudly proclaimed. "But how much does it cost to play golf, or go boating? This is my hobby, I just love doing it."

After her husband died of cancer last year, and her own bout with the disease, McLoughlin said it's time to move on.

"It's been fun, but it's time," said McLoughlin, 65, who is in the process of closing down the store. "I will travel, goof off and pester all the old merchants that can't quit."

McLoughlin began her business by selling a houseful of items from her grandmother's Plymouth home, including 4,000 sets of salt and pepper shakers.

"My husband said I could open a store to clear out all the stuff," she said. "After I opened the store, I went to church and rummage sales, and some estate sales, to buy more. I'm not like a regular antique shop because I have treasures that are old, new and everything in-between."

McLoughlin said the hard part won't be giving up the store, it will be the interaction with customers. When you go into In My Attic, you not only buy treasures, but a history lesson about Plymouth.

"I like yackin' with the people and sharing Plymouth history," said McLoughlin, who produced



Her large collection of salt and pepper shakers began with Jeanne McLoughlin's grandmother.

a photo album with black-and-white photos of the Wilcox House and a trolley car going down Main Street. "It isn't the same as when I grew up, but there's so much history to share. Like the building next door, in the early '60s Bob Seger's band used to jam upstairs."

McLoughlin, who never went by "Antique Road Show prices" when tagging her goods, said it's really about making people happy.

"If I bought an item for 50 cents, the person I bought it from is happy," she said. "If I sell it to you for \$5 and you're happy, and you give it to a friend and it's worth \$50-\$500, look at all the people who are happy on one item."

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Couple learns with student in 'Exchange' deal

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Traci and Paul Sincock of Plymouth with Thiago Nielsen, their foreign exchange student from Brazil.

Traci and Paul Sincock have been married for 11 years and have no children.

However, their lives took a bit of a twist the past nine months as the Sincocks skipped the baby, toddler and preteen years to raise a teenager.

Thiago (pronounced CHEE-ah-go) Nielsen, 18, an exchange student from Vitoria, Brazil, has been a member of their family since mid-September as part of the Northville Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

"We had an exchange student for a couple of weeks a few years ago and it

was great taking him up north and on the boat," Traci Sincock said. "So I thought we could do this. I think both of us were a bit apprehensive because we don't have children, but it worked out well."

Paul Sincock said he was more amazed at Thiago those first few hours when they met him at Metropolitan Airport, holding a sign that read "Welcome Thiago" so they would be able to find their "son" as he departed.

"He's 17 (at the time) and after flying all day long, he meets two people he's never met before," Paul Sincock said. "We didn't get home until after 2 a.m.,

PLEASE SEE EXCHANGE, A10

Parents fight to save AD

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

More than 100 people, mostly parents and students, showed up Wednesday at Plymouth High School for a town hall-style meeting with members of the Plymouth-Canton school board and administration not knowing their efforts had already been rendered futile.

They were there to try to convince board members to keep athletic director Terry Sawchuk's job in the budget, and to find other ways to cut the \$116,000 it would save by eliminating Sawchuk's position.

What they didn't know going into the meeting was school board members had voted 6-1 Tuesday to add the Plymouth athletic director position to the list of cuts for the upcoming budget year.

No final decision on the budget has been made. A public hearing takes place at the board's June 12 meeting, and the board will adopt its 2007-08 budget at its June 26 meeting.

"We'd rather not do any cuts, and the last person I'd choose to cut would be Terry Sawchuk, because he's top of the line," Supt. Jim Ryan told the throng. "We're going to have to make more and more cuts as we go. I hate to do that with (Sawchuk), and I hate to do it with 70 teachers, but that's where we're at."

At their Tuesday meeting, board members settled on \$4.2 million in budget cuts, Sawchuk's position and that of development director Tom Sklut among them. Other cuts included a one-student hike in class size in most grades, elimination of the LEAP elementary reading program aides' hours by 33 percent, elementary math support and two school nurses.

Other major cuts included increasing the elementary school walking distance from one mile to 1.5 miles; elimination of district buses for field trips; and the elimination of high school media paraprofessionals.

But it's the elimination of Sawchuk's job — and the subsequent plan to spread the workload between Canton's Sue Heinzman and Salem's Tom Willette — that has drawn the most passion from parents and students.

That idea doesn't sit very well, particularly with Wildcat student-athletes.

"I know on paper this looks like a good solution," said Spencer Tobin, 17, a junior at Plymouth who

PLEASE SEE SAWCHUK, A8



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Parents and student-athletes are hoping the school board will reconsider the elimination of Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk, shown here getting the baseball field ready for play.

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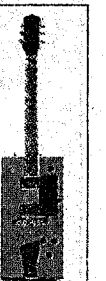
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Veterans trips

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Dave Cameron, a representative from Honor Flight, will be on hand 3:15 p.m. Friday, June 8. Beverages and snacks will be provided following the talk, which is free and open to all veterans. RSVPs must be made by Thursday, June 7.

For more information, call (734) 453-2600.

Church trip

The folks at St. Kenneth Catholic Church are organizing a vacation trip to England, Scotland and Wales Oct. 11-20.

The church hosts an Information Night about the trip 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at St. Kenneth Parish. Potential trip goers do not have to be a registered member of St. Kenneth's to participate.

St. Kenneth is located on Haggerty between Schoolcraft and 5 Mile. For more information, e-mail padretom@stkeneth.org or call (734) 420-0288.

Patterson staff hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell conducts office hours at the Plymouth District Library in the Friendship Room 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, June 8.

The Library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. For more information about the library call (734) 453-0750 or visit their Web site at www.plymouthlibrary.org

McCotter staff hours

Staff from Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter's, R-Livonia, district office will host office hours for constituents of Western Wayne County at the Redford District Library, located at 25320 West Six Mile in Redford, 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 5.

Rep. McCotter and his staff are able to provide assistance with issues involving the federal government, including social security, Medicare, military and veterans' affairs, small business concerns, student loan repayments, along with a variety of other issues.

For more information, call (248) 685-9495.

Kiwanis speakers

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth has lined up an impressive slate of speakers for its June meetings.

Mark Gaffney of the Michigan AFL-CIO starts it off Thursday when he reflects on the role of unions in a global economy. He will be speaking fresh off the Mackinac policy conference, where union leaders Ron Gettelfinger and James Hoffa spoke.

Upcoming weeks will see Dan Mulhern, Michigan's First Gentleman, husband of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, June 14; Freman Hendrix, vice president at Eastern Michigan University and former candidate for Detroit mayor, June 21; and 20th District State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, June 28. Kiwanis meetings run noon to 1:30 at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road.

Village Voices

Village Voices, an ensemble chosen from the BeckRidge Chorale, presents their final concert of the season, *All That Jazz*.

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Two for tea

Volunteer Ann Stando of Livonia serves tea sandwiches to guests Betty Nulty and Valentine Dabich of Plymouth. Nulty and Dabich attended an Angela Hospice tea party with a group from their church. Angela Hospice of Livonia is opening its doors to the community each Friday in June from 3-5 p.m. for a weekly tea party. The invitation is offered to all community members to join the hospice's staff, volunteers, and friends, for the opportunity to tour the organization's Care Center located at 14100 Newburgh Road, and learn more about the hospice's many caring programs. Each tea party will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center. An RSVP by noon on the day of the party would be appreciated at (734) 953-6018. Additional information about Angela Hospice is also available at www.angelahospice.org.

Hope" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at Maybury State Park (Eight Mile entrance, one mile west of Beck Road, car fee of \$6), 20145 Beck Road in Northville, for a fun-filled family time walking or running and remembering our loved ones.

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged; donations can be solicited by entrants from sponsors. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance" and a complimentary hot dog lunch.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The non-profit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to participate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 7-9, 2007.

Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend. Jewelry vendors will be juried this year and have an earlier deadline of June 30.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Businesses at Fall Festival

Businesses interested in participating in the Plymouth Fall Festival on Sept. 7-9, may sponsor the entertainment venues, or have a booth downtown during the Festival.

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Youth benefit

Emmaus Coffee House inside St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton presents Shana Dunlap and Apollo in a benefit performance 8 p.m. June 8.

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Helping out in time of need

Senior facility takes in victims of Livonia fire

BY DAVE VARGA
STAFF WRITER

Derek Perry and a friend were putting up a pool in his yard when they noticed the column of smoke just after 4 p.m. Thursday.

They hopped in his truck and got to the burning south building of the three-story Meadows of Livonia senior residences just before the firefighters. There, they joined two other men in helping get elderly residents to safety.

"I just ended up running into the building there, just pounding on doors and trying to get people out," said Perry, 27.

One woman, whom he described as petite and very fragile, had to be carried out quickly, rather than use her walker. "I asked her if she needed oxygen and she said yes. I took her by the EMS so she could get oxygen."

The fire, which burned for close to two hours, destroyed parts of the west end of the Meadows' south building, on Jamison east of Middlebelt.

Seven residents ended up at Independence Village of Plymouth, on Northville Road in Plymouth Township, after Lauren Lucas, Independence Village's marketing director, saw the fire on her way home and notified the center's management. She worked with Glenna Yaroch, president of Home Instead Senior Care, to coordinate relocation efforts and other activities.

"We sent our shuttle bus, and Lauren and Glenna were working with the Livonia fire marshal and American Red Cross to bring seven residents here for the night," said Rick Goren, Independence Village's general manager, who said the residents either went home with family Friday or at some point over



A firefighter puts water on a portion of the badly damaged building.

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The fire at The Meadows of Livonia drew a crowd from nearby neighborhoods.

'I just ended up running into the building there, just pounding on doors and trying to get people out.'

Derek Perry
rescuer

job." Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead said eight people, including three firefighters, were sent to three hospitals during and after the incident. On a hot day in the upper 80s, two of the firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion — one severe enough to be kept overnight, Whitehead said. A third firefighter thought he had sprained his ankle tripping on debris and water in a stairwell. He remained working the scene, but later discovered the ankle was fractured, Whitehead

said. All three went to St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Five other people — some residents of the building, some helpers — suffered smoke inhalation and needed to be checked out, with one going to St. Mary Mercy, two to Botsford Hospital and two to Garden City Hospital.

Whitehead said the fire started at a second-floor apartment. The Livonia fire department "committed all resources" to the fire, with the help of fire and rescue units from Westland, Redford and Farmington Hills.

Fire officials said 11 units were damaged by fire; 50 units had heavy smoke damage; and 50 had severe water damage.

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McCotter: Give Iraq a chance to survive

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER



McCotter

crowd he did not vote to authorize the war, but he said anyone who politicizes the war is unfit to hold political

office. "Immigration reform initiatives moving through Congress disenfranchise legal residents and the war in Iraq is the central front in the war on terror — literally and figuratively."

Those were the messages U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, delivered to the Wake Up Livonia breakfast at Schoolcraft College Friday morning.

McCotter, a third-term representative in the U.S. House and a former Michigan state senator, fielded questions from the assembled crowd rather than give a speech.

Livonia City Councilwoman Terry Godfroid-Marecki asked for an update on immigration reform bills.

"The Kennedy amnesty bill? I'm against it," he said. "Groups are dedicated to preserving the natural resource of Central America, the rainforest, but now the U.S. is draining their people."

He said the problem with that is it will leave those countries with fewer and fewer people they'll need to set up civil societies. What the practice does to this country, he said, is far more insidious.

"What is the sovereign power in the U.S.? The people," McCotter said. "Those people are being enticed to come here and be exploited by business and government and the sovereign citizens of this nation are being disenfranchised."

On the war in Iraq, he said it's not a political issue. As a member of the 2002 Congress, he reminded the

office.

"Iraq is free from Saddam Hussein, it's sovereign and its soldiers and police officers are fighting against the insurgents," McCotter said. "We have to give them a chance to survive in our absence."

He said more will be known in September when Gen. David Petraeus makes his report. It will be the general and not President George W. Bush, who will make the determination of whether the "surge" is working.

Until then, he said, it's important to remember where this war is happening.

"If you look at the map, Iraq is central to the region," he said. "(If we pull out of Iraq) everything we're seeing done in Iraq will happen in Afghanistan and that country will fall."

He said that what was started as a war on terror has become a war for freedom.

TDS Metrocom Marketing Director Cathy Sionkowski said the representative's statements were fairly well in line with previous speaking engagements he's held. She said she wasn't sure if illegal immigration was as big an issue as it's been made out to be.

"It's an issue because people have made it an issue," Sionkowski said. "There are many, many things that need attending to."

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'Pelorus' trips up Canton's national spelling bee finalist

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Way to go, Nithya ... we are so proud of you! Those words, written by the Detroit Country Day staff in reference its spelling bee whiz, are on the homepage of the school's Web site. The excitement swirling around Nithya Vijayakumar's quest to win the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee has enthralled the school's campus.

On Thursday, Nithya's classmates watched ESPN coverage of the 13-year-old Canton girl breeze through the spellings of "therapeutic," "kinetic" and "zeugma," a figure of speech, but in the seventh round of competition she stumbled on "pelorus," a navigational instrument. Nithya's spelling of "palorus" eliminated her from

the competition. She finished in the top 15. The Detroit Country Day eighth-grader is expected to be back in the classroom on Monday.

"It's been wonderful because everyone is on board," said Detroit Country Day spokeswoman Amanda Chaborek. "She is such an example of hard work." Nithya, who was slated to be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society and plays clarinet and lacrosse, was accompanied to the two-day competition in Washington by her parents and sister. She was poised to become Michigan's first national champ since Louis Edward Sissman took home the trophy in 1941.

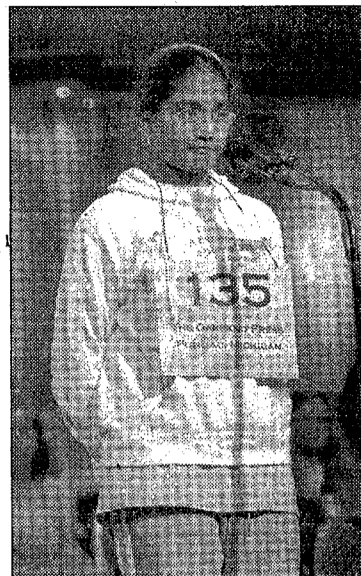
Evan O'Dorney, 13, of Danville, Calif., went on to win the competition. He is set to

receive \$35,000 in cash and a \$5,000 college scholarship. On Friday night, all of the bee's 286 spellers were treated to a banquet.

Scripps spokesman Mark Kroeger said in years past, the majority of spellers had a dictionary connected to their hip. These days, many of the participants accessed word lists on laptops. He said the 80-year-old bee has gained more popularity since its debut on ESPN in 1994.

"What we hear is that people have a real fundamental fascination with middle-school aged kids that have such a command of the English language," he said. "By the time they make it to (the national competition) they are already champions."

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Nithya Vijayakumar's quest to win the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee ended in the seventh round of the finals. The 13-year-old Canton girl is a student at Detroit Country Day in Birmingham.

Golf outing helps Angela Hospice fulfill mission

Angela Hospice's supporters and business friends will once again head to the greens for the organization's annual golf outing, to benefit programs for terminally ill patients and their families. Phillips Service Industries of Livonia is sponsoring the outing, which will take 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., followed by 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch and open beverage carts on the course. A steak reception follows golf with an 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.

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

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■ **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**, Monday, June 4, 7 p.m. — Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration is required.

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, June 5, 1 p.m. and Tuesday, June 19, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

■ **\$\$\$ and SENSE**, Wednesday, June 6, 1 p.m. — Join with others who are interested in learning and sharing information on personal finance and investing at this discussion group at the library. The group provides a forum to study and share personal investment information, learn investment terminology, review different investment tools, and study individual stocks, mutual funds, annuities, etc. Each month, members follow and report on a mock portfolio they set up on the Internet. This is not a stock club, no monies are involved; members plan, moderate, and participate in each

meeting. New members are welcome at any meeting. Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month in a library meeting room. For more information on current discussion topics, please contact Alice McCardell, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 240 or amcardell@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**, Thursday, June 7, 1-3 p.m. — This group is for individuals for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. It is facilitated by a professional and is intended to be social as well as informative. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics — caregivers or friends are invited to attend. No advance registration is required — for more information contact Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

■ **SO YOU WANT A DOG... NOW WHAT?** Saturday, June 9, 1 p.m. — C.J. Bentley of the Michigan Humane Society's Pet Education Center will give participants the tools to make an informed decision about pet ownership. Register for this Friends-sponsored program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, June 10, 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.

■ **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS**, Monday, June 18, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **THE REALITY OF UFO's**, Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m. — EMU professor Ron Westrum has studied the subject of UFOs for many years and will explore the reality of them in this informative program. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library and requires registration; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m. — This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and how the current gar-

dening season is progressing. Gardeners at all skill levels are invited — no registration is required.

■ **ESTATE PLANNING AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**, Monday, June 25, 7 p.m. — Ken Bloom of Bloom, Bloom and Associates of Farmington Hills will explain the value of having an estate plan and completed power of attorney forms in place. He will review the advantages of a trust over a will, probate and how it affects your estate. Registration is required for this program. Call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, June 25, 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, June 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *Julie and Julia* by Julie Powell. 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 Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 241, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **GREAT BOOKS** — This discussion group does not meet during the summer months — details of the fall meeting schedule can be found in the next Library newsletter to be published in late August. To learn more about the Great Books Foundation, see the Internet web site: <http://www.greatbooks.org>

Youth programs
The Library announces its popular summer reading program — Get a Clue @ Your Library — Books, reading, prizes and fun!

Anytime during the month of June, children are encouraged to come to the Library, sign up for the program and start reading. This program is designed for students ages 6-

12. It has been developed to promote a love of books and libraries, encourage summer reading, and help maintain reading skills. A visit to the Library once each week will help reach these goals. Participants can bring in reading logs beginning on Monday, June 25. A wide variety of programs are planned throughout the summer. Check the Youth section of our homepage — plymouthlibrary.org for events all summer long.

■ **SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PROGRAM, THE COMEDY OF BEN SPITZER**, Tuesday, June 26, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. — Enjoy the mysterious magic and hilarious antics of Ben Spitzer. Pick up free tickets for this event beginning on June 18 at the lower-level Youth Services Desk.

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, June 11, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young, babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required, call on or after June 5, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, June 25, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m. — This fun program 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. This month, there will be no Saturday repeat program as it is the 4th of July holiday weekend. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

■ **Edge Programs** — The Library announces its first Edge Summer Reading Program — GET A CLUE! Anytime from June 1-July 31, kids can stop at the Youth Services Desk and register for the program. From June 25-August 11, participants can turn in reading records and win such prizes as Super Bowl bowling, Skatin' Station skating, Penn Theatre tickets and more. Grand prizes at the end of the program include mall gift certificates and Cedar Point tickets.

Teen programs

Teen Summer Reading Program, YNK - YOU NEVER KNOW, June 11-Aug. 13 — Sign up begins June 11. Participants are encouraged to read, attend cool programs and win prizes. Just a few easy steps:

1. Get a Reading Log
 2. Read 4 books of your choice (4 graphic novels = 1 book)
 3. Starting June 18, turn in reading log for a chance at prizes
 4. Turn in 2 logs & get a mini Sharpie marker
 5. Turn in 3 logs & receive a paperback book
- Weekly drawings held for pizza, ice cream and Penn Theatre tickets. Grand Prize drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Twelve Oaks Mall, a \$25 gift certificate to Target and a Flashdrive. For more details, come on in to the Library or go to the teen webpage: plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm

■ **MYSTERY PARTY & PIZZA**, Monday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. — Kick off the Teen Summer Reading Program by solving the mystery and eating pizza. Registration is required, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Computer training

The Plymouth District Library offers a wide variety of free computer training classes for residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BEGINNING E-MAIL**, Wednesday, June 6, 11 a.m. — Learn how to create a free e-mail account using Yahoo or Hotmail in this one-session class. You will also learn how to compose, send and delete email messages on that account.

■ **INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD**, Wednesday, June 6, 7 p.m. — Students will learn how to open, close, modify, save and print a basic Word document. The class covers basic features of this software program only. Students must be comfortable keyboarding and using a mouse prior to taking this class. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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Capoeira!

Afro-Brazilian art form is 'a way of life'

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

You can see it in his eyes. You can feel it in his movements.

A glimpse into his soul comes through the full body swings, jumps, kicks, swivels, turns and flips.

It's Capoeira. And, it consumes 20-year-old Baz Michaeli, a certified Capoeira instructor.

The 200-year-old Afro-Brazilian art form is more than dancing, it's a marriage of movement that mixes the martial arts, hip hop, break dancing and acrobatics.

Michaeli brings Capoeira to Farmington from his native Israel, where he learned it seven years ago. It's relatively unknown in Michigan, with just a few groups into it — in Royal Oak, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Grand Rapids.

But, Michaeli hopes it will catch on in the Detroit area. He is teaching Capoeira at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington, owned by Laurie Smalis.

"I saw this at the Michigan Renaissance Festival last summer and I couldn't figure out what they were doing — was it dancing or was it martial arts?" Smalis said.

She received a letter from Michaeli, offering to teach Capoeira at her studio and she made an immediate connection.

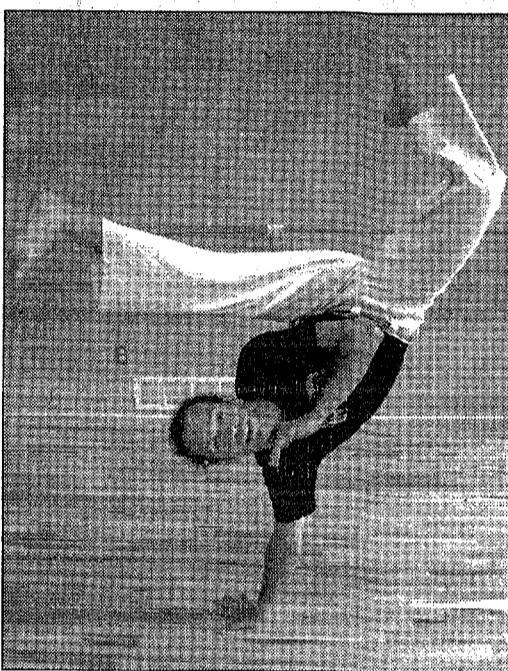
"The art form itself really captivated me," Smalis said. "You can't help but to be drawn into it."

Michaeli, of Farmington Hills, said the history of Capoeira dates back to slavery in Brazil, where African slaves initially learned it as a defense. It was practiced in circles, where singing and music were added to disguise the fact that they were actually practicing a deadly martial art.

Following the 1888 abolition of slavery in Brazil, many slaves organized into gangs and some served as bodyguards for politicians. Capoeira was outlawed in Brazil until 1937, when the president invited Mestre Bimba, one of the most important masters, to perform his art at the capital.



Baz Michaeli works some moves with his father, Ofer, at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington.



Baz Michaeli, a certified Capoeira instructor, shows off a few moves at the Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington where he will teach summer classes.

He was allowed to open the first Capoeira school in Brazil in 1939. It soon officially became a national sport and has spread to countries around the world.

For Michaeli, it's more than a dance.

"Capoeira is like a language, but you don't talk with your mouth, you talk with your body," Michaeli said. "And, there are accents. You can

never find two people who do the movements the same. You can compare it with conversation."

Unlike other forms of martial arts, Capoeira is no-contact, something Michaeli's father, Ofer, likes. The former black belt is learning Capoeira from his son.

"I like the respect," Ofer Michaeli said. "If you don't have an enemy, you don't need to fight."

People who practice Capoeira welcome others who are interested in the art form, wherever you are in the world. Capoeiristas

are obligated to pass the art form on to others.

"It's a big family. All around the world, people are fighting and killing each other. If you find Capoeira, people will ask you if you need something to eat and if you need a place to sleep. If we learn from it, we'd live in a better world."

Students of Capoeira learn to play instruments to set the beat for the dance. They form a circle of rhythm, playing percussion instruments like the berimbau, a bow-like instrument; the atabaque, a drum; a pandeiro, a tambourine; and a caxixi, a shaker.

"The instruments give the energy," Michaeli said. "Capoeiristas are people who like to have fun in life; they have a smile on their face and they're happy. Capoeira is 'go with the flow,' it's not only a martial art — it's a way of life."

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SAWCHUK

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plays football and runs track. "But (board members) don't see how (Sawchuk) affects the kids, and you won't see how many kids need to talk to an athletic director who won't have an athletic director to talk to."

Sawchuk, the only athletic director in Plymouth High School's five-year history, will be out of a job after this school year. Ryan said Wednesday Sawchuk is "in the mix" for potential principal openings in the district.

But parents and student-athletes want him right where he's at.

"When you have that kind of person who impacts your kids, you want him around," parent Brian Uller of Canton said. "There are very few like him."

Heinzman and Willette will

share athletic director duties for the three schools on a per-season basis, Ryan said. For instance, Willette will handle football in the fall, Heinzman will handle soccer. A rumor had circulated that Willette would handle boys sports while Heinzman would deal with girls sports. Ryan said that plan wouldn't work because there are more boys sports than girls.

Heinzman and Willette will be under the supervision of Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin. But parents worry such a situation — with no Plymouth High School representation — would force the undercurrent of animosity between the three programs to bubble over when conflicts arise between the schools.

"We'll try to make it as seamless as possible, but folks, we're going to have challenges," Ryan said. "I have a lot of confidence in (Ostoin). He wants the Park

to function well. People are jealous sometimes, I can't stop that. But I'm confident (Ostoin) will not be biased, and he'll do what's best for the Educational Park."

Other ways of funding Sawchuk's position were also brought up. Coaches have offered to take salary cuts, the Educational Excellence Foundation was mentioned as a possible source of funds, and parents offered to fund-raise among booster clubs.

Ryan said the district has been approached local businesses such as Ikea but, while most of them are generous with their money, they don't want their donations used for personnel.

"Even if the coaches donated their salaries, it wouldn't be enough," Ryan said. "And is it a long-term solution or just a one-year fix? You have to look at it very closely."

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Arts council honors 'Emerging Artists'

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosted an awards and recognition night in conjunction with its annual "Emerging Artist" exhibition May 30 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts.

More than 100 people, including many budding young artists, art teachers, parents, grandparents, PCAC staff, mentors and judges were in attendance.

The PCAC coordinates several art competitions for K-12 students in area schools each year, according to Paula Gangopadhyay, the council's executive director. This year the Damaris Fine Arts Award winner won a \$1,000 scholarship from PCAC and the Schulte family to pursue art education in college.

The other winners received certificates of artistic excellence and gift certificates for art classes at the council. Parents and teachers of participating students expressed deep gratitude towards the council for hosting such inspirational contests which give the budding



First-grade artist Anna Hanson from Miller Elementary School — with mom Christine Hanson, sister Emily and grandparents Nancy and Ralph Dietz — proudly shows her art at the Emerging Artists exhibition reception. Anna was one of the 70-plus young artists who participated in the art contests coordinated by PCAC.

artists confidence and inspiration to achieve the very best. "We plan to grow our scholarship and recognition program for young artists and will be seeking sponsorships for the awards," Gangopadhyay said. "As an arts organization we feel it is very important to provide

opportunities to nurture the development of artistic skills amongst our youngsters. Apart from just finessing their artistic skills, these competitions give children an opportunity for leadership professional presentation and public speaking growth."

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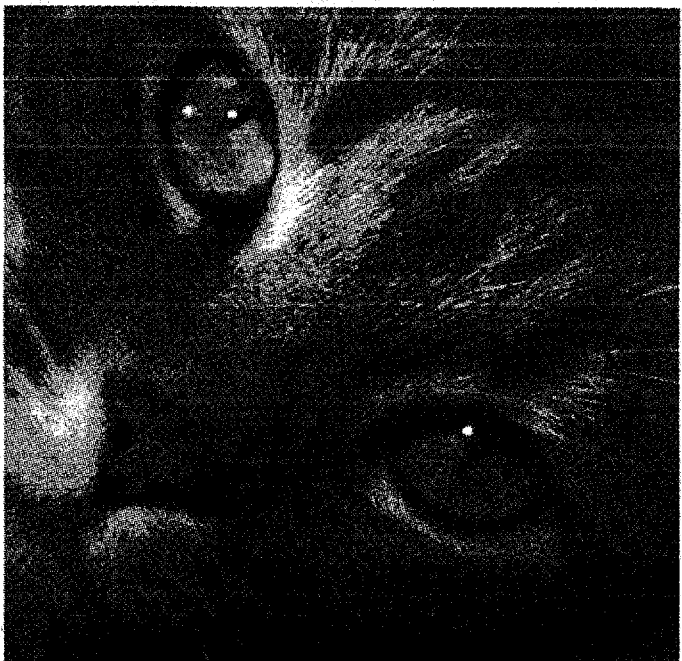
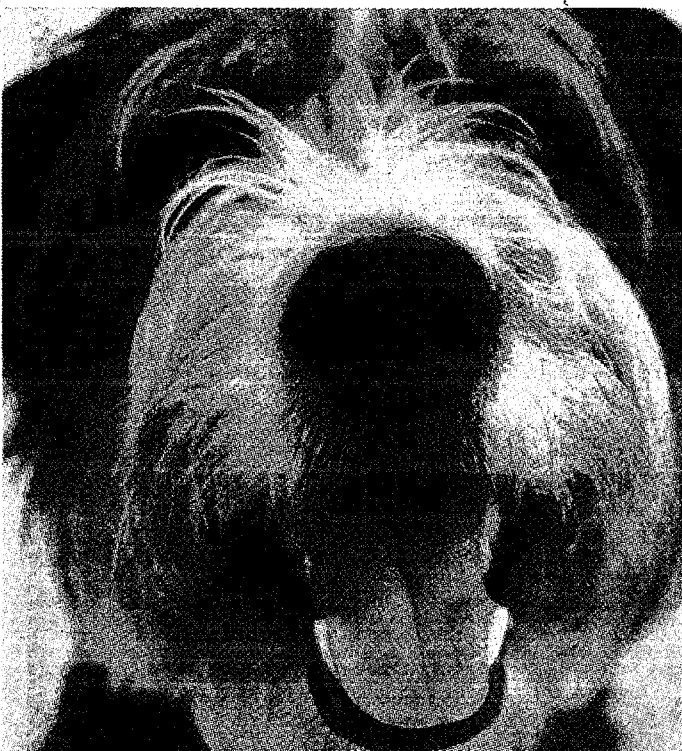
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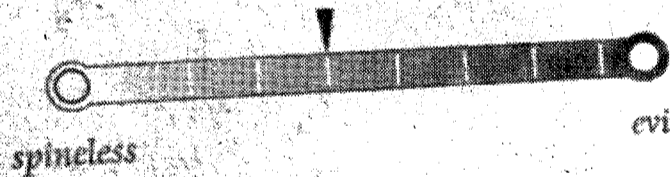
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Mom Jayme Thom watches and Ryan Thom smiles as Paul Checcobelli cuts 11 inches of Ryan's hair for Locks of Love.

Often-teased boy cuts 'handsome' hair for charity

A song by '60s garage rockers opens: "Are you a boy? Or are you a girl? With your long blond hair you look like a girl."

Over the past year, schoolmates, waitresses and just about everyone else said the same thing to Ryan Thom, a Livonia boy whose fine, pale blond hair grew long past his

shoulders. He was even kicked out of the boy's bathroom.

On his 12th birthday May 31, Ryan walked into Hair Concepts on Five Mile and left with two 11-inch ponytails to donate to Locks of Love.

That was his plan when he started growing his hair two and a half years ago.

As for the teasing, he ignored it. "I just figured it would be worth it in the end."

Ryan, a Johnson Elementary sixth-grader who now bears a resemblance to pop singer Jesse McCartney, came up with the idea of donating his hair when he was in fourth grade. His sister, now 22, had cancer as a toddler and lost her hair.

"It really sank in when I was older and looking at pictures," Ryan said. "She had to spend her birthday in the hospital."

A mostly-A student, Ryan also wants to be a doctor, to find a cure for cancer and to help people.

Owner/stylist Paul Checcobelli spent about a half-hour giving Ryan what's known as a point cut.

—By Rebecca Jones

EXCHANGE

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and he wanted a glass of milk. He didn't like the skim, and he doesn't like our whole milk. He said it tastes different."

There's a simple explanation for that. According to Thiago, "They have better cows in Brazil."

Not only was Thiago with a strange family, he knew very little English.

"Paul had taken sticky notes and put them all over the house with the names of things, in both English and Portuguese," Traci Sincoc said. "We lived with Portuguese-to-English dictionaries for a couple of weeks."

That made it tough just a couple of days later, when Thiago attended classes at Northville High School.

"I only knew a little bit of English," Thiago said. "It was tough at school the first day. But in a few weeks, it got better. My first semester my English was not that good, but second semester it was much better."

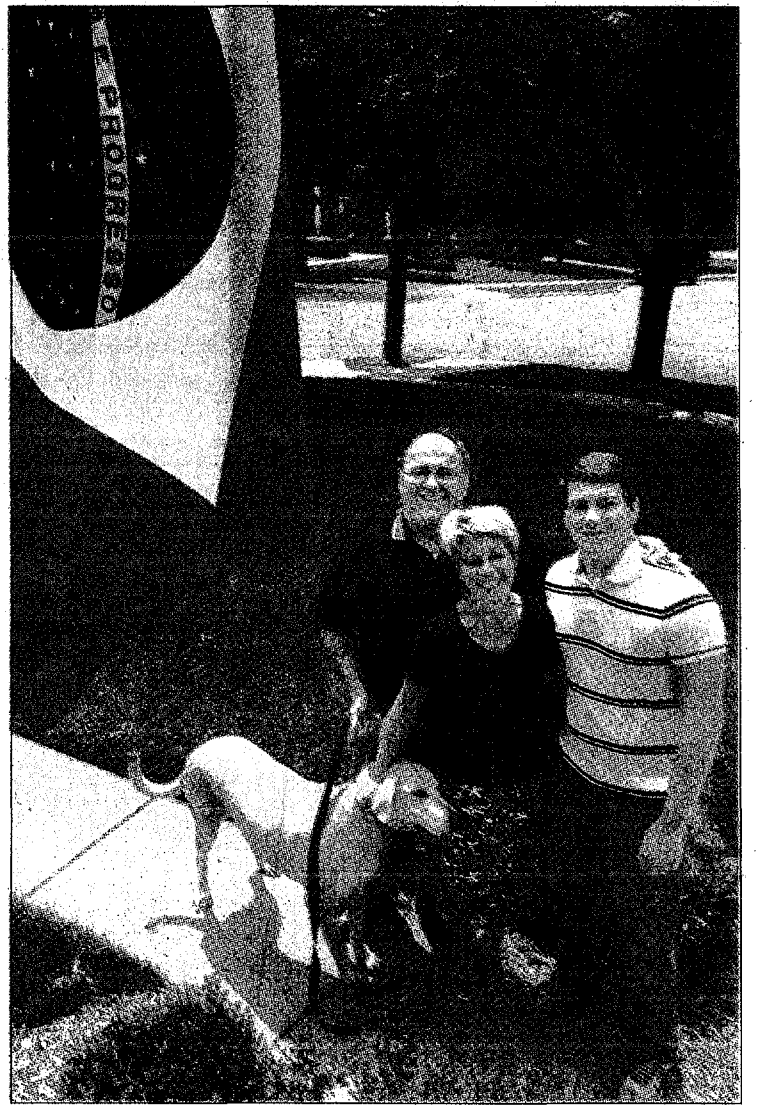
After a year at Northville High, Thiago had this assessment: "The teachers are more strict here," he said. "In Brazil, they are more friendly."

Thiago, who is used to eating a staple of beans and rice in Brazil, likes Paul's "hot fresh scrambles" for breakfast. And he quickly picked up on an American tradition: fast food restaurants.

"Every day at school, we can have cheeseburgers and fries and pizza," Thiago said as he was eating Lee's Famous fried chicken for lunch. "I eat fast food three or four times a week."

Since he's been in Plymouth, Thiago's bought two dozen pairs of tennis shoes because "they are more expensive in Brazil," has been to Disney World — twice — with the Sincocs, and has traveled to Chicago, Toronto and California. Thiago said he's met many friends, some of whom he will continue long-distance relationships.

"They helped me a lot here, and drove me around," said



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Traci and Paul Sincoc supported Brazilian teen Thiago Nielsen, as a foreign exchange student through the Northville Rotary Club.

Thiago, couldn't get a driver's license in Brazil until he turned 18.

However, Thiago said there is a difference between teens in America and those in Brazil.

"Teens in Brazil are more connected, they hang out different than here," Thiago said. "Here, we go out to a theater or somebody's house. In Brazil, we go to disco clubs and other parties. It's very, very different."

Thiago, who lives in a high-rise off the Atlantic Ocean and whose high school is also on the water, had a difficult time leaving temperatures in Brazil that sometimes reached 100 degrees to survive a Michigan winter.

"I never saw snow before, never want to see it again," he said. "It's too cold."

Thiago, whose father, Fabio, was a 1982 exchange student from the same Northville Rotary club, said the entire

experience has been a good one.

"The whole experience has been great, to know people and know another country," Thiago said. "I know more of myself now."

"And the best, dad, mom and (yellow lab/great dane) Luke," he said.

Traci Sincoc said the time has gone fast, and it's been a great experience teaching Thiago about the United States, and learning about Brazil.

"It was the fun of having a teenager, the good stuff, and we didn't have to pay for his college," Tracy Sincoc said with a smile. "It's fun being able to participate in an exchange program where you learn about somebody else's culture, and you have the privilege of teaching them about your own."

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Dear Rick: We would like to move, however, we cannot sell our home. Because of that, we are going to do some home improvement work. We are thinking of taking a loan from our 401(k) to pay for the improvements. We do have cash in the bank to pay for the improvements. Which would you recommend?

You should use your cash to pay for home improvements. I believe 401(k) money is sacred. It is your retirement money. You can't have too much money saved for retirement.

Many people believe that borrowing from a 401(k) plan is a great way to finance home improvements. I disagree. There are a number of downsides associated with this idea. If you have an outstanding loan on a 401(k) plan, in many situations you will no longer be able to contribute more money into the plan until the loan is paid off. This prevents you from saving more money in retirement and could prevent you from taking advantage of the company matching program.

Another downside is what can happen if for some reason you lose your job. In many situations when you lose your job, the loan must be immediately paid. If the loan is not paid off, then it is treated as a distribution to you and you can be hit with taxes and penalties.

I recognize that many people like to borrow from their 401(k) plan because they feel the interest they are paying on the loan goes back into their account, thus it doesn't cost them anything. However, that is really not the case. Yes, you do pay the money back to yourself, however, it goes into your account and when that money eventually comes out of your 401(k) plan it's taxed at your ordinary income bracket. Thus, you've turned money that you've already paid taxes on into money that you'll have to pay taxes on a second time. In addition, the interest you pay on money borrowed from your 401(k) plan is not deductible.

I generally look at 401(k) plans as the last place to borrow from. For home improvements, if someone could not pay cash, I recommend a home equity loan. However, before you make any improvements to your house, make sure that you can afford the payments.

Dear Rick: We recently were on vacation and looked at a timeshare. Do you think timeshares are good investments?

No. Many people own timeshares, however, very few people make any money on them. I do not consider timeshares good investments. That being said, I don't automatically recommend people avoid buying timeshares.

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timeshare, the issue should not be based upon whether it is a good investment, but rather will it increase the quality of your life.

Many people purchase timeshares because they are under the mistaken belief that they can sell the timeshare in the future and make a substantial amount of money. Unfortunately, that rarely happens. In fact, if you do an Internet search looking at timeshares, you will see a tremendous number of them are for sale and many of these are selling below the original purchase price.

If you are thinking about purchasing a timeshare, what you need to consider is the convenience and the cost. Examine the cost of purchasing and the cost of maintaining them. After all, when you use your timeshare, they're not free. You have a maintenance fee.

One thing that I do not like about timeshares is that many times they are sold based upon high-pressure sales tactics. These tactics include such things as free shows, free meals and other gimmicks. My philosophy has always been that whenever a product is sold by high-pressure sales tactics, it is a product that I avoid.

For people who are thinking about purchasing a timeshare, do your research independently and never forget to focus on why you are buying the timeshare. Remember, it is not an investment, but rather a quality-of-life issue.

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One word describes the local real estate market – nightmare

As I write this I am waiting for words from my beleaguered Realtor that will determine where my family will live for the foreseeable future. I'm not the type of person who issues ultimatums but enough is enough. My wife, Robin, is pregnant with our first child and we've been on the verge of selling and buying for weeks.

It is now 2:20 in the afternoon on Wednesday and I gave our Realtor until 4 p.m. to get back with me — either the couple buying our house must come up with \$5,000, the developer selling us the new house deduct the same amount from his price or the whole shooting match is called off. Sadly, after nine months of showing our house and finally finding a potential buyer, the deal is on the verge of falling apart over less than 2 percent of the transaction. Many restless nights have preceded this moment — my wife is understandably upset and even my Realtor is ready to pack it in. It is now 2:35 and still no call.

I guess this is reality in a strong buyer's market. At the starter home end of the realty game, people with almost no money want to buy. Sellers either have to drastically reduce the asking price or give huge concessions to make a deal.

Our house in White Lake Township went on the market last fall. Nearly everyone who walks through the place say they like it. One cash buyer said she wanted the house, then reneged because she couldn't find a suitable boat slip. Another nearly bid then bought a different house because it had a first-floor laundry. Those things happen and are expected. What isn't expected is a guy without a dime saved up for a down payment wanting \$20,000 off the listing price and oh yeah, could you please give me enough to make the down payment and close the loan.

We told that first no cash guy to take a hike. By the time another couple with no money came sniffing around we weren't so picky. At least they could qualify for an FHA loan if we offered a 6 percent concession for their down payment.

We agreed to take \$10,000 less than the house appraised at two years ago in exchange for the promise of moving to a bigger house at a bargain price. A plum foreclosure was our target, but that soon changed. People who lose their houses are angry. We toured a house with huge holes in the walls, every light fixture and wall plate removed, hundreds of missing ceiling tiles and 2,000 square feet of carpet lifted from floor — and that was one of the nice

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ones. The truly ugly foreclosures lurked in the nicest of neighborhoods. They had everything from walls full of graffiti to animal waste displayed prominently in the foyer.

We also watched too many families packing up their belongings after banks foreclosed. An unemployed bread truck driver with three young daughters being tossed from a brick colonial and moving to a mobile home. A man filling the back of his pick-up truck with essentials while we walked through the home he could no longer afford. When we saw children's toys being boxed in a Winnie the Pooh bedroom, foreclosure hunting no longer seemed a bargain — the human toll was too high. Who would want to live in a house of crushed dreams?

It's 2:50 and I'm still waiting. We looked at dozens of houses over two weeks while waiting for our buyer's loan to go through. We bid on a nice brick house that we both liked but the owner wouldn't come down more than \$2,000. We moved on to our second choice and made a great deal. A builder's model that once appraised at \$32,000 more than we offered — which the builder snapped up like a dog who hadn't eaten in days.

We were practically packing boxes when the inevitable bad news hit. The appraisal for our house was \$8,000 lower than anticipated thanks to the mess that is our state's economy. We expected it to be lower but not that low. The low appraisal meant the buyers could no longer qualify for the amount bid on our house. The deal was now for \$8,000 less and they — a couple who hadn't saved a penny for a down payment and had already forwarded their mail to our house — told us to take it or leave it. The builder of the house we wanted to buy originally said he'd take off \$5,000 then changed his mind. I don't blame him, I'd have done the same.

That's when the ultimatum was made — either the buyers meet us in the middle or the deal is off.

My cell phone just rang — the deal is off.

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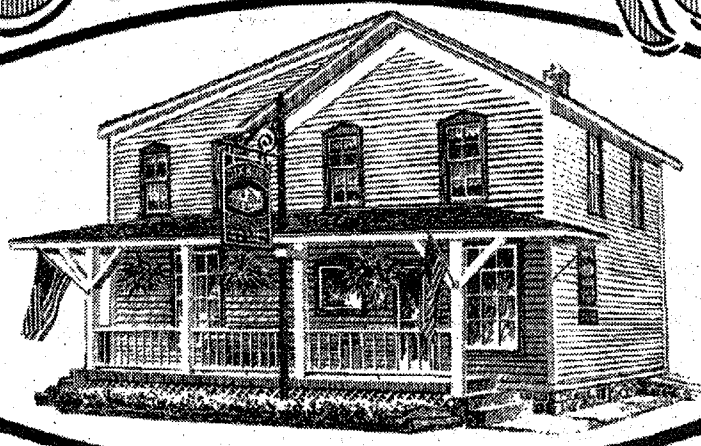


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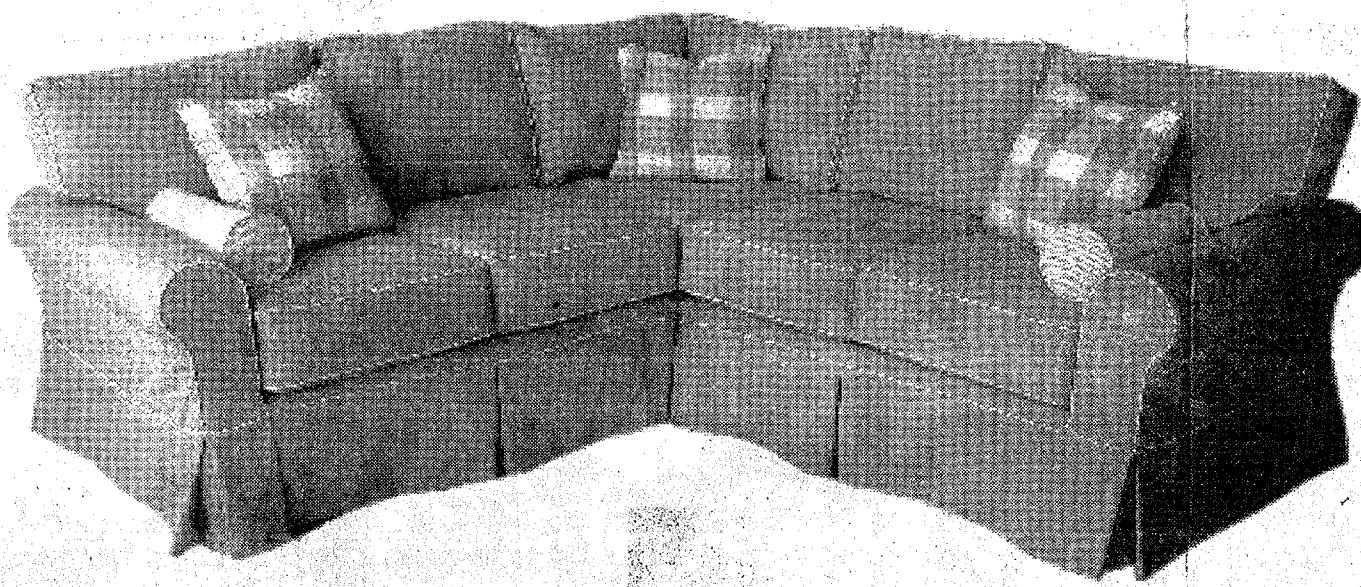
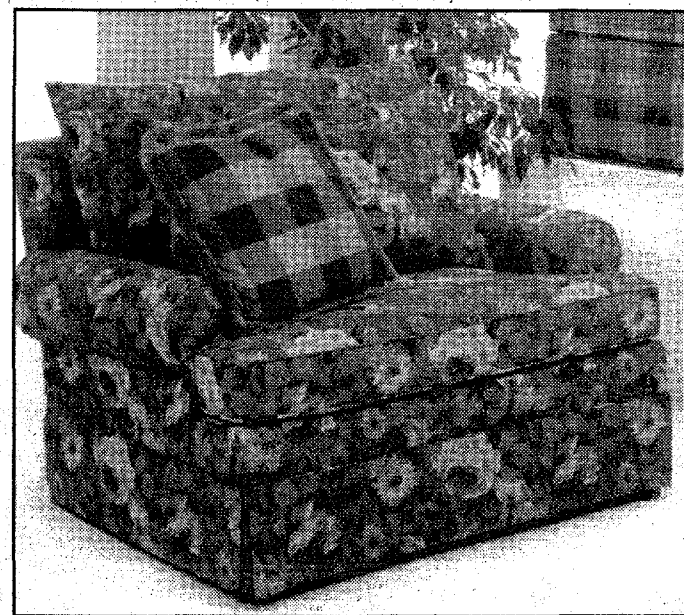
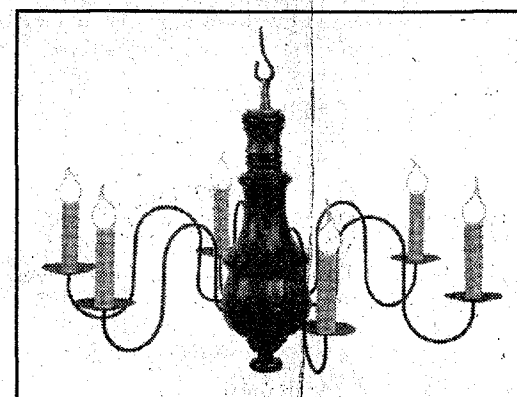
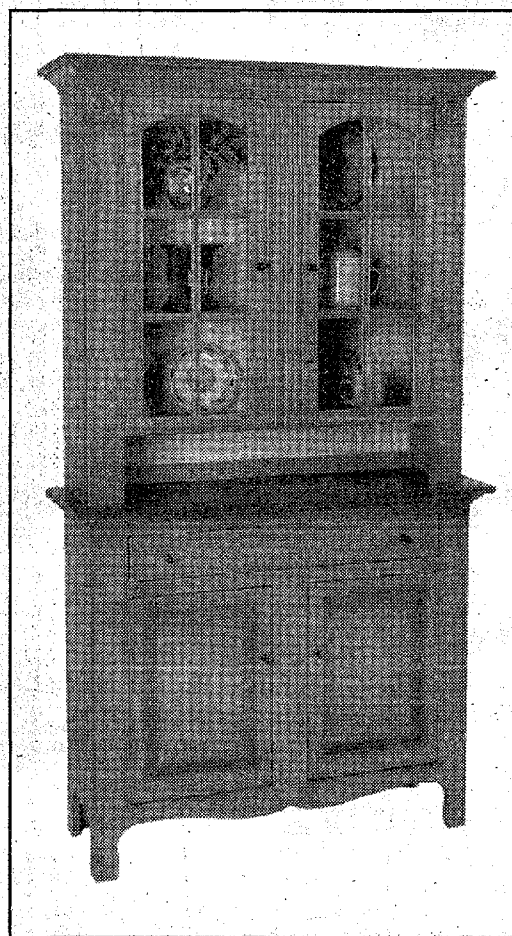
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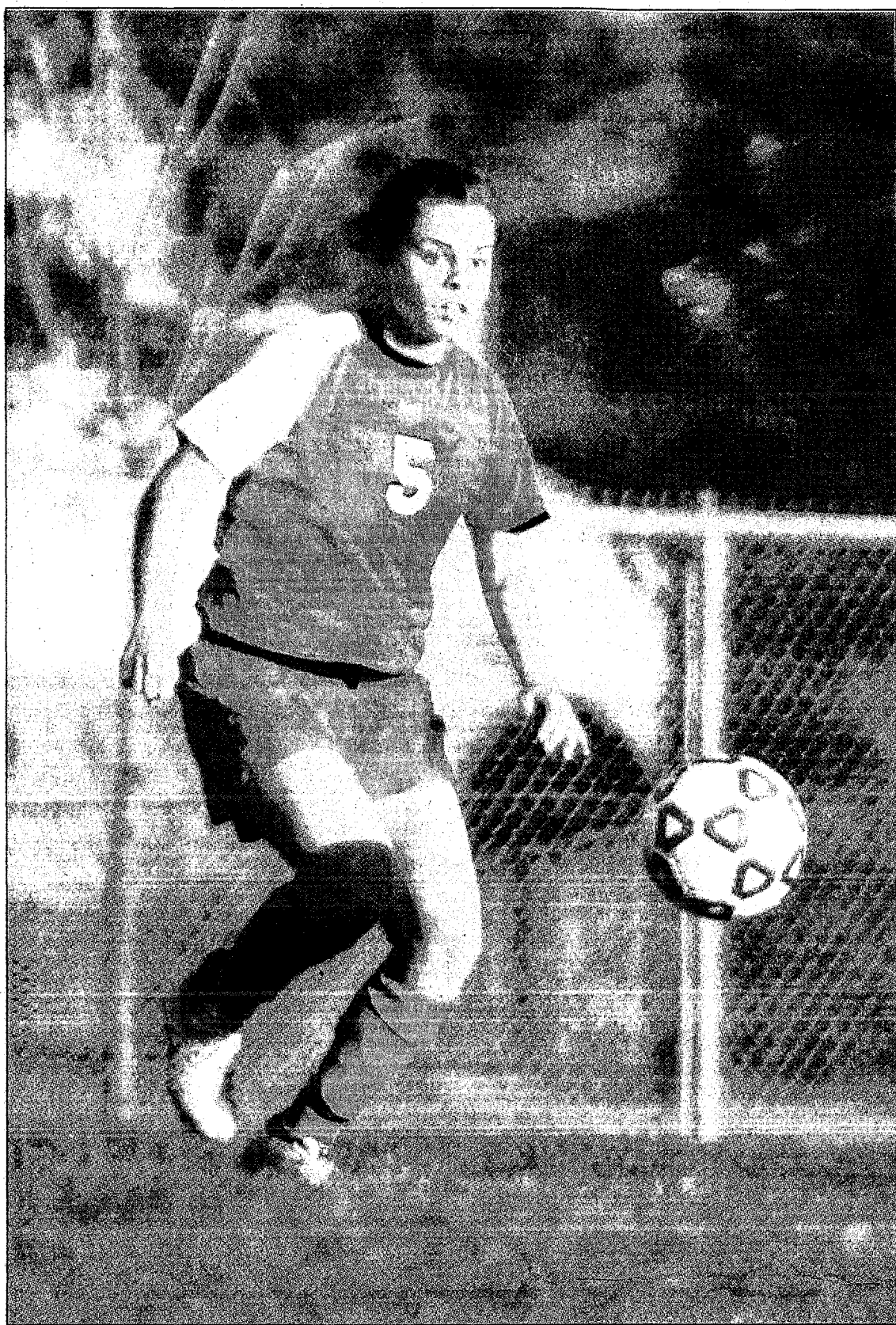
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Division 1 District Girls Soccer Final



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton senior Emily Baracy, pictured above in a game earlier this season, played superbly in the Chiefs' 1-0 setback to Ann Arbor Huron in Friday night's Division 1 District final contest at Wayne Memorial High School.

Deflated in OT River Rats edge Chiefs, 1-0, in District final nail-biter

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There was more than enough heart, desire, talent and 'goal'-den opportunities for Canton's girls soccer team Friday night.

Unfortunately, in the end, the Chiefs didn't quite have the late-game legs it took to upend Ann Arbor Huron in a Division 1 District final played at Wayne Memorial High School.

Playing in its third game in four unseasonably hot, muggy nights, Canton dropped a 1-0 overtime decision to the River Rats (15-2-2). The heart-breaking loss, which came when River Rat forward Emma List ripped a shot past Canton goalie Bree Bellovary with 7:01 remaining in the extra session, left the Chiefs' season-ending record at 12-5-3, but it didn't tarnish what turned out to be a sensational resurgent campaign for the once-struggling unit.

"It was really an amazing season for this team," reflected coach George Tomasso. "I thought both teams played very well, but toward the end of regulation and in the overtime, it seemed like we lost our legs a little bit. The fatigue was definitely a factor, but we had three unbelievable scoring opportunities earlier in the game that we couldn't quite convert. If we finish even one of those, it's a different game."

The Chiefs' most opportune chance to score came in the closing seconds of the first half when Tracy Rymph delivered a perfect centering pass to a streaking Megan Staub from the left wing. Staub made a slick move on a Huron defend-

er but was stoned by Huron goalie Taylor Dunn from close range.

"I knew this was going to be a close, low-scoring game because that's the way this district was set up," said Tomasso. "The first round game against Pioneer on Tuesday took a lot out of us, then we had to turn around and play Thursday and tonight. It's one of those cases where you just have to grind it out. I thought the girls did everything they could tonight except put the ball in the back of the net."

Canton was bolstered by incredible performances from Bellovary, defender Leslie Weisz, Becci Houdek and Hannah Mills, all of whom played a role in thwarting every Huron threat prior to List's game-winner.

Houdek sent a surge of electricity through the Canton cheering section when she secured the ball around mid-field and made a valiant 40-yard rush up through the River Rat defense. Her tough-angled shot from the right wing was deflected by Dunn and then nearly tipped in by Canton's Jessica McClendon.

The ball was on the Huron half of the field for roughly 80 percent of the game's final 20 minutes and the overtime.

Bellovary made 12 saves. Most were relatively routine, but some were testers that she ended up acing.

"I thought Emily Baracy played well, but, you know, the whole team played well," said Tomasso. "At the end, we just

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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 rmu@hometownlife.com.

The fee is \$60. 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.

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 use 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. For more information, call (734) 416-2940.

Wildcats Youth Skills Camp

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Skills Camp will be held June 25-27 from 5-7 p.m. on the varsity game turf field at the PCEP Park. This is a fundamentals camp for kids in grades 5th through 9th.

If interested, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com for a copy of the camp brochure. For more information, contact head coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696.

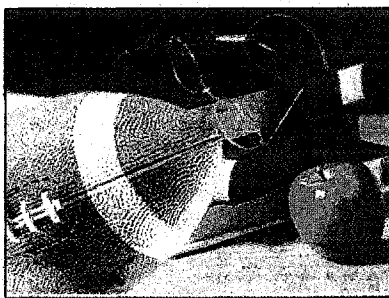
Maloney is leader both on, off field

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In her four years as a member of the Canton High School varsity soccer team, Maggie Maloney has enjoyed more than her share of goals, assists and just flat-out spectacular plays.

But none of the achievements has brought the personable senior more pride than a meeting she had with coach George Tomasso toward the end of the 2006 season.

"When George told me I was going to be a captain this year, it made me so proud because he thought that I had the potential to be a great leader," said Maloney, whose stellar career ended with the Chiefs' 1-0 loss to Ann Arbor Huron in a Division 1 District final. "I really enjoyed helping the team get through the ups and downs we had

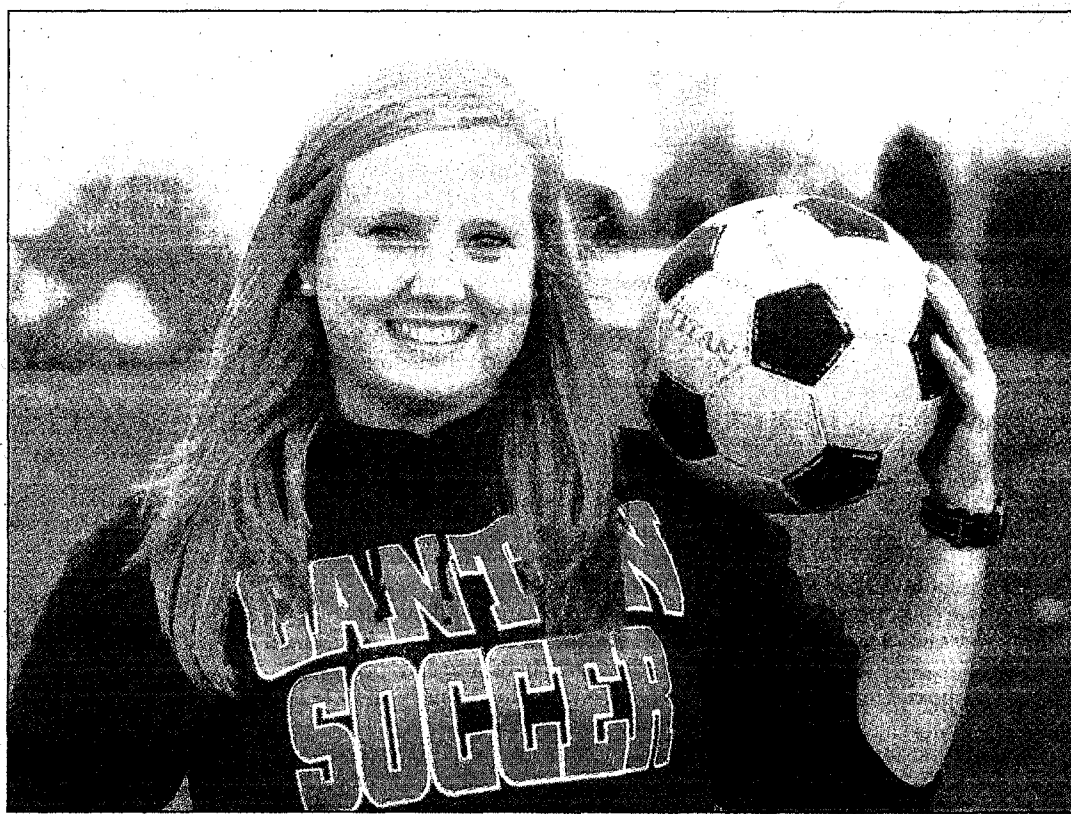


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this season.

"Probably the highlight of being a captain this year was a team meeting we had when we were struggling. We all sat down and opened it up to everybody. Some of the conversations we had were pretty awe-inspiring and we started playing better

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Four-year varsity player Maggie Maloney provided the Chiefs with a potent blend of leadership and on-the-field skills during her senior season.



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Tough way to finish

Salem's Katie Shull winds up for a long pass during a game earlier this season against Flint Powers. The Rocks' season ended Wednesday with a hard-fought, 1-0, Division 1 District semifinal loss to Northville.

Chief runners excel at elite meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Several members of Canton's boys track team warmed up for Saturday's Division 1 State Meet by turning in sizzling performances at Tuesday's Ann Arbor Meet of Champions.

The meet, an invitation-only event that draws the best track-and-field athletes from throughout Washtenaw and Wayne counties, was held at Ypsilanti High School and sponsored by the Ann Arbor Youth Track Club.

"They only invite the top eight athletes in each event from the entire area, so it's definitely an elite meet," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Our guys performed very well and set some very impressive PR's."

The Chiefs' lone first-place effort was turned

in by senior high jumper Eric Thornton, who tied his own school record with a leap of 6 feet, 8 inches. Also placing high in the field events were Nick Moores, who finished second in the shot put with a school-record throw of 54-1; pole-vaulter Chris McGinnis, whose 13-0 effort was good enough for second, just ahead of teammate Ryan Langdon's fourth-place showing of 12-6.

Placing in the running events for the Chiefs were the 3,200-meter relay team of Josh Godwin, Keith Zech, Marcus Sylvester and Brandon Tolinski, which was third in 8:46.1; Andrew Manuel, who was second in the 400 with a 50.6 and second in the 200 with a 23.1; 300-meter hurdler Tim Belcher, who was third in 40.6; and 200 runners Ocie Lewis (fourth in 24.0) and Ryan Randall (fifth in 24.1).

Fast goal ignites Canton soccer team's 6-1 triumph over Cougars

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

After bolting to a quick 1-0 lead Thursday night, Canton's girls soccer team made sure "GC" stood only for Garden City and not "Great Comeback."

The Chiefs advanced to Friday night's Division 1 District final against Ann Arbor Huron by routing the visiting Cougars, 6-1, to improve their record to 12-4-3. Garden City capped its season with a 7-7-4 record.

In a game played in muggy, hot conditions that were better-suited for watching soccer than playing it, Canton scored three minutes into the game on a 40-yard Hannah Mills' rainbow shot and never looked back. Canton led 2-0 at the break before dominating the final 40 minutes.

Mills' goal proved to be an omen for the overmatched Cougars, who advanced to the semis with an opening-round victory over Wayne Memorial on Tuesday. Mills' high, arcing shot was corralled for an instant by Garden City goalkeeper Stephanie Nichols, but it slipped through her hands and bounced slowly over the goal line.

"After that first goal, we moved a girl up and went with three defenders and that proved to hurt us because we got tired in the back," said GC coach Bill Tornii. "It was the last game, so we had to pull out all the stops to see what we could do."

Garden City's first quality shot didn't come until the 19:35 mark of the first half when Cara Braun's semi-hard bouncer from the right wing was cradled by Canton goalie

Bryanne Bellovary. GC freshman Marianne Lewallen put her team on the board with a goal from senior Katie Hearn with 10:46 to play.

Katie Raker halted the Cougars' momentum less than a minute later when she scored an unassisted goal to make it 5-1. Jessica Trost capped the scoring with 6:12 remaining.

Tornii said the future is bright for his young squad. "We had a lot of ninth and 10th-graders playing up this year, so it was almost like having a junior varsity team playing on varsity," he said. "We had four seniors and three juniors, but most of the team was younger, and I'm sure they learned a lot from the experience they got this year."

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kind of ran out of gas and our motions were a little slower."

Tomasso said his team's early-season performance competed to its second-half showing was like night and day.

"We lost to Northville, 4-0, then came back to beat them 2-1 later on," he said. "We lost to Pioneer, 4-0, then beat them 2-1 early this week. The girls really stepped it up as the season went on."

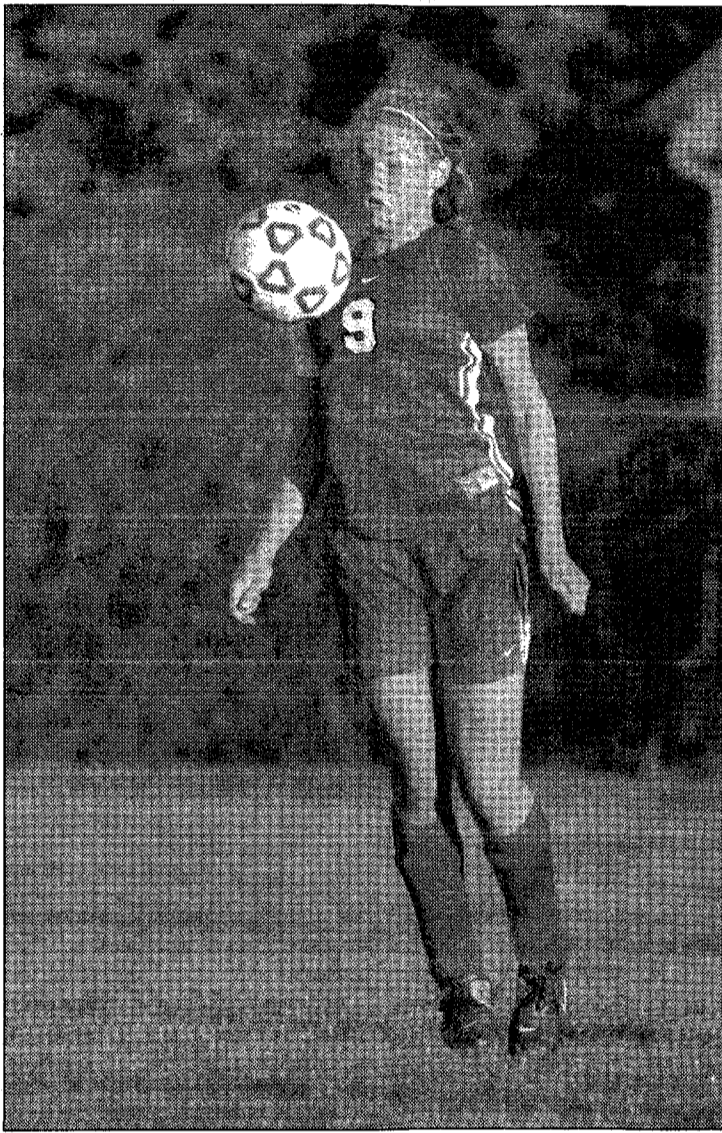
The loss capped the high school careers of a quartet of Chiefs seniors: Maggie Maloney, Houdek, Baracy and Kari Oliver. Tomasso said they'll all be missed, especially his two four-year varsity players Maloney and Houdek.

"It was such a pleasure coaching both of those girls for four years," he said. "They both gave so much to this program and they're going to be missed."

"But we're only losing four seniors, so I have high hopes for the future and I'm already looking forward to next season."

Canton should be a threat for years to come considering five of their top contributors from this year's team — Rymph, Weisz, Thomas, Lisa Pierce and Megan Staub — are sophomores and McClendon is a freshman.

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ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton sophomore Tracy Rymph, pictured in a game earlier this season, turned in a stellar performance in the Chiefs' 1-0 overtime loss to Ann Arbor Huron Friday night at Wayne Memorial in a Division 1 District final contest.

MALONEY

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after that."

"Maggie always provides the team with a strong voice of reason," said Tomasso, alluding to her leadership skills. "She's a great mediator who helps the team work out problems and get along."

Despite the fact she's battled a knee injury throughout much of this season, Maloney has played the only way she knows how — in high gear.

"Maggie has worked so hard through her injuries and the adversities that have come along with it," said Tomasso. "She's one of our hardest workers and plays with so much heart. She has a lot of ability, too, which is why she's been on the varsity for four years. She's scored some big goals for us in tough situations this year."

Maloney's on-the-field highlight came in the Chiefs' first meeting against cross-town rival Plymouth.

"I scored a goal in the second half that helped us tie it 2-2," she remembered. "It was from outside the box and I hit it into the upper 90 of the net. That was pretty exciting."

The name Maloney has graced the Canton girls soccer rosters for the past eight years. Maggie's

older sister, Mary, capped a notable four-year career with the Chiefs just prior to her younger sister's arrival.

"When I was younger, Mary spent a lot of time teaching me how to do throw-ins properly, pretty much everything about the sport. She just finished playing her final season for the club team at Western Michigan University."

Soccer is a fixture in the Maloney household. Her older brother Casey played when he was younger and her father, John, still competes in adult leagues.

"I probably learned the most about the sport from my dad," Maloney said. "He was the one that motivated me to play and he and my mom, Lisa, attend all my games."

Maloney's successful career on the pitch was launched at the tender age of 4 when she learned the game's formalities playing for a recreation team. By the time she was 9 years old, the multi-skilled fourth-grader was playing for elite travel teams.

"I played up in age groups with older girls growing up," she said. "That helped because I learned a lot from their experience."

It was very beneficial when her strong play earned her a promotion from the junior varsity squad to the varsity just four games into her freshman season.

"When I got moved up, I wasn't real intimidated or nervous because I'd been playing with older girls most of my career," she said.

Maloney said she is drawn to the sport by its uniqueness.

"I love soccer because it's so different than a lot of the other sports," she said. "For one thing, you can only use your feet, plus you have to be in peak physical condition to play. Playing midfield, I'd guess I probably run close to two miles every game. I'm usually exhausted when the game's is over, but it's a good exhaustion."

Maloney plans to follow her sister's path to Western Michigan, where she plans on trying out for the Broncos' club team just like Mary.

"There's a lot about high school soccer I'm going to miss, especially the camaraderie between the girls on the team," said Maloney, who's crafted a solid 3.2 grade-point average. "I've become so close with my teammates and we're good friends. I've known some of them since third grade, so it's going to be tough to say goodbye."

"I still remember bits and pieces of our first practice four years ago. It's hard to think it's almost over."

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BOYS TRACK BESTS

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK BESTS

SHOT PUT
Nick Moores (Canton) 54-6
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 50-4
Adam Goring (Wayne) 50-2
Jon Robinson (Churchill) 49-6
Alex Edwards (Lutheran Westland) 47-11.5
Steve Paye (Canton) 46-1
Kevin Wengert (Franklin) 45-11
Mike Wood (Franklin) 45-7
Vernon Bryan (Wayne) 45-4
Matt Broome (Stevenson) 44-11.5

DISCUS
Steve Paye (Canton) 153-8
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 150-6
Nick Moores (Canton) 147-10
Mike Wood (Franklin) 141-8
Matt Broome (Stevenson) 141-7
Jon Robinson (Churchill) 139-4
Robert Pennywitt (RU) 139-3
Thomas Myers (Churchill) 138-6
Gerald Lou (Plymouth) 138-1
Zach Bozajian (John Glenn) 134-0

HIGH JUMP
Eric Thornton (Canton) 6-8
Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6-4
Jace Beardon (Salem) 6-4
Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 6-3
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 6-3
Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 6-2
Justin Floyd (RU) 6-2
Ross Davis (Salem) 6-0
Patrick York (Stevenson) 6-0
Marvin Whitaker (Plymouth) 5-11

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
Jace Beardon (Salem) 20-5
Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 20-3
Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 20-2.25
Nate Sergison (Stevenson) 20-1
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 20-0.5

POLE VAULT
Derik Peterman (Churchill) 14-0
Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 14-0
Joe Tessner (Churchill) 13-9
Brandon Larsen (Garden City) 13-7
Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 13-6
Ryan Langdon (Canton) 13-0
Chris McGinnis (Canton) 13-0
Brian Rakovitis (Canton) 12-6
Joe Massel (Salem) 12-1
J.P. Trussdell (Salem) 12-0

110-METER HURDLES

Baze Efremov (Salem) 14.4

300 HURDLES

Myles White (Stevenson) 39.2
Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 39.2
Tim Belcher (Canton) 39.6
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 39.6
Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 40.4
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 40.5
Baze Efremov (Salem) 40.5
Rico Walker (RU) 40.9
Sherif Hassainien (Canton) 41.4
Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 41.5
Kyle Ramthun (Luth. Westland) 41.6

100 DASH

Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 10.6
Larry Dawkins (John Glenn) 10.6
Steve Eideh (Stevenson) 10.8
Casey Wolfe (Wayne) 10.9
JaJuan Marks (John Glenn) 11.0
Mike Schatz (Luth. Westland) 11.0
Janerian Caldwell (Plymouth) 11.1
Daran Carey (Churchill) 11.1
Megal Crowe (Wayne) 11.1
John Stewart (Clarenceville) 11.1

200

Larry Dawkins (John Glenn) 22.1
David St. Amant (Churchill) 22.5
Andrew Manual (Canton) 22.5
John Stewart (Clarenceville) 22.5
Dan Cragel (Stevenson) 22.5
Megal Crowe (Wayne) 22.6
Josh Palka (Luth. Westland) 22.7
Steve Eideh (Stevenson) 22.9
Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 23.0
Nate Sergison (Stevenson) 23.0
Casey Wolfe (Wayne) 23.0
Darell Myree (Franklin) 23.0

400

David St. Amant (Churchill) 49.4
John Stewart (Clarenceville) 49.5
Dan Cragel (Stevenson) 50.2
Andrew Manual (Canton) 50.2
Josh Palka (Luth. Westland) 51.0
Curtis Jackson (John Glenn) 51.1
Megal Crowe (Wayne) 51.2
Derek Buskey (Stevenson) 51.3
Kevin Cope (Salem) 51.3
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 51.4
Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 51.5

800

David St. Amant (Churchill) 2:19.1
Sara Kroll (Churchill) 2:23.5
Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 2:24.9
Allison Milican (Franklin) 2:26.2
Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 2:26.2
Katie Glynn (Stevenson) 2:26.5
Senneca Scott (Franklin) 2:28.3
Lindsay Graciak (Churchill) 2:28.5
Erica Hope (Churchill) 2:29.1
Ashley Miracle (RU) 2:32.0

GIRLS TRACK BESTS

OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK BESTS

SHOT PUT
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 40-9
Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 40-7.5
Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 39-5.5
Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 36-9
Brigid Molloy (Ladywood) 35-3.5
Ashley Price (Franklin) 34-7
Olivia Rork (Luth. Westland) 34-6.25
Ryan Anderson (John Glenn) 34-4
Chrystien Guyton (Plymouth) 34-3.5
Becca Bartek (Stevenson) 34-1

DISCUS
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 139-0
Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 124-0
Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 123-10
Kailee Hobbins (Churchill) 113-8
Brigid Molloy (Ladywood) 110-11
Becca Bartek (Stevenson) 99-11
Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 99-9
Maame Adomako (Stevenson) 99-1
Kristen Becker (Garden City) 98-11
Becca Refenes (Luth. Westland) 98-9

HIGH JUMP

Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5-6
Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 5-3
Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 5-2
Shaakira Haywood (Plymouth) 5-2
Jackie Griebek (Churchill) 5-1
Kathryn Berger (Ladywood) 5-1
Megan Matheny (Canton) 5-0
Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4-11
Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 4-11
Kara Piorowski (Stevenson) 4-10
Cierra Yetts (Churchill) 4-10
Kayla Jones (Thurston) 4-10

LONG JUMP

Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 17-4
Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth) 17-0.5
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 16-8.25
Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 16-6.75
Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 15-11.25
Jill Morton (Churchill) 15-11
Kristin Zgorecki (RU) 15-7
Jessica McDougall (RU) 15-7
Allie Plisko (Stevenson) 15-7
Jackie Griebek (Churchill) 15-6.25

POLE VAULT

Maria Winkler (Stevenson) 11-0
Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 11-0
Eren Ural (Churchill) 10-1
Meghan Powers (Franklin) 9-10
Beah Knisely (Plymouth) 9-0
Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson) 9-0
Jamie Marhugh (Churchill) 9-0
Alexa VanVleet (Salem) 8-6
Alicia DiMauro (Churchill) 8-3
Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 8-3

100-METER HURDLES

Mandy Manus (Plymouth) 15.0
Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 15.3
Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 15.4
Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 16.0
Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16.1
Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 16.2
Jackie Griebek (Churchill) 16.4
Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 16.5
Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill) 16.7
Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 16.7

300 HURDLES

Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 46.2
Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 46.5
Casey Lynett (Franklin) 47.7
Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 48.4
Jenae Bahoura (Ladywood) 49.0
Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 49.1
Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 49.2
Christine Armstrong (Stevenson) 49.9
Mandy Manus (Plymouth) 50.5
Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 51.1

100 DASH

Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 12.3
Julie Hersey (Plymouth) 12.5
Lauren Schewecke (Luth. Westland) 12.5
Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 12.6
Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 12.8
Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 12.8
Paige Regular (Salem) 12.9
Jill Morton (Plymouth) 12.9
Sarah LaBerge (Churchill) 13.0
Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth) 13.0
Jade Mays (RU) 13.0

200

Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 25.4
Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 26.9
Sarah LaBerge (Churchill) 26.9
Lakeysa Smith (John Glenn) 27.1
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 27.1
Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 27.1
Ashley Banks (Canton) 27.2
Lauren Schewecke (Luth. Westland) 27.3
Monica Hardy (Franklin) 27.4
Nastassia Goines (Wayne) 27.4

400

Brittany Mrozek (Stevenson) 1:00.0
Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 1:00.2
Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 1:01.0
Ashley Butkowski (Franklin) 1:01.4
Nicole Thornsberry (Churchill) 1:01.9
Beth Swanberg (Canton) 1:02.3
Senneca Scott (Franklin) 1:02.4
Denese Meier (Stevenson) 1:03.0
Caitlin Heaney (Salem) 1:03.1
Liz Buttery (Churchill) 1:03.2
Samar Aoude (Churchill) 1:03.2

800

Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 2:19.1
Sara Kroll (Churchill) 2:23.5
Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 2:24.9
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Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 2:26.2
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Senneca Scott (Franklin) 2:28.3
Lindsay Graciak (Churchill) 2:28.5
Erica Hope (Churchill) 2:29.1
Ashley Miracle (RU) 2:32.0

1,600

Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 4:26.7
Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 4:29.5
Anthony Scarpato (Plymouth) 4:35.1
Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 4:35.7
Brian Robertson (Churchill) 4:36.9
Spencer Lyle (Luth. Westland) 4:37.7
Evan Sirena (Franklin) 4:37.8
Rob Curtis (Salem) 4:37.9
Brian Chambers (Garden City) 4:37.9
Eric Zech (Canton) 4:38.2

3,200

Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 9:49.6
Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 9:54.6
Kevin deBear (Salem) 9:59.1
Rob Curtis (Salem) 10:03.7
Craig Cowing (Salem) 10:05.6
Mike Schatz (Luth. Westland) 10:09.1
Joe Varilone (Churchill) 10:09.1
Evan Sirena (Franklin) 10:11.6
Derek Lax (Plymouth) 10:14.0
Paul Folk (Churchill) 10:28.6
Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 10:29.4

400 RELAY

Westland John Glenn 43.5
Livonia Stevenson 43.8
Plymouth 43.8
Livonia Franklin 44.7
Livonia Churchill 44.8

800 RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:29.5
Livonia Churchill 1:30.0
Westland John Glenn 1:31.4
Lutheran Westland 1:32.7
Livonia Franklin 1:32.8

1,600 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 3:21.8
Livonia Stevenson 3:26.9
Wayne Memorial 3:30.1
Canton 3:30.4
Salem 3:31.0

3,200 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 8:07.6
Plymouth 8:09.8
Livonia Stevenson 8:11.0
Canton 8:24.1
Lutheran Westland 8:33.3

Toney stuns Churchill, 1-0

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It was almost LeBron James-like, as if the Red Sea had parted.

Sarah Stern took the opening kick of the second 15-minute overtime and found a wide-open Danielle Toney streaking up the middle of the field.

The Penn State recruit did the rest as the Mustangs took just 12 seconds to score the game-winning goal Friday to beat host Livonia Churchill, 1-0, for the Division 1 district girls soccer championship.

Northville, now 14-3-3 overall, advances to this week's Saline regional to play the Ann Arbor Huron, 15-2-2.

The Mustangs, who lost to Churchill just nine days earlier in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, 1-0, carried the play much of the second half and into the first overtime.

But once again Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Stefanie Turner (eight saves)

was up to the challenge, robbing the speedy Toney of a point-blank attempt midway through the second half.

The sudden-victory goal, however, seemed almost like a play that was diagrammed following the two-minute break between OT periods.

"Usually when I take the kickoff I mess it up and it gets intercepted," said Toney, a senior captain. "We work on set pieces, but nothing off the kickoff."

"I called for it and she (Stern) played a perfect ball. She saw that I was open and I was able to find a gap in their defense."

Stern had some big assists, but none bigger this season than the pass to Toney.

"It just worked out perfectly," said the junior. "We've been player together for two years and I always know where she is. I could hear her calling for it. She deserved that one."

It was a tough loss, meanwhile, for Churchill, which ends its season at 15-3-3.

"Stern and Toney are two

great players, they did their business when they needed to," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We were a little gassed the second half and in the first overtime. Our legs got tired and we paid for it."

"The first 20 minutes (of the match) we were all over them. It's the best we've played all season. But when the overtime came we were already dead. We got in and sat back. We didn't play our game the last 40 minutes."

With 20 of 22 players back next season, including all 11 starters, the future appears to be bright for the Chargers.

"Turner was outstanding, she made that big save on Toney," Hebestreit said. "And I thought Kayla Johnston had a real good game in the back. It was a learning experience for us. We're two evenly matched teams. We went 1-1-1 against Northville and goal differential was 1-1 (including a 0-0 tie in the season opener)."

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Ignition ink Pulisic to 2-year extension

The Detroit Ignition and head coach Mark Pulisic have agreed to a two-year contract extension which will keep the Long Island native behind the team's bench through the 2008-09 season, Ignition President Greg Bibb announced Thursday. Pulisic, who received Major Indoor Soccer League Coach of the Year honors during the 2006-07 season, led the Ignition to a League-best 18-12 record and an appearance in the MISL Championship Series Final during the club's inaugural campaign. As per club policy, terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"We are thrilled to offer Mark this well deserved contract extension," Bibb stated. "He has proven to be an outstanding coach in the Major Indoor Soccer League. By securing his services for the next few years, we are able to provide stability to our team operations as well as our soc-

cer camp and clinic business. We look forward to working with Mark to continue to improve our team as we move toward the 2007-08 season and beyond."

A three-time 100-point scorer during his eight year indoor playing career (1991-99) with the now-defunct Harrisburg Heat, Pulisic became a fan-favorite for his blue collar playing style that helped him become one of the most affective target players in the game. Pulisic's 296 goals and 689 points solidified him as the Heat's all-time leading scorer at the time of his retirement, earning him a spot in the club's Hall of Fame.

"I am excited for the opportunity to make another run at a championship next season," Pulisic said. "Returning as head coach of the Ignition will give me an opportunity to build a strong foundation with both our players and the community. Professional indoor



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Detroit Ignition recently signed head coach Mark Pulisic to a two-year contract extension.

soccer in Southeast Michigan has proven to be a viable product and I am very proud to be a part of the sport's continued growth and development."

The Detroit Ignition is a member club of the Major Indoor Soccer League and finished the team's inaugural 2006-07 season with a League-best 18-12 record.

Information regarding Ignition season, group, and individual tickets can be obtained by calling the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625), by visiting the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com, by calling TicketMaster at 248-645-6666, or by using www.ticketmaster.com.



Hard work pays off

Plymouth High School senior Brittany Hengesh signed a letter of intent recently to play for Olivet Nazarene (Ind.) University's soccer team. Hengesh was a standout two-sport athlete for the Wildcats. Pictured (clockwise from lower left) are Hengesh, Plymouth soccer coach Jeff Neschich, Ed Hengesh (Brittany's dad) and Jennifer Hengesh (Brittany's mom).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PLYMOUTH HIGH

FOOTBALL NEWS

There will be an informational meeting for parents of student-athletes who are planning on playing football at Plymouth High School in the fall of 2007.

The meeting will be held June 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School cafeteria. All paperwork, calendars and important information will be provided for the upcoming 2007 season.

A question-and-answer session will be offered as well.

Those who will not be able to attend should contact head coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 to receive the paperwork.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com.

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.

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 salemfootball.net. Forms should be mailed to: Salem High School, Attention: Parker Salowich II, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48170.

For more information, send an e-mail to: salemrocksfootball@yahoo.com.

RUNNING CLUB

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road Runners running organization.

All levels are welcome.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Northville's Hillside Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile, and at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays at the Eight Mile Road entrance to Maybury State Park.

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6 miles.

For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer.com or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

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FOOTBALL CAMP

The third annual Detroit Lions Summer Youth Football Camp will be held July 5-8 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day and is open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14 years old.

The \$159 camp fee includes:

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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.

For more information, contact Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

BY BRAD EMONS

STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Collegiate Baseball League is down to four teams, but the 20-and-under Michigan Rams remain a fixture.

Rams manager Rick Berryman, who doubles as Livonia Stevenson High's varsity coach, will be gunning for his fifth consecutive trip to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The other three remaining teams include the Michigan Bulls, coached by former Detroit Lion guard Frank Gallagher; the Oakland Cubs, coached by Dan Grassley; and the Detroit Eagles, coached by Darren Mosley.

In 2006, the Rams made an early exit from the AAABA Nationals, losing two consecutive one-run, extra-inning games. In

2004 and 2005, the Rams finished 3-2 each tourney to finish fourth. The 2003 team lost to New Orleans in the regional finals and took third in the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series in 2002.

The Rams are the only team to have beaten three-time defending AAABA championship Baltimore (2004 and 2005).

This year's squad features Madonna University pitcher Joe Kennedy, Wayne Memorial High grad Justin Collop, who just finished his freshman year at the University of Toledo; Wayne native Erik Vojtkofsky, a Catholic Central High product now playing for Spring Arbor College; and Garden City's Ryan Shay, a Dearborn Divine Child High grad now at Bowling Green State (Ohio).

Rounding out the pitching

staff is Shane McCatty (Grand Rapids CC), Sam Yashinsky (Michigan), Ryan Gunderson (Albion College), Justin Mazur (Wayne State) and Mike Kaiser (Aquinas College).

Vojtkofsky, Mike Wiseman (Wayne State) and Tommy Jablonski (Oakland University) will handle the catching duties.

Infielders include Kyle Gendron (Western Michigan), Andrew Stafford (OU), Frank Persichino (Macomb CC), Max Kelmigian (Western Michigan), Shay and Kaiser.

Outfielders include Kyle Hurtt (Michigan State), Mike Kittle (Michigan), Drew Churchward (Wayne State) and Nick Urban (Michigan)

Rams lose opener

The Rams opened their 2007 schedule Wednesday in the wooden bat league with a 3-1 loss

to the 22-and-under Oakland Cubs.

Wayne Memorial High grad Justin Collop, who just finished his freshman year at the University of Toledo, was the losing pitcher. He allowed two runs on four hits and three walks in five innings. He fanned eight. Sam Yashinsky (Michigan) pitched the final inning in relief.

Raoul Torres, the winning pitcher, went 6.1 innings, allowing just one hit. He struck out 10 and walked six. Reliever Tom Chancy went the final two-thirds of an inning to pick up the save.

Ryan Shay (Bowling Green State) had the lone hit for the Rams, while Mike Wiseman (Wayne State) scored the only run.

Matt Nickels had two RBI for the Cubs. Tony Fazi also knocked in a run, while Tim McEvoy went 2-for-2.

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE

BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 3

at Livonia's Ford Field
Mich. Bulls vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon.
Mich. Rams vs. Oak. Cubs (2), 5 p.m.

Monday, June 4

at Livonia's Ford Field
Oak. Cubs vs. Mich. Bulls, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6

at Livonia's Ford Field
Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Rams, 5:45 p.m.
Oak. Cubs vs. Mich. Bulls, 8:15 p.m.

Friday, June 8

at Livonia's Ford Field
Mich. Bulls vs. Oak. Cubs, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, June 10

at MU's Iltich Ballpark
Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams (2), noon.

at Southfield-Lathrup H.S.

Det. Eagles vs. Oak. Cubs (2), noon.

WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, June 9

Det. Demolition vs. Iowa Crush
at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7 p.m.

Det. Predators vs. Chicago Force
at Livonia Franklin H.S., 7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Sunday, June 3

Mich. Bucks at Toronto Lynx, 6 p.m.

Friday, June 8

Mich. Bucks at Cleveland Int., 7 p.m.

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Thursday, June 14

Michigan Hawks vs. West Michigan
at Livonia Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

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Shining Stars

The PC Pride Stars 10U girls softball team defeated the Toledo Wizards, 6-0, in the championship game to win the 2007 Tecumseh Tomahawks Spring Fever Tournament. The achievement qualified the Pride Stars for the Fast Pitch World Series at Disney World in July. Pictured (front row from left) are Paige Aresco, MacKenzie Nieto, Abby Lemerise, Tori Kiers, Kristi Zink, (second row from left) Annie McDougall, Emily Marcero, Kendall Richter, Elizabeth Yager, Brooke Senkbeil, (back row from left) are coaches Dave Senkbeil and Jeff Marcero. Not pictured are Lauren Hayes, Emma Nowak and Eric Yager (assistant coach).



Cards fly to first-place title

The U9 Canton Cardinals travel baseball teams, coached by Dan Hejka, captured the 2007 Northville Early Bird Tournament on Sunday, May 13. The Cardinals went 2-1 in pool play and beat the Novi Heat, 9-7, in the finals. Pictured (front row from left) are Cameron Stella, Connor Wherrett, Trevor McManus, Evan Claggett, Andrew Hejka, (second row from left) Aaron Madseen, Kevin Anthony, Seth Hubbard, Mike Groff, Andrew Jossey, Brett Lee (back row from left) are coaches Dave Madsen, Dan Hejka, Kurt Anthony, Mike Groff, Sr., and Bob Lee.

Belleville pitcher goes above and beyond in win

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

As hard to fathom as it might seem on a hot-and-muggy day, Belleville sophomore pitcher Samantha Cole turned up the heat Friday against Westland John Glenn.

Cole struck out 22 Rockets, but she found herself embroiled in a scoreless pitcher's duel with John Glenn sophomore pitcher Brittany Holbrook in the Division 1 district softball semifinal at Wayne Memorial.

Finally, a bad-luck bounce on a bunt near home plate opened the floodgates for a four-run Belleville rally in the top of the 10th and that was all Cole and the Tigers (21-7) needed to win the contest, 4-0.

The Rockets, coming off their lone win of the season in Tuesday's district quarterfinal against the host Zebras, had very few opportunities against Cole.

She gave up singles to freshman Lauren Baker, and sophomore Stacey Truskowski and a double by freshman Amanda Caudrill, but her teammates were unable to break through against Holbrook, either.

"She's incredible," John Glenn coach Julie Rogers said about Holbrook, who made two outstanding fielding plays to stem the Belleville tide. "She's our rock, she stays focused."

Holbrook gave up just nine hits, five of them coming in the deciding inning.

One after one the scoreless innings continued. But the scoring drought finally ended in the Belleville 10th, which opened with a double by junior Danielle Stabnau.

One out later came the key play.

Junior Wendy Morton attempted to bunt, and it hit the ground in front of Glenn junior catcher Joye Clenney only to take a crazy spin off her glove into foul territory, enabling Morton to reach base safely.

A bunt single by junior Lacey Marcotte scored Stabnau and a second run came in on a late throw. Cole helped her cause later in the inning with a two-run single up the middle.

That proved to be more than enough for Cole, who baffled John Glenn (1-23)

batters all day with electric stuff.

"We didn't make good decisions in our batting, about what to swing at," lamented Rogers. "But yeah, she (Cole) is a great pitcher."

Belleville went on to nip Garden City, 6-4, in the district final. The Cougars had mercied Romulus, 11-0, in a five-inning semifinal behind junior pitcher Hallie Minch's no-hitter.

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By Darshan Grewal
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Members of the Plymouth Whalers organization pose with the 2006-07 trophies that they won this past season at last week's team banquet.

Champ Plymouth Whalers honor those who excelled

The 2007 Ontario Hockey League Champion Whalers concluded its' memorable 2006-07 season with a banquet held Wednesday evening at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The following players received awards:

REGULAR SEASON MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - Tom Sestito - A draft choice of the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets (and who has been signed), Sestito led Plymouth with 42 goals and added 22 assists for 64 points in 60 games.

REGULAR SEASON LEADING SCORER - Evan Brophrey - A Chicago Blackhawks draft who recently signed with the 'Hawks, Brophrey scored 36 goals with 71 assists for 107 points while playing in all 68

regular season games.

DEFENSEMAN of the YEAR, HUMANITARIAN of the YEAR - Steve Ward - veteran defenseman played in exactly 200 games over three seasons for Plymouth and was an integral part of the team's success. Ward was also very active in the team's Community Relations efforts in the area and was nominated for the Ontario Hockey League's Dan Snyder Humanitarian Award.

ROOKIE of the YEAR - Michal Neuvirth - A draft choice of the Washington Capitals, Neuvirth led the league with a 2.32 goals against average and .932 save percentage and shared the OHL's Dave Pinkney Award with fellow goaltenders Jeremy Smith for the OHL's best team defense.

LABATT BLUE COLLAR

PLAYER of the YEAR - Jared Boll - Signed by the Columbus Blue Jackets, Boll scored 28 goals with 27 assists for 55 points and 198 PIM's this season. Plymouth fans love Boll's grit, work ethic and never-say-die attitude on the ice.

UNSUNG PLAYER of the YEAR - Zack Shepley - A stay-at-home defenseman was often paired with Brett Bellemore to form an effective duo against all the top scoring lines in the OHL.

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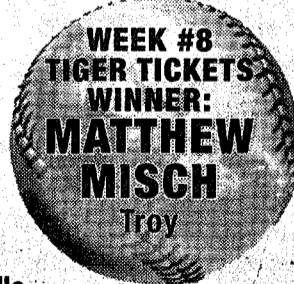
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Playing it safe

Keeping kids healthy at camp

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to camp, Dr. Edward Walton never grew up. The University of Michigan Health System physician loves the experience so much he returns as camp doctor for the Bellknapp YMCA in New Hampshire this summer.

Walton began studying camp health 18 years ago to make participating in outdoor activities as enjoyable for today's kids as it was for him from age 11 to his second year as a medical student. Walton doesn't want to panic parents, but he is advising them to play it safe when choosing a day or away camp.

Walton stands by the American Academy of Pediatrics health guidelines for day and resident camps of which he was the lead author in 2005. It states all camps should have written health policies that have been reviewed and approved by a physician, preferably a pediatrician or family physician.

CHECK IT OUT

"It's very important to check out any camp parents are considering sending their kids too," said Walton, a clinical assistant professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School. Walton works as a physician in the pediatric and adult emergency departments of the U-M Health System. "I always think it's a good idea to talk to the camp director, what their planning has been in regards to health care, for day camps what kind of training in first aid or CPR. Have they made contact with the local ER or physicians, talked to ambulance service so the ambulance knows where to go? Has the camp done their homework?"

Parents should make sure the camp can handle illnesses and conditions that typically strike kids (sore throat, insect bites, poison ivy) as well as chronic medical problems such as diabetes, allergy and asthma which require immediate access to treatment. Parents should also provide the camp with information on a child's attention deficit or behavioral problems.

Kay Renny recommends children ages 11 and up receive a meningitis vaccination and tetanus booster before leaving for camp. Her three sons, ages 12 to 15, received both vaccines ahead of time so Renny says she



feels pretty safe sending them off to camp this summer. Meningitis presents quickly causing high fever, headache, exhaustion, a sore throat, nausea and vomiting, sensitivity to light, rash, a stiff neck, and death so it's important to seek emergency medical treatment immediately.

"Parents should check out the camp, but more importantly they need to talk to their son or daughter to protect themselves against meningitis or other communicable diseases," said Renny, an R.N. and manager of community programs for the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan. "Entering middle school they start getting into group activities, start sharing drinking cups, bottles. They should be washing their hands, avoid sharing eating utensils, water bottles, girls sharing lip gloss. If they have to cough or sneeze, cough into the elbow. It's all the things we say about flu."

KEEPING CLEAN

Personal hygiene helps kids stay healthy as well. "It's always a great idea where there are people together for people to wash their hands a lot," said Walton, "and to send their kids with a bottle of hand sanitizer and to teach them how to use it before meals and after they use the bathroom."

And don't wait until a child steps on a rusty nail to make an appointment for a tetanus booster. Renny said, "most people think of it as the rusty nail disease

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Father's Day brunch to raise funds for Michigan Jazz Festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis is especially looking forward to this year's Father's Day Brunch to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival on July 15, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Every Father's Day the festival's committee presents the best in jazz together with a gourmet brunch prepared by the college's Food Service under the direction of Tom Savage. This year's event features a tribute to legendary jazz pianist Oscar Peterson, from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 17, in the VisTaTech Center on campus at 18600 Haggerty, south of Seven Mile. The program features the Richko-Keller-Siers Trio performing music from their new CD *To Oscar, With Love: A Tribute to Oscar Peterson*.

Tickets are \$25 and include the gourmet brunch served from noon to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the 13th annual Michigan Jazz Festival which is free thanks to sponsors and fund-raisers like the brunch.

For tickets to the Father's Day Brunch, call (248) 474-2720. Tickets will be available until June 12, or until sold out.

"The group is a tribute to Oscar Peterson and it's kind of wonderful," said Midge Ellis of Livonia. "Steve Richko (the trio's pianist) has written a tune for Oscar and he's loved him since he's little. It's a big fund-raiser for us and comes less than a month before the festival so it's a busy time."

Richko has been playing Peterson's music since the Dearborn pianist first heard a recording by the veteran jazz musician. Bassist Paul Keller and drummer Pete Siers are big fans as well.

"It was my personal introduction to jazz," said Steve Richko. "I was about 12 years old. I'm 27 now. He's regarded as the legend of the jazz piano."

The CD which was recorded at Solid Sound, Inc. in Ann Arbor in November 2006 was released a couple of weeks ago. The trio is selling the CD wherever they play including the brunch and a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at

Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. For details, call (734) 760-2999, e-mail kch@kerrytown.com, or visit www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com. The CD is \$15, and also available at www.pkorecords.com.

"Our executive producer Ian Mulhinch, who courageously battles ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), approached the trio and wanted to do a project that would also benefit charities for ALS. A portion of proceeds go to charities that help find a cure for ALS."

Brunch guests will be treated to selections from the CD as well as new arrangements of jazz classics in the style of Oscar Peterson. The program includes the piano legend's *Tangerine*, Noreen's *Nocturne*, Place St. Henri and *Wheatland* from his *Canadiana Suite*, and Peterson's version of *Maria* from *West Side Story*.

"I wrote the title track *To Oscar With Love* as a ballad," said Richko. "I knew I wanted to write a composition for the record and at first wanted it to be an up, swinging number,

but then chose a ballad because I wanted to show his piano artistry. All of the compositions on the CD are special. Oscar Peterson to me promotes perfection and swing and that's something that we love about him."

Richko always had a piano in his home as a small child. Wherever he went - to his grandparents, aunt - there was a piano. After he heard Charlie Parker play he wanted a saxophone but couldn't afford it so he began teaching himself piano.

"To *Oscar With Love* demonstrates our respect and admiration for the man and his incredible music," said Richko.

"OP is not only the greatest jazz pianist of all time, but my personal favorite jazz musician of all time," added Paul Keller of Ann Arbor. "I've loved and studied his music and glorious career since I was a teenager. I have waited 30 years to make this OP tribute CD. We needed to find a pianist that could fill the job, that not only had the desire but also the ability to fill



Pete Siers (left), Paul Keller and Steve Richko perform a tribute to legendary jazz pianist Oscar Peterson at Schoolcraft College.

such a difficult task. Steve Richko is that pianist. One of the things that I love about Steve Richko is he is inspired by and channels the spirit of

OP without directly copying Peterson."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGETS

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOLS DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.
E.J. McCLENDON EDUCATION CENTER
454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 2007-2008 Operating Budgets.

Copies of the proposed 2007-2008 budget are available for public inspection in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 18, 2007, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WOODBIDGE ESTATES PDD AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FINAL PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 126 99 0011 000 (4555 DENTON), 126 99 0013 003 (4711 DENTON), PART OF 126 99 0006 000 (48903 GEDDES) AND 126 02 0001 000 THROUGH 126 02 0476 000. Property is located south of Geddes and east of Denton Road.

Woodbridge Estates Amendment to the Final PDD
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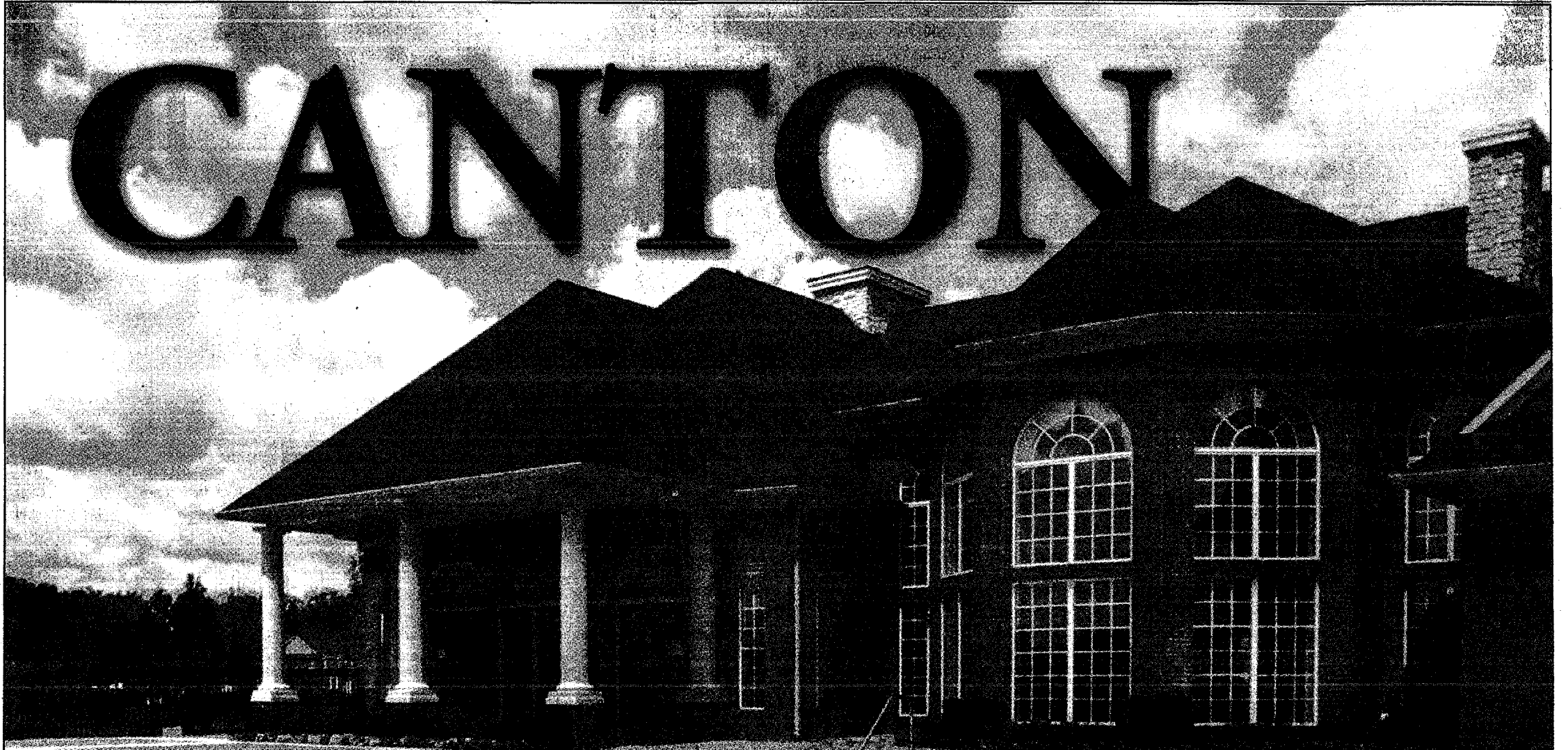
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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, June 14, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON,
Chairman

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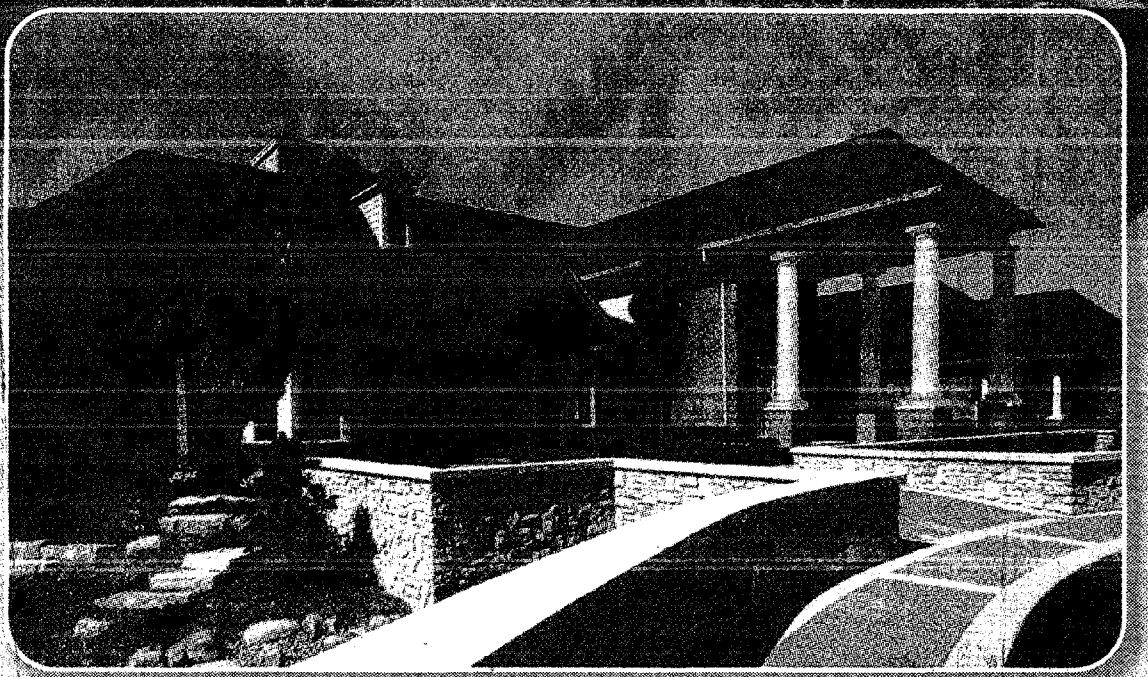
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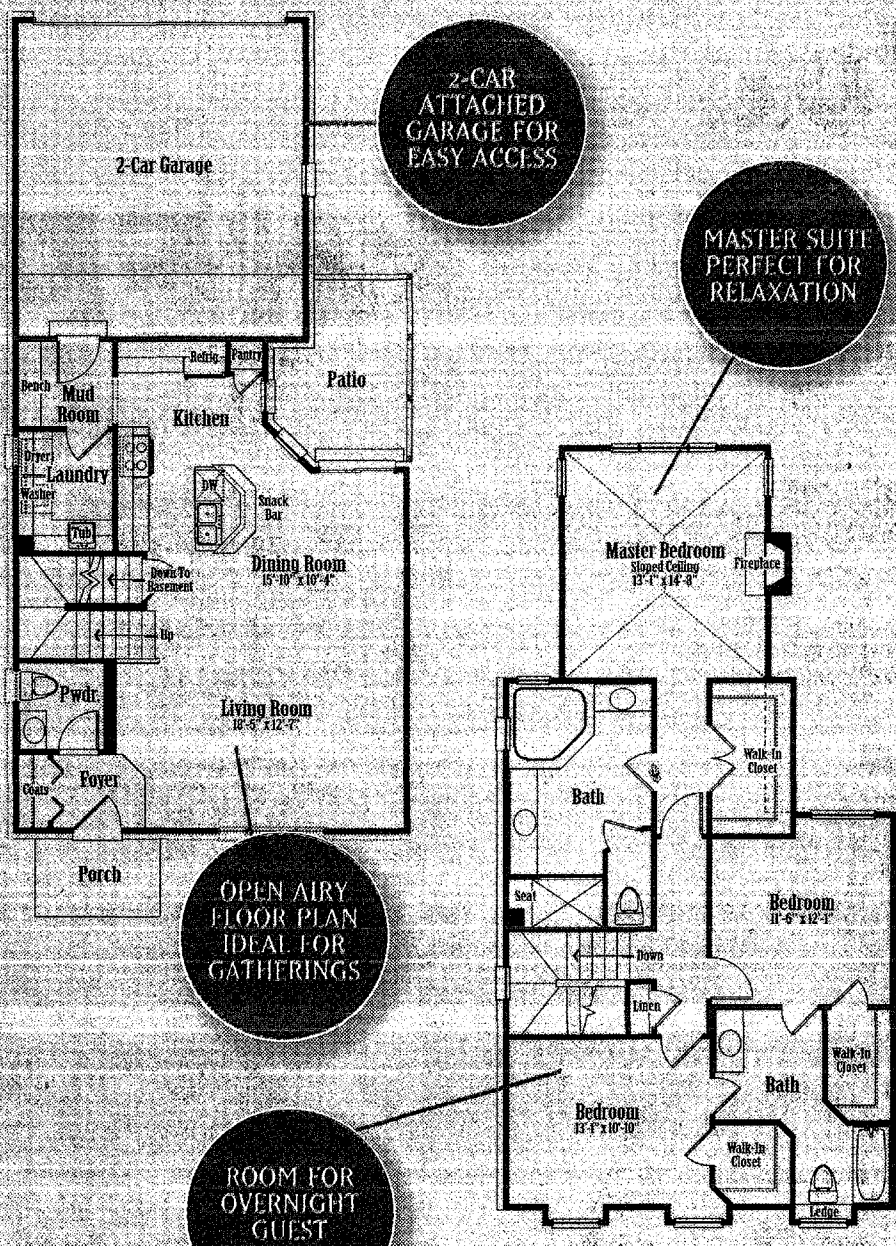
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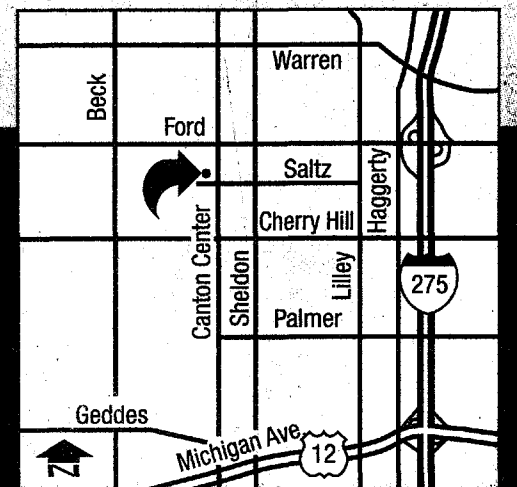
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Elegant Formosa good fit for empty nesters looking to downsize

Adding a refined elegance to the handsome exterior, arched columns frame the entryway of the Formosa. This unique floor plan has the look of a much larger home, delivering more for your building dollar. The Formosa has 1,539 square feet of living space neatly arranged in an open, two-story configuration. Empty nesters looking to downsize their current

accommodations might consider this design.

A covered porch leads you into a vaulted entry that is open to the second floor. The stairway to the top floor, with storage area underneath, is located here. A built-in hutch presents a nice showcase for gatherings and entertaining guests. A brick fireplace provides ample heat.

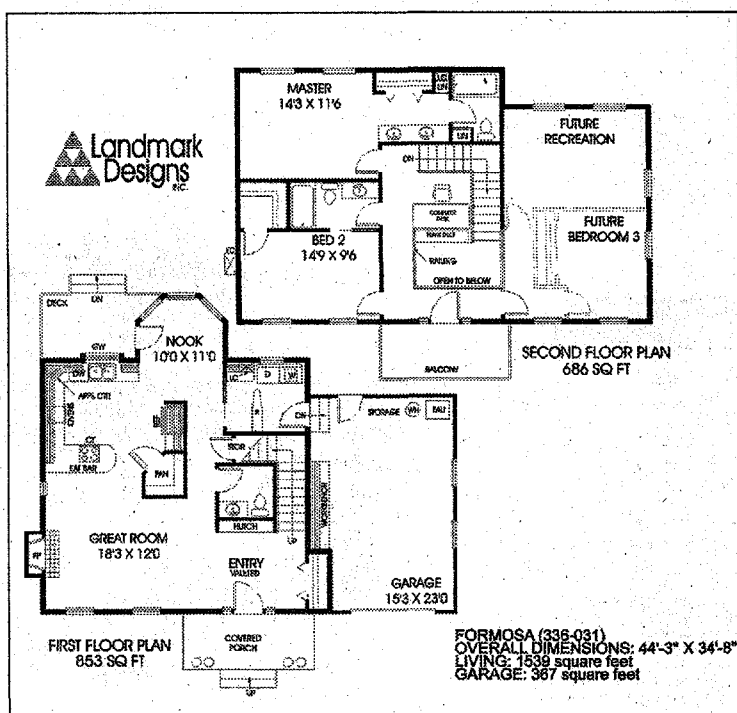
The good-sized kitchen is another advantage found in the Formosa. The walk-through design features an appliance center, double ovens, cook top, garden window and a center island with a walk-in pantry. The adjacent nook is well-lighted and makes a pleasant atmosphere for meals. The nook opens onto a modest deck, where favorable weather

will welcome an evening barbecue.

A handy utility room, with built-in ironing board, opens to the garage. This arrangement allows you to disregard inclement weather while unloading groceries. The attached garage has a built-in workbench and ample storage area.

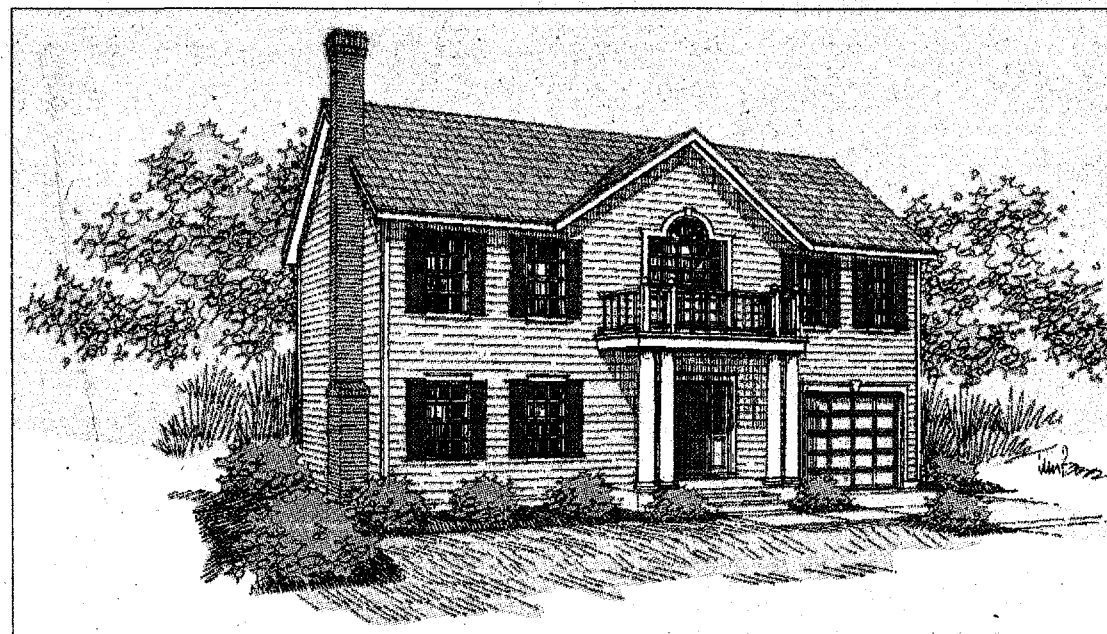
The sleeping areas are on the second level. The generous master suite has a large closet, linen storage, twin basins and a private bathroom. The second bedroom is a perfect setting for overnight guests. The amenities here include a comfortable sleeping area, walk-in closet and bathroom. The opposite side of the top floor allows for future development of another bedroom and perhaps a den or entertainment center. Near the stairway is a computer desk that will help you keep abreast with household accounts. A splendid balcony lends a nice vantage point to view the surrounding landscape.

For a study plan of the Formosa (336-031), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127



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NEW HOMES BRIEFS

Buying a home

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union will offer a free Homebuyer Seminar 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the credit union, 36111 Five Mile, Livonia. Walk through the homebuying process and learn how to maximize your purchase with industry experts. All materials will be provided along with refreshments and door prizes. Reservations needed. Call Emma at (734) 432-0212, Ext. 301, or e-mail Eteller-cpfcu@twmi.r.com.

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar Saturday, June 9, at 11:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Rd., Suite 100, a half block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

Learn about real estate

Real Estate One in Milford is hosting an evening pre-license class beginning June 11. It will be held three nights a week for three weeks. Call Vicki Ascherl at (248) 684-1065

to register; limited space available.

Seminars for pros

There will be free Verl Workman Seminars to help professionals focus on getting real, measurable results from technology tools. Learn the Internet habits of the shifting population and how to win consumer loyalty through e-mail. Seminars are 9 a.m. to noon, June 11, Livonia Radisson, and June 12, Sterling Inn. RSVP to enroll@startechseminars.com or (248) 208-3886. Sponsored by Obeo, Real Estate One, Max Brook, and

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Homebuying basics

Homebuying Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12. This is for first-time buyers and those returning to home ownership. Subjects included: "Mortgage 101," "Renting vs. Buying," "Repairing a Leaking Budget," "Optimizing Your Credit Score" and "Finding the Right Realtor." Handouts will be available to take home. There will be time for questions. Location: VISTA Mortgage, 38777 Six Mile, Suite 114, Livonia. (I-

275 and Six Mile). RSVP to Mark Hutchins at (734) 432-2030.

Insurance experts

A June 14 meeting to hear local insurance experts discuss the state of the volatile insurance industry and answer your insurance questions. Presented by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland at 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

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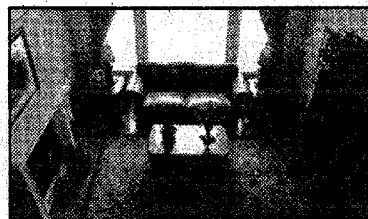


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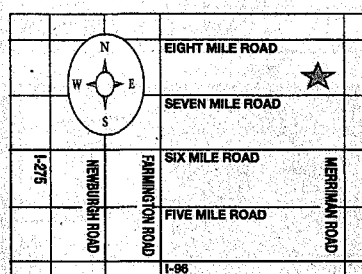


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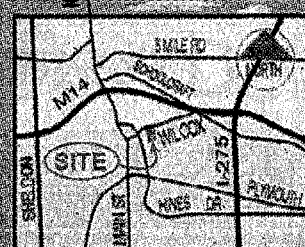
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By Marty Majchrzak
Avanti NewsFeatures

The Voyage is class A motor home with a head-turning exterior and a 7-foot-2 ceiling height that provides an incredible amount of head room. I love the new look Winnebago has given these monsters of motor homes over the last two years. The color combinations on the outside always turn heads as you enter a campground.

The outside on our tester was painted a combination of four different colors. It had a white base, plus burgundy, pewter and gold, making for one sweet-looking ride. My wife Donna and I just love RVs, but living in this kind of luxury makes you feel like you took your home with you.

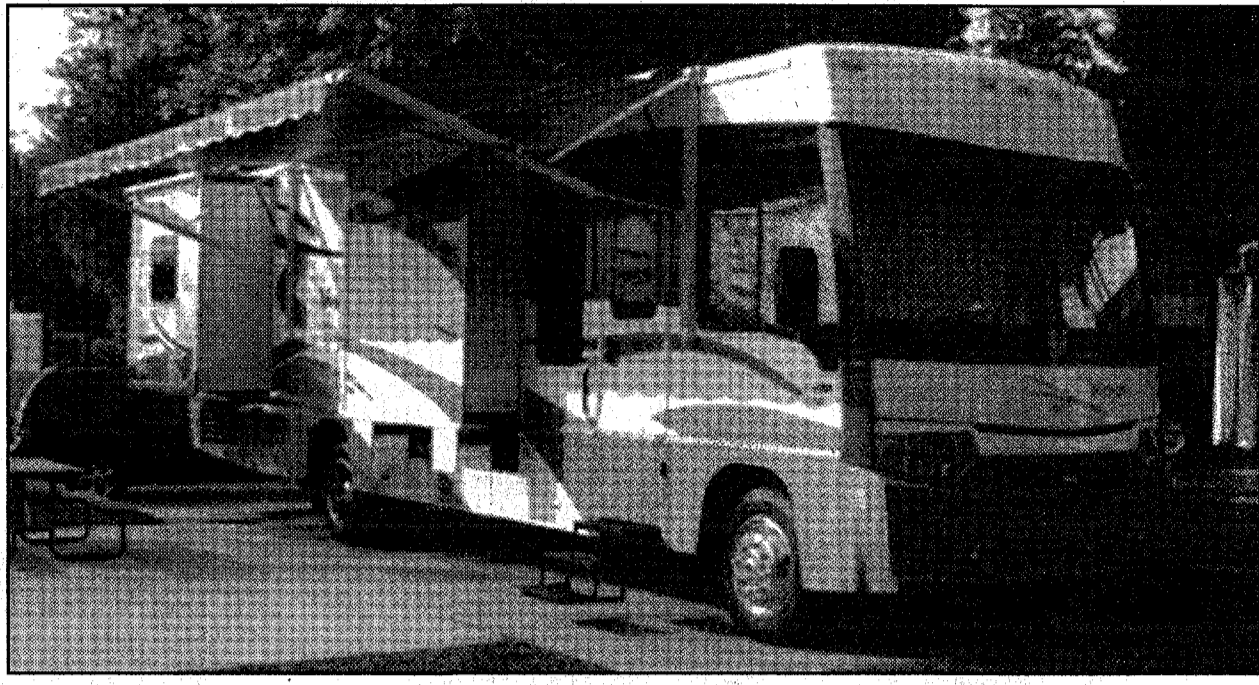
The Voyage is 35 feet of pure luxury and a couple of new additions that make life a lot easier. A rear camera was great so I could keep an eye on my Sea Ray Boat and with the additional side cameras, driving these coaches gets easier and easier.

Side cameras are mounted under the mirrors and are activated when you put on the turn signal. It shoots a view down the side of the coach and into the next lane that makes lane changing a piece of cake. You know the old saying: you can't have your cake and eat it too. With the Voyager, you can. You can also change the view from camera 1, 2 or 3 by hitting the button on the view screen. This was great!!!

The Voyage has lots of basement storage that is almost standard on all Winnebagos. It will store anything from barbecues to as many folding chairs you can pack. One of the first things I like to do is check out the basement storage because I like to bring everything we can think of.

As we pulled into our camp site at Lake Leelanau RV Park in Leland, Mich., the director took our name and directed us to follow him to our campsite. They were so busy he let us check in the next day. Now keep in mind with a total of 53 feet of motor home and boat those cameras made it a piece of cake to maneuver in a tight campground. Boy, that cake is good!!!

As we pulled into our cement slab campsite, we unhooked the boat and the park and took it to the launch with my son, Matthew. Next a quick meeting



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with the people next to us. Then I opened the coach driver's door, hit the leveling jacks power on and then hit the auto button. All four jacks came down, hit the ground and started leveling the coach. I just stood back and watched. I closed the door and turned and the people next to us said, "How cool was that?" I need more cake!!!

Next we moved to the inside of the coach and went to the back and slid out the bedroom, moved to the living room and slid it out, then turned and slid out the kitchen. Yes, new for me with Winnebago is the kitchen slideout that makes the living area huge. More room to cook, eat and pass other people by and in a pinch more room to sleep.

We took six adults with us to Lake Leelanau. The Voyage will sleep six but to be more comfortable four is a better number for me. That's where the kitchen slide-out came into play. We were able to sleep two on an air mattress very comfortably in the kitchen area, only because of that slide-out.

My wife Donna liked the fact that our Voyage came with the washer/dryer combo from Italy that worked very well. The machine not only washes the clothes but dries them in the same machine as well. It took a little longer, and in the spin cycle, it shook the motor home a little bit, but not long enough to be annoying.

The Voyage I tested had a little over \$10,000 in options. However, my last Winnebago motor home was an Adventurer 37B, and that had \$23,000 worth of options and was gorgeous. With two slide-outs in the

bedroom and one in the living area, my choice for that third slide-out is the kitchen area, to give you that extra room in the living area. Now if money is no problem then I would move to the RV with four slide-outs.

My favorite option was the Home Theater Sound System that had unbelievable sound and power. My kids and I one night at about 10 o'clock decided to watch the movie *V for Vendetta*. Well, let me tell you, with the big bass sound and the high pitch of fire and gunfire it was enough to have the camp director come calling at our door. I answered the door and the first thing he said was: "WOW! What great sound! But we can hear it pretty good out here. Could you please turn it down a little bit?"

The Voyage is almost \$40,000 less than my last motor home that I tested and it wasn't a Winnebago. Because of the quality and the options, this is a pretty nice coach and one that I would recommend if you can afford to buy it. I would love to purchase it myself!

Write Marty Majchrzak at marty.majchrzak@gmail.com

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