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Budget cuts could hit teachers, TAG buses

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As many as four dozen teachers could receive layoff notices this coming week as the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education is expected to approve the reduction of teaching staff, which must contractually be done by the end of April.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs has proposed eliminating 26 full-time teaching positions as part of a plan to cut \$3 million from the 2008-09 budget. However, because some are part-time positions, trustees Tuesday night could vote to lay off almost twice as many teachers to get to that number.

"The number I'm looking at is about 40-50 teachers," said Ray Bihun, executive director of human resources, to the board earlier this past week. "That's because a lot of these reductions are part-time reductions. There are seven people coming back from leave, four job shares that are being dissolved ... all those come into play. We do have seven retirements, so that helps, but they're not

necessarily in the right places.' East Middle School math and science teacher Stephanie Fendrick, who is expecting her pink slip next week, urged board members to stay away from layoffs and increasing class sizes to balance the budget.

"The continued layoff of teachers and the reduction in the teacher workforce is not the long-term solution to what looks like long-term budget problems," said Fendrick. "For the sake of keeping class sizes manageable ... please try as hard as possible to not reduce the teacher workforce."

Jacobs has also recommended the elimination of busing for Talented

and Gifted students to the magnet program at Miller Elementary, saving the district \$37,000. More than a dozen TAG parents were at Tuesday's meeting to implore trustees not to implement the proposed cut.

"If busing is eliminated for these elementary students we run the risk of eroding the very foundation of this program, that all TAG-qualified students have access to the program regardless of their background," said Jennifer Lafata of Plymouth, who has a fifth-grade TAG student and is chair of the TAG Advisory Committee. "I've heard from dozens

of TAG families who fear the elimination of busing would jeopardize their child's ability to participate in

The Board of Education will discuss the budget, which has a \$4.1 million shortfall, 6 p.m. Tuesday. Among the proposed cuts are the elimination of 24 special education paraprofessionals, reduction in weekend high school athletic transportation as well as a number of fee increases to generate revenue for the budget.

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Video crew hops in to tape rabbit shelter

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Nearly 100 people, many carrying signs and wearing bunny ears, gathered in Kellogg Park Thursday morning cheering representatives and a film crew from Zootoo.com in hopes the pet lovers Web site will award the Midwest Rabbit and Rescue Re-Home in Plymouth a \$900,000 shelter makeover.

The rabbit shelter at 882 N. Holbrook finished sixth among the top 20 shelters in an online contest which will give the eventual winner up to \$900,000 for renovations. The second-place winner will receive \$10,000. The Plymouth group already has qualified for a \$5,000 cash prize.

Representatives from Zootoo. com and The Humane Society of the United States are visiting all 20 shelters and will name the winner May 21.

"I wanted to do something meaningful to help shelters around the country," said Zootoo. com founder Richard Thompson to the crowd. "I didn't know about rabbit rescues until Zootoo, so Zootoo has educated me as well because I was thinking dogs and

Thompson also encouraged

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Diana Kallungi and granddaughter Diana Randall enjoy a snack at Grandparent's Day at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth.

Ga-ga for grandparents

Bird Elementary event lets students say 'thank you'

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While taking part in Grandparent's Day at Bird Elementary Wednesday, a tear came to the eye of 78-year-old Janice Howells of Royal Oak when asked what it was like to be a grandmother.

"It's wonderful, I wouldn't trade it for anything," said Howells, who has 10 grandchildren, including 5year-old Bryce Moore of Plymouth. "To see their eyes light up when they come to your house. It's just a very special thing."

When asked about his grandparents, Bryce said, "I love my grandparents because they let me play in their back yard. We play tag and games."

Grandparent's Day — with a skit, song and party atmosphere — is a tradition for Bird kindergartners taught by Kim Harrigan.

"My grandparents were so much a part of my life, and I want the kids that I touch to have the same for their grandparents," said Harrigan. "Love them and

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Six-year-old Justin Fehlig has a hug for great-grandfather Bill Fehlig. Justin is a lucky guy because he had parents, grandparents and great-grandparents show up at his school.

Fireworks still need funding

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the first time in more than a decade, the Plymouth community's Fourth of July celebration could include a fireworks display.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Tuesday approved a plan presented by Treasurer Ron Edwards to hire a Pennsylvania firm to put on a half-hour display at Plymouth Township Park.

The catch? Board members don't want the township to subsidize the event out of its budget, so Edwards must come up with the \$20,000 cost from donations.

"We still have to raise the money to make this happen," Edwards said. "People are often hurt doing their own backyard displays. I thought this would be a great way to celebrate the Fourth of July, and it could minimize the danger of people getting

If the display goes off, it would happen around 10 p.m. Thursday, July 3. The traditional Good Morning U.S.A parade through downtown Plymouth is set for the morning of July 4, followed by the Good Ol' Fashioned Picnic in Plymouth Township Park later that morning.

The fireworks display will be provided by Zambelli Fireworks Internationale of New Castle, Pa., the same company that handles the Detroit fireworks. The display would be ignited from Hilltop Golf Course, adjacent to the township park. Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Randy Maycock said the site is perfectly safe.

"At the spot where the actual ignition of the fireworks would take place, there's more than enough distance," Maycock said. "We have no issue with that at all. From a fire protection standpoint, we'll have an engine there for the ignition. Outside of that, we don't have any safety concerns."

If it happens, it'll be the first time since 1997 the Plymouth community has hosted a fireworks display. The fireworks used to be sponsored by the Plymouth Jaycees down near the site of Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

However, when the 35th District Court burned down and was rebuilt, it was decided there wasn't sufficient room for the display to continue safely.

Anyone wishing to contribute can write a check payable to "Charter Township of Plymouth," and mail it (9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, MI 48170) or drop it off at Edwards' office.

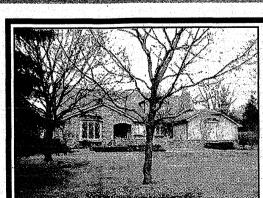
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Coming Thursday

Green Street Fair brings color to Plymouth

Thursday classics

May is "Musical Month" for the Thursday Classics film series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

The series is sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown **Development Authority. Free** passes are available at Sweet Afton Tea Room, Panera Bread, Bohemian Home and Lotus Arts Gallery.

The schedule: May 1, Singin' in the Rain, May 8, Annie Get Your Gun, May 15, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, May 22, Brigadoon, and May 29, My Fair Lady.

The box office opens at 6:30 p.m.; showtime is 7 p.m. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown

Plymouth. All seats are \$3. For more information, visit the Web site at www.penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

Poetry slam

The "teenzone" of the Plymouth District Library will host another Poetry Slam on



Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. Back after several other popular slams,

Canton High

School teacher Larry Francis will emcee Francis the event. The open forum will allow students to share their work, cheer on

enjoy the night. Register for this free event by calling (734) 453-0750,

their friends or sit back and

Antique Appraisal Clinic The Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding an antique appraisal clinic with Ernie DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries in Detroit on Friday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art, and small objects. No jewelry please. Appraisals are by appointment only and time ots are filling up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item; written evaluations will be provided for \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time

> Call now for an appointment, (734) 455-8940. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth.



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Barefoot fund-raiser

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Barefoot Productions hosts a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction fund-raiser 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

Suggested donation is \$20. Complimentary appetizers, beverages, entertainment, and door prizes provided. Call (313) 550-0928 or e-mail wbrezina@att.net for more information.

Comedy Night

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be sponsoring a Comedy Night at the Cherry Hill Village Theater on Saturday evening,

Canton Township Trustee Carl Zarbo will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Comedians will include Andy Beningo, Mike Bobbit, Ben Konstantin, Bob Phillips, and Mike Bobbit.

Tickets are \$20 per person; vou must be 19 years or older to attend the event. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., show runs from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets include the show, light snacks, and a cash bar will be avail-

To purchase tickets, contact Bill Ballelli at broncobill@ comcast.net. All proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Football Booster Club. The Club extends special thanks to Aspen Talent and to the Cherry Hill Village Theater for making this Comedy Night possible.

Fall festival

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival, scheduled for Sept. 5-7. Ten-by-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend.

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

Businesses interested in participating in the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 5-7 may sponsor the entertainment venues, or have a booth downtown during the festival. Sponsorships can include ads in the Fall Festival Guide, banners on the stage, and many other great ways to get exposure for your business.

Visit www.plymouthfallfestival.com for application forms or call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Business tax discussion

Local businesses will be able to discuss concerns with Michigan's business tax with state Rep. Phil LaJoy and other state representatives during a town hall meeting at 10:30 a.m., April 28 at the Canton Administrative Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

"Michigan businesses are struggling to afford the MBT and it is my hope that by hosting this town hall we will be able to speak to business owners and hear their concerns," said LaJoy, R-Canton. "Businesses are struggling. Let's find out where the problems are."

Walk in the woods

The Watson, Fisher and Knipper families of Plymouth enjoy an early spring walk through Miller Woods April 20. Wildflowers, encouraged by the warm weather, have started the progression of blooms that will continue through the month of May. The public is invited to attend the next Wildflower Walks scheduled for April 27 and May 4 at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Dogs are prohibited. Call (734) 453-8437 for more information.

Local businesses are invited to attend this meeting where MBT concerns will take center

Seniors seminar

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts an educational seminar for seniors 10 a.m. to noon Monday, April 28.

The seminar will cover financial and legal issues including prolonging retirement income, IRA distribution planning, wills and trusts, elder law, asset protection, wealth transfer strategies, estate planning, gifting and charitable giving, long-term care, Medicare, Medicaid, college planning for grandparents, taxation, dispute resolution and ethical wills.

The seminar takes place in the downstairs social hall at OLGC, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township. Reservations must be made by April 25.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (734) 453-9730.

Park clean-up

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox hosts the fourth-annual Park Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 3 at the Bennett Arboretum and Northville Recreation area. Parking is located across the street at Cass Benton. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.; work goes from 9 a.m. to noon. Detroit Tigers tickets go to the first 50 volunteers.

For more information, call (313) 224-0946.

Chiefettes tryouts

Canton High School Chiefettes Pom Pon teams will hold tryouts Wednesday, May 7, 6-8:30 p.m. (clinic); Thursday, May 8, 6-8:30 p.m. (clinic); Friday, May 9, 6-9 p.m. (clinic and interviews); Saturday, May 10, 10-11 a.m. (check in) and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (tryouts). All meetings will be held at the Phase 3 Building at Canton High School.

For more information, students should check in their school office.

Spring concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents its Spring Concert, a

"Salute to Stage, Screen and Television" 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

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Performances will be held at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six mile Road, Northville. From the concert and Broadway stages to the silver screen and television, this concert is sure to bring back fond memories. From movie classics like the "Over The Rainbow" to Broadway favorites like "Send In The Clowns" — "A Salute To Stage, Screen and Television" is sure to help you relive some of the great and not-so great songs that made a lasting impression.

For more information or to order tickets visit us on-line at www.beckridgechorale.org or to order using our business phone call 734.416.9885.

Lecture series

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the **Detroit Institute of Arts** Speakers Bureau Brown Bag Lecture Series Tuesday, May 13, at noon. The topic will be "Games Played at the DIA." The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

The PCAC and the library also present the Detroit **Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau Evening Lecture Series** Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists Brush with Leisure 1895-1925," depicting works from the current DIA exhibition. Held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. For more information visit

the PCAC Web site at www. plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Hike for Hope

The New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its "Hike for Hope," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at Maybury State Park (Eight Mile entrance, a mile west of Beck, car fee of \$6). A registration fee of \$15 per

person or \$25 per family will be charged prior to the event and \$20 per person or \$30 per family the day of the event; donations from sponsors can be obtained by walkers.

Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance" and a complimentary hot dog lunch. There will be lots of fun for kids and family entertain-

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The nonprofit 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.

Farm and garden

The Plymouth Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden meets 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the Plymouth Library. Presenter is Celeste Watts, who will discuss Ecological Gardening. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Linda C. at (734) 459-

Author, photographer at luncheon

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library join the Friends of the Canton, Northville and Novi libraries in presenting author Loren Estleman and photographer Monte Nagler at the annual Book and Author Luncheon, May 14 at Fox Hills Country Club.

The two have recently collaborated on "Amos Walker's Detroit", a collection of photographs of Detroit areas found in Estleman's popular Amos Walker mystery series.

The mystery and western novels of Loren Estleman have been translated into dozens of languages and are read around the world. He has received eighteen national writing awards from such organizations as the Private Eye Writers of America, the Western Writers of America and Popular Fiction Monthly. In 1987, the Michigan Foundation of the Arts presented him with its award for literature. In 1997, the Michigan Library Association named him the recipient of the Michigan Author's Award.

Fine art photographer Monte Nagler has won numerous awards. His work is found in many private and public collections including the Detroit Institute of Arts; the University of Michigan Museum of Art; the Dayton Art Institute; the Grand Rapids Museum of Art; the Center for Creative Photography and The Brooklyn Museum.

The Book and Author Luncheon is open to the public; tickets are \$25. They can be purchased at any of the participating libraries, including the Plymouth District Library. For more information, call 734-453-0750, Ext. 242.

Appreciation breakfast

The annual Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast, designed to honor those at

Salem, Canton and Plymouth High Schools, is set for 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, at each of the respective schools.

Organizers are in great need of breakfast casseroles, potato dishes, fruit bowls, baked goods, breakfast meats or monetary donations.

Anyone interested in making any type of a donation should contact one of the following chairpersons as soon as possible: Salem High School, Suzanne Zabowski, sunique7@aol.com; Canton High School, Sue Boeve, sboeve@dmc.org; or Plymouth High School, Kathy Craig, kathycraig13@aol.com

Comedy Night

To all aspiring comedians, think you're funny? Got your act together? Let us be the judge. Looking for comedians for a Comedy Night at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton June 7 (TV audience material only).

Some appreciation prizes will be awarded based on tickets sales. The event is being sponsored by the Plymouth **High School Football Booster** club and all proceeds will benefit the Plymouth High School football program.

If you are interest in participating as a comic, or in attending, contact Tiffany at (313) 300-7620 or e-mail ekj90@sbcglobal.net

Cruisers walking

The PCCA Cruisers Walking Club brings community seniors together to enjoy a low impact form of exercise.

The group meets at the Plymouth Township Park at 9 a.m. Thursdays from May through October, to walk together on the fitness walking trails.

Call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, (734) 453-1234, for more information.

Gettysburg trip

The Plymouth Historical Society sponsors a field trip to Gettysburg, Pa., May 15-18, to see the site of the largest battle of the American Civil War. The new Gettysburg Museum & Visitors Center will open in April with state-of-the-art exhibits and interactive displays. The fully escorted trip

includes a motor coach roundtrip ride from Plymouth to Gettysburg, three nights at America's Best Value Inn (located within three blocks of the battlefield), three breakfasts, two lunches, and three dinners. Mail-in reservation forms can be obtained at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or call the local trip coordinator, Dan Packer, at (734) 420-4439. The form, along with additional information, is also available on the museum's Web site at http://www.plymouthhistory. org/Events.html.

Mosaic Mothers

MOSAIC Mothers' Group meets on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month through May 6. Speakers, food, discussion time, social activities. Childcare provided.

Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, (734) 453-5534.

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Failure to comply with this notice and "Division 3, NOXIOUS WEEDS" of the City Ordinances, Sec. 18-751, 752, 753, 754, 755 & 756 of the City of Plymouth, means that the City will enter upon said lands and mow the weeds and grasses and bill the property owners for the services. Unpaid weed cutting bills will be placed as a lien on the property and added to the taxes.

The City will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of Land on May 19, 2008 without further notice to the property owners. Any questions can be directed to the Building Department at 734-453-1234, extension 231 (Enforcement).

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Passing on the passion

Scouting helps top volunteer become a leader

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a child, Dave Berger just wanted to go camping.

But as his simple quest for fun morphed into character building, he's developed a passion for passing it along to other youngsters.

Berger, 46, of Plymouth has been selected as one of 15 recipients of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award for 2008. The honor is being presented to him by the Detroit Area Council.

"This was a surprise," said Berger, whose wife, Tina, is also a Scouting volunteer. "My sons are psyched because they think it's cool their dad is getting this."

The Silver Beaver is the highest recognition a council can give one of its volunteers.

Berger, whose 12-year-old son, Sam, is in Scouting, has been a Webelos den leader. assistant Scout master, district commissioner and has participated in various training pro-

grams with the organization. "I joined because the troop gave me opportunities to go camping," he says. "But I learned that as I was having

Berger, who grew up near Buffalo, became an Eagle Scout at 17 and continued volunteering with local troops throughout his college career. He got his first opportunity at being a parent volunteer when his oldest son, Benjamin, 14, briefly joined the organization.

Sam is now a member of Troop 1539 out of Fiegel Elementary.

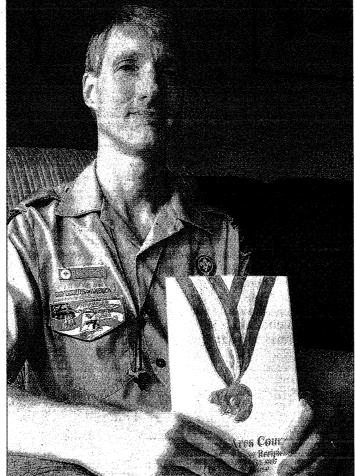
Berger, who has also been. a Cub Scout leader, said he hasn't donated his time in an effort to get recognized.

"This is the highest honor a council can give so I am deeply honored to be chosen," he said. "I have just wanted to be able to give back a little something to the organization."

Amy Casey, a district executive with the Detroit Area Council, said Berger has made a lasting impact on Scouting.

"He is dedicated to everything that he does and he puts his whole heart into it," said Casey, noting that Berger reorganized pack 743 out of Allen Elementary. "He is such a nice guy and we obviously appreciate everything that he has done."

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Dave Berger will receive the Silver Beaver Award for his service to the local council of the Boy Scouts of America.

City will delay water rate hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It will soon cost Plymouth residents 6.7 percent more to take showers, wash

clothes and water the lawn. City commissioners voted Monday night to increase the cost for water and sewer services, but will delay the hike until Oct. 1.

Commissioner Dave Workman proposed the delay because of possible restrictions on water usage this summer as a result of the Sheldon Road underpass project.

"This increase will be moved to a lower usage time and it's an appropriate move, one we've done in the past," said Workman.

Plymouth Finance Director Mark Christiansen said the basic charge of \$11.56 per quarter will remain the same, but the ${\it average user-a household}$ that consumes 18,000 gallons every three months - will experience a quarterly increase from \$182.74 to \$194.26. That equates to an annual increase of

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Christiansen said the city will lose approximately \$40,000 in the water and sewer fund by waiting three months to implement the rate increase. Commissioner Ron Loiselle was the lone dissenting vote against delaying the rate hike.

"Although our water department is very healthy ... I think we should be collecting the water rate increase at the same time we're paying it," said Loiselle, referring to the rate hike to the City of Plymouth by Detroit for water and Wayne County for sewer as of July 1.

The city will charge residents about 1 percent more than it is being charged in order to build the water and sewer fund by about \$605,000, which will be used to in part to supplement water and sewer infrastructure costs of the new street program and for new radio-signal water meters.

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Middle schoolers win essay contest

Three students from West Middle School in Plymouth have been named local winners in the 39th annual America & Me essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau

The three students, who earned the first-, second- and third-place awards for their school, are Kendall Kelly, Rhonda Charara and Alisha Punjabi, respectively. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first-place winner, Kendall's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display at the school.

West Middle School's participation in the America & Me competition was sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance agent Tim Haase of Northville.

Kendall Kelly's first-place essay advances to the statelevel competition, from which the top 10 essays will be chosen. The top 10 winners will receive plaques, cash and U.S. Savings Bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with governmental leaders

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and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

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Elazar Award winner Barry G. Rabe of Plymouth

was chosen the 2007 winner of the Daniel Elazar Award from the American Political Science Association.

Rabe was recognized for career contributions to the scholarly understanding of federalism and intergovernmental relations at the society's annual meeting in Chicago.

Rabe is a professor at the University of Michigan, holding appointments in the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy and the School of Natural Resources and Environment. Rabe is also a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C.

New Hella VP

Mark Brainard has been named vice president for program management for Plymouth Township-based Hella Electronics Corp., a global tier-one supplier of automotive electronic equip-

Brainard will be responsible for Hella's business development, program management and customer relationship management in North America. Prior to joining Hella, Brainard worked as general manager of the Cockpit Division at Siemens VDO (now Continental AG). He began his career at Ford Motor Co., as an audio systems and body electronics design engineer in Ford's electronics division.

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Sephora's Laura Barrera helps a customer at the new J.C. Penney. She listens closely to the customer's preferences, then suggests fragrances.

Getting away from the mall

New J.C. Penney store stands alone to fit into Canton

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If D.R. Brown had any doubts about whether J.C. Penney would work in Canton, they have been quashed by the mass gathering of women oohing and aahing in the store's beauty boutique.

"Sephora has been a big hit," said Brown, J.C. Penney district manager, of the popular cosmetics store located within J.C. Penney. "People used to have to go to Novi or (the) Somerset (Collection) and it is absolutely awesome the way customers have responded to the store."

J.C. Penney, one of the nation's largest department store chains, opened the doors of its Canton location earlier this month. The bright and airy 104,000-square-foot, onestory building is a departure from the company's traditional architecture.

"We are still doing our two-level mall stores, but this was a way for us to get out in Canton," Brown said. "The store looks great and it fits in with the environment."

While leaving the store two days after its opening, Nancy Oz of Canton joked that she couldn't even wait a week to go

"I waited two whole days," she said with a chuckle with her friend, Mary Brown. "I had been waiting for this to open

and I loved it."

Brown, also a Canton resident, said while she enjoyed the store, she believes her husband will get the bigger benefit from the retailer's arrival.

"He's a big and tall guy so he doesn't always find (clothing) in Canton," she said.

While a J.C. Penney employee helped another customer load a piece of framed art into their vehicle, Catherine Moss of Canton said she had been anxious for the 106-year-old company to make its way to the township.

"It's beautiful," she said of the store. "I loved that everything was all on one floor and now I don't have to drive to Ann Arbor or Westland."

Dining with the Stars: Ruth Spencer is May celebrity

Want to have lunch or dinner with Ruth Spencer of WDIV-TV (Channel 4)? Then enter the Buddy's Pizza/ Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Dining with the Stars May contest.

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In addition to anchoring



Local 4 News at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., Spencer is an Emmy award-winning consumer investigator. With her "Ruth to the Rescue"

reports, she has helped thousands of consumers find solutions to their complaints about a business, product or service.

Before heading up Local 4's consumer unit, Spencer was a general assignment reporter for WDIV. She moved to the Detroit area in 1990 to work at WDIV, and then met native Detroiter and attorney Jerry Aaron. They married in Cranbrook's gardens in 1992. The couple has a daughter, Amy, born in 1995. The family also includes Chase, the family's Bouvier des Flandres dog.

and Yoshie, their cat from the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

Spencer is involved with the American Heart Association. Her father died in 1999, due largely to heart disease, she says. Her husband survived a heart attack in 1996 when he was 49. Because of these events, Spencer says, she and her husband serve as co-chairs of the annual fundraiser, The American Metro Detroit Heart Walk, the largest in the nation.

"I'd like to invite everyone to come walk with me each autumn and help raise money to continue the fight against heart disease and stroke," she

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for Dining With The Stars and selects the top four to five letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.

Girl Scouts honor Plymouth volunteers

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council recently honored Peggy Fisher of Plymouth with the GSUSA Thanks Badge II, the organization's highest volunteer recognition for outstanding service to girls. She was honored at the council's 2008 Volunteer Recognition Dinner at Ke Ann Arbor.

The following volunteers received the Adult Appreciation Pin: Cheryle McCormick of Plymouth, and Tracy Bins, Mary Jo Birka and Valerie Niemiec, all of Northville. The Northville Service Unit C received the GSUSA President's Award.

Fisher has been in Girl Scouting for 26 years, first working on the troop level and now working in adult development and directing Maybury Day Camp. As a master trainer, she has helped to develop the training modules for new Brownie and Junior Girl Scout





leaders. Fisher received the Thanks Badge in 1997.

McCormick works behind the scenes to making Girl Scouting possible. She oversees the Girl Scout Cookie Cupboard in the Plymouth area, which resulted in more than \$100,000 in cookie sales.

Bins was honored for her service as committee leader for the Northville Service Unit's Juliette Low Birthday Celebration, troop services director and leader. Her cluster was recognized as an honor cluster in 2007.

Birka has served as leader, troop service director and

QSP/Nut coordinator for the Northville A Service Unit for the past four years. She has also worked as first aider and troop camper at Maybury Day

Niemiec has served as leader, troop services director and cookie manager in Northville. one nas deen instrumentai in improving communications among leaders in the Northville area.

The Northville C Service Unit was recognized for establishing an 85 percent girl retention rate, a 96 percent leader retention rate and a 32 percent increase in new girl membership. The service unit has also established new cluster and service unit events for girls and volunteers, as well as community events to promote the image of Girl Scouting. Pictured from the Northville Service Unit are: Michelle Cooper, Tracy Bins, Kim Ebverhart, Tami Carlone and Cindy Zeitz.

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Sheriff's 'Convincer' pushes seat belt use

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may have been the excitement that made Josh Jackson feel a rush of adrenalin as he was pulled backward up a short incline before being hurtled forward into a metal barricade. The impact caused an airbag to deploy although the seat belt he was wearing failed to lock.

"Overall, I think it was a lifechanging experience," said the John Glenn High School senior who was the first student to try out the Wayne County Sheriff Department's Seat belt Convincer. "Even at 10-15 mph, you can see what would happen if it's 60-70 mph.

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans was at the Westland High School Tuesday morning to launch his "Seat belt Convincer" program. Using two simulators, Glenn students got the opportunity to feel the impact of a low-speed crash and see what can happen to belted and unbelted people - test dummies - in a rollover accident.

"Having been young once, I realize that kids this age tend to think they're indestructible," said Evans. "Our hope is to remind them that they are not and encourage them to wear their safety belts."

Evans has instituted the program in an effort to get the word out to young people about See our photo gallery online at www.hometownlife.com

the dangers of not wearing a seat belt.

While young people can try the Seat belt Convincer machine, the rollover simulator uses only test dummies to demonstrated what can happen to belted and unbelted passengers.

Statistics show the 85 percent of all Michigan motorists involved in traffic accidents in 2006 were wearing safety belts and that nearly 30 percent of people killed in traffic accidents had failed to use their vehicle restraint system.

According to John Roach of the Sheriff's Department, the convincer is making its debut now as a way to remind students about buckling up, especially during the prom and graduation season and summer vacation.

"Teenagers are less likely to wear belts and accidents in which the occupants were not wearing belts have a much higher rate of fatalities," he said.

On hand for the demonstration was Westland Mayor William Wild who said that while young drivers will say they drive safely, the demonstration may help "stress the importance of doing so."

"Anytime you can present a visual to young adults helps them grasp it better," he said. "I was surprised, in talking to the



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Glenn senior Kaylie Brincat, 17, grimaces as the Seat belt Convincer hits the barricade. 'I've never been in an accident. It's new to feel the impact.'

students, how many had already been in accidents."

Joining the students in trying the convincer was Glenn Principal Joan Sedik. Her trip down the ramp was greeted by the applause of the students.

"Just from how slow it was going gives you a real feel of what happens," she said. "I hope it made an impression on the

"I think it would encourage

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youth to use seat belts," added Jackson.

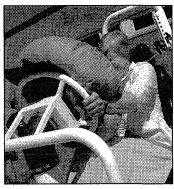
The program is for use by schools, churches and community groups anywhere in the county. All that's required is a pickup truck equipped with a trailer hitch. For more information or to schedule their use, call the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol at (734) 721-2222.

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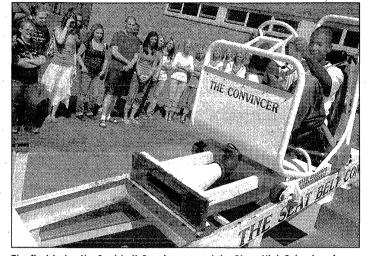
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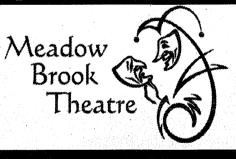
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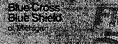












Senators offer opposing views on Blue Cross reform

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

State Sen. Tom George, R-Kalamazoo, says he wants "to turn the screws" on Blue Cross Blue Shield to "make them fulfill their mission.'

George is chairman of the Senate Health Policy Committee which is currently holding hearings on legislation to reform medical insurance laws in Michigan for the individual market.

The House bills, HB 5282-5285, were passed in October with a large bipartisan majority. The bills as passed are supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield, which has been heavily lobbying the Senate in their

support. George and Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, have each offered alternatives to the House bills. Testimony was taken at two hearings last

The House bills would: ■ Create a high-risk pool of guaranteed-access plan

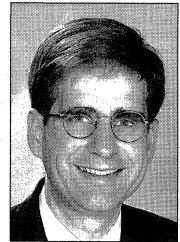
for those denied coverage, to spread some of the losses across all health care insurers in the state. Blue Cross is mandated by law to be an insurer of last resort and operates as a not-for-profit charity.

■ Allow Blue Cross to replace "community rating" with rate bands, which would allow the insurer to set different rates based on age, place of residence and other factors.

■ Set a loss ratio of 70 percent, meaning an insurer must spend 70 cents of each dollar

collected on health care. ■ Set limits on renewal rate increases

■ Allow Blue Cross Blue Shield's for-profit subsidiaries to sell other kinds of insurance. Their largest subsidiary is The Accident Fund of America which is now restricted to selling worker's compensation insurance.



Sen. Jason Allen

Attorney General Mike Cox, the UAW, AARP, the Consumers' Union and others. Blue Cross has argued that they are at a disadvantage as insurer of last resort at a time when the individual market is growing. It now represents 6 percent of those insured but is expected to increase as companies drop health care benefits and lay off employees.

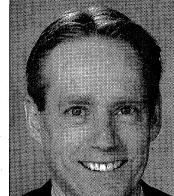
OPPOSES HIGH RISK POOL

"Blue Cross says we should do these things because of growth in the individual market," George said last week. "Testimony is not supportive of their assertion that the market

George said some people are covered by COBRA, others find new jobs and some people who are forced to work two part-time jobs wouldn't be able to afford individual insurance, so are not in the market.

George is opposed to creating a high risk pool, as 35 states currently have.

"Those states don't have a carrier of last resort that doesn't pay taxes," he said. "They want to keep their tax status, take away the attorney general's oversight and allow their Accident Fund insurance to go into any kind of insur-



Sen. Tom George

Blue Cross maintaining a \$2.5 billion reserve. He said his proposals are modeled on Pennsylvania, where Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell wouldn't approve rate increases for the insurer of last resort because of its high reserve.

"In the end they agreed to give the state \$100 million to expand SCHIP (the State Children's Health Insurance Program)," George said. "I have a Republican spin on this. We'll take the excess surplus to create tax credits for those buying in the individual market.

George proposes allowing Blue Cross' Accident Fund to move into selling other kinds of insurance in exchange for the insurer making a one-time contribution of \$100 million to the state treasury to pay for the tax credit.

His proposals also include prohibiting commercial insurers from raising rates or dropping people who develop health problems; allowing Blue Cross to charge higher rates to people with unhealthy behaviors; require Blue Cross to report to the Legislature on its expenditures for entertainment, advertising and lobbying; and require Blue Cross to place excessive surpluses

George would cap the surplus at 600 percent of risk based capital. Blue Cross reserves are now 688 percent of RBC.

'TERRIBLE PRECEDENT'

Andrew Hetzel, vice president of corporate communications for Blue Cross, said George's views do not reflect what's happening across the

"Auto companies are downsizing and laying people off and this is affecting families," he said. "Many are leaving group coverage and going into the individual market."

He said that taking \$100 million for the state is taking money from rate payers.

This is a terrible precedent, you're going to tax paying companies and taking money from these companies to pay for tax credit support," he said.

He said the burden of taking on customers with high risk medical conditions was too great for one company to take on its shoulders.

"A high-risk pool makes it so that all insurers share the responsibility," Hetzel said. "It's a model that worked in 35 other states."

He said the model is different in each state, but that by allowing Blue Cross to remain tax exempt and creating a risk pool will give people with severe medical conditions two options for access to health insurance.

"George's one-on-one relationship is fundamentally flawed," said Hetzel. "As he well knows, Blue Cross is regulated by Public Act 350. Any insurance company in the state can choose to be regulated under 350 but they don't."

He said the act requires that Blue Cross do many other things beside being the insurer of last resort including supporting affordable Medigap coverage and providing group conversion coverage by charging customers a subsidy on premiums; subsidizing SCHIP

by \$15.5 million in 2007; and subsidizing hospital charity

Hetzel said the Blues' reserve fund can not be viewed a monetary surplus.

"It's the consolidated assets of the corporation including the Accident Fund, cash, buildings, assets, Blue Cross Assets, building," he said. "It's not a bank account of \$2.5 bil-

He said the reserve is well under the 1000 percent cap imposed by the state.

TIGHT OVERSIGHT

While Blue Cross favors passage of the House bills in the Senate, Hetzel said he is more favorable to some of the proposals made by Allen, particularly reducing the waiting period from a year to six months for people with preexisting medical conditions for all carriers.

Allen's proposal retains a high risk pool but tightens oversight. He proposes giving the insurance commission authority to order refunds to ensure rates are not excessive relative to costs; creating a nine-member Guaranteed Access Pool oversight board which would include the Attorney General; require accountability reports on the individual market and guaranteed access pool; provide credits for wellness; raise the loss ratio to 75 percent for commercial carriers, 85 percent for Blue Cross and 90 for Medicare supplement; and narrow the rate bands.

"The problem with the House bill was that we didn't think there was the proper regulatory overview," said Norm Saari, Allen's chief of He said the House bills also

didn't make it clear how it was going to serve the growing need for individual insurance. Kurt Gallinger, vice

president and counsel for Amerisure Cos. in Farmington

Hills is the spokesman for The Coalition for a Fair and Competitive Insurance Market. His group is focused on opposing HB 5284 and 5285, which would allow The Accident Fund to compete in selling other lines of insur-

Gallinger said George's proposals did respond to some of their concerns but didn't put enough emphasis on creating a "firewall" between Blue Cross and its for-profit subsidiary. He said he is opposed to George's plan to have Blue Cross pay \$100 million to compete.

"We need to address unfairness in the competitive market," Gallinger said. "Since Sen. George came up with \$100 million, if you are going to address the issue of lost taxes, you need to look at \$3 billion.

He said under Public Act 350 Blue Cross shouldn't be using it charitable dollars to support its subsidiary.

We want that part of the act enforced," Gallinger said. "When Accident Fund competes with our companies, we can't use charity money."

Gallinger said the state made a mistake when it reformed the laws governing Blue Cross in 1993.

"Blue Cross was not created to be a state insurance company to compete with other companies," he said.

George said there is room for compromise but that "these are two diametrically opposed versions."

"I'm comfortable enough in my position. I'm a physician in medical practice, I'm term limited and I'm comfortable doing what I think is right," he

The Detroit Free Press reported Friday that Attorney General Mike Cox and UAW President Ron Gettelfinger would hold a press conference on Monday to endorse George's proposals.

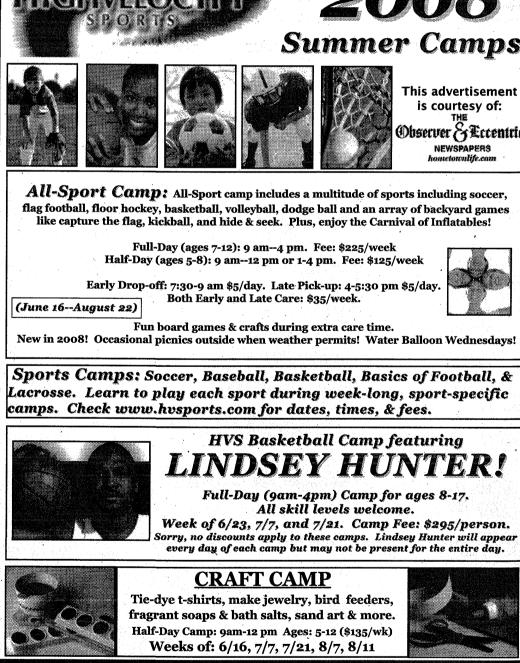


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AROUND TOWN

Gilda's Gala The Chrysler Foundation sponsors Gilda's Gala 2008, a 10th-anniversary fund-raiser for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, a nonprofit organization that provides emotional and social support to anyone impacted by cancer. Fox 2 Health Reporter Lila Lazarus will serve as emcee of this special event on May 15, 2008 at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy, 48084. Tickets are \$150 for the general public and \$100 for members. Price includes dinner, a martini luge, silent and live auctions and entertainment and dancing featuring Detroit's own Dr. Pocket. For reservations, call (248) 577-0800.

Cancer survivor awards The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is accepting nominations for the Patricia Milner Sachs Heart of a Survivor Award. The award recognizes an outstanding cancer survivor who exemplifies caring, compassion and devotion to beloing others in their journey to survive cancer. The award will be given at the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Survivorship Celebration, on June 19, Nominations are open to all cancer survivors. This is the second year for the award. named in honor of Patricia Milner Sachs, a former Karmanos employee who lost her 11-year battle with melanoma in June 2006. Through her dedication to Karmanos and her commitment to cancer education and awareness, Sachs developed several community programs, including Survivorship University, free lectures for cancer survivors and their caregivers; "N'Siah" support group; and S.H.I.E.L.D., a sun safety and skin cancer awareness program for children and adults. Sachs exemplified service to other cancer survivors as she courageously battled the disease. Nomination forms for the Patricia Milner Sachs Heart of a Survivor Award are available at www. karmanos.org . Nominations must be received at the Karmanos Cancer Institute by April 27.

Leadership Training Conference

On Friday, May 2, the American Association of University Women will hold a Leadership Conference at the Metro Detroit Airport Marriott from 5-10 p.m. The conference is open to anyone who is interested in honing their leadership skills. The cost is \$20 and the registration deadline is April 15. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Jim Hunter, best selling author of Servant Leadership and 28-year veteran speaker on all things leadership, Mr. Hunter will discuss developing leadership skills and maintaining your enthusiasm. He will share his expertise in building relationships and trust. He says, "By

committing to and following certain principles, the group becomes a remarkably effective decisionmaking body, cohesively working together toward goals identified as being for the common good." AAUW staff member Lecia Imbery will discuss leadership challenges: learning to run a meeting in a friendly, cordial manner; finding ways to encourage volunteerism and collaboration; staying committed to the mission; delegating tasks and responsibilities; follow through. The fee includes an hors d'oeuvres reception and a coffee and dessert afterglow. For a registration form contact AAUW of Michigan Vice President Sharon Belobraidich at (734) 453-5009 or at belo sharon@earthlink.net or Northville-Novi Branch Co-President Joyce Murdock at (734) 207-1942 or at tmurdock215517MI@comcast.net

It's Post Time!

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan is presenting present Derby for Dreams charity fund-raiser 3-6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. Net proceeds of this event support HFM's programs and services for those in the bleeding disorders community. This fun-filled event takes place on 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the, Michigan. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple and include an afternoon of thoroughbred horse racing projected on a big screen TV. A buffet of southern food and "Funny Money" to place one bet on each race are included. A cash bar will be offered. Each race is professionally called with a photo finish ending. As an added bonus, beginning at 5 p.m., the 134th running of the Kentucky Derby will be telecast live. Everyone is invited to Dress for the Derby! Ladies, a prize will be awarded for the best Derby hat! We invite you to participate in this exciting event. For more information, call Dawn Evans at (800) 482-3041 or register online at www.hfmich.org.

Suicide Loss Support Group New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets

7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the



GARY TURNQUIST

Essay winners

Salem High senior Katt Qian (left) won first place (and a \$500 prize) and Canton High senior Stephanie Cosby took 3rd place (and \$200) in the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Essay Contest. They are pictured with Chairperson Gretchen Miller from Salem High School. Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo congratulated and presented special pins to the winners last week at the Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth Township. Not pictured is Aubrey Warner who received \$300 for 2nd place.

month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library, Visitors are welcome, For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/ luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training Heartland Hospice is looking

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

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost

a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Post Polio Clinic

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

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

Mosaic Mothers

MOSAIC Mothers' Group meets on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month through May 6. Speakers, food, discussion time, social activities, Childcare provided, Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information. (734) 453-5534.

Gardeners meet

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Canton Newcomers

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

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part

of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www. pckiwanis.org).

Plymouth Newcomers

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

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatique

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn to kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Plymouth Baptist Church for more information, 734-453-5534

Moms Club

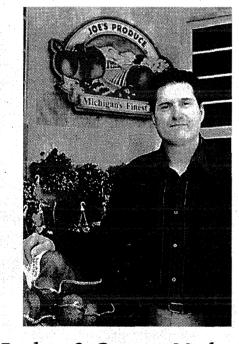
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further informa-

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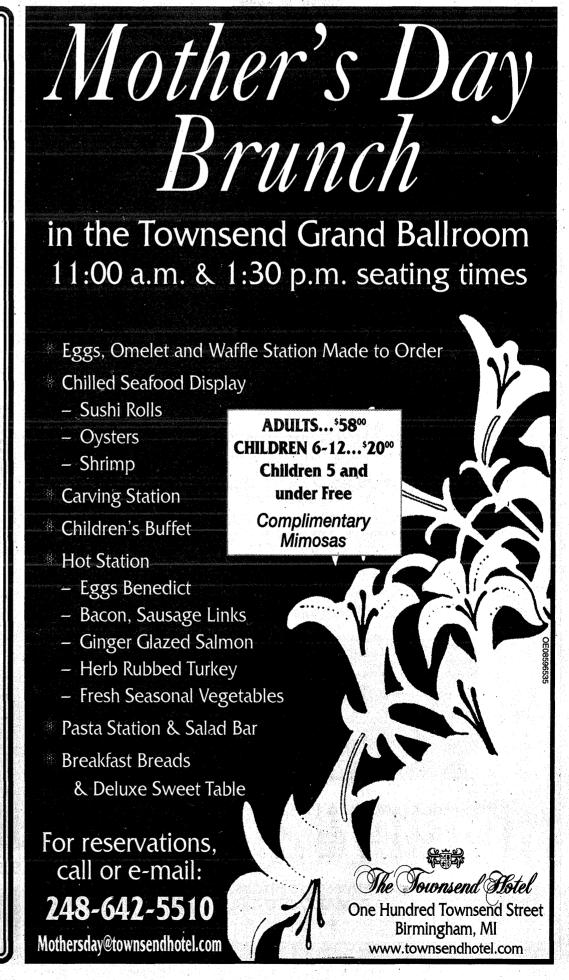
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shelters to ban together and become one political voice to garner more financial help.

"Until you form a block of people, politicians aren't going to do anything," Thompson said. "Seventy percent of people in a community don't even know where the local animal shelters are. It's a tragedy."

After addressing the crowd, the group visited the shelter which houses 150 rabbits to inspect operations and procedures, finances and community support.

"Everybody in the nation will know about little Plymouth, Michigan, which I am so proud of," said Debbie Toundaian of Midwest Rabbit & Re-Home, the only rabbit shelter in the national contest, after receiving an award from Zootoo in Kellogg Park.

Midwest founder Dominique Moroz was pleased with the



Zootoo.com founder Richard Thompson said he came up with the online contest to "do something meaningful to help shelters around the country."

support the shelter received during the contest period.

"Many times, when I spoke to people about starting the shelter (two years ago), they told me I would never get it off the ground," Moroz said. "But, there's the need and support and it happened."

Lauren Follmer, 16, of Novi was on hand to greet the guests from Zootoo in an effort to boost Midwest's chances of winning.

"It's important to raise awareness for our shelter and our bunnies," said Follmer. "Bunnies are the third most popular pet but people don't understand them.'

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Bird Elementary kindergarten teacher Maxine Harrigan with grandparents Dorothy and Joe Siwarski and Maxine Harrigan.

listen to their stories so they grow and learn through them." Harrigan remembers the

time spent with her grandparents while growing up.

"My grandparents had a farm in Manistee and I'd spend summers there pulling strawberries and weeds and putting clothes on the line," said Harrigan referring to her grandmother, Maxine Harrigan, 86, who participated in the event. "I learned so much from them about work ethic and people."

And, pointing to her grandparents Joe and Dorothy Siwarski of Northville, Harrigan said, "These two

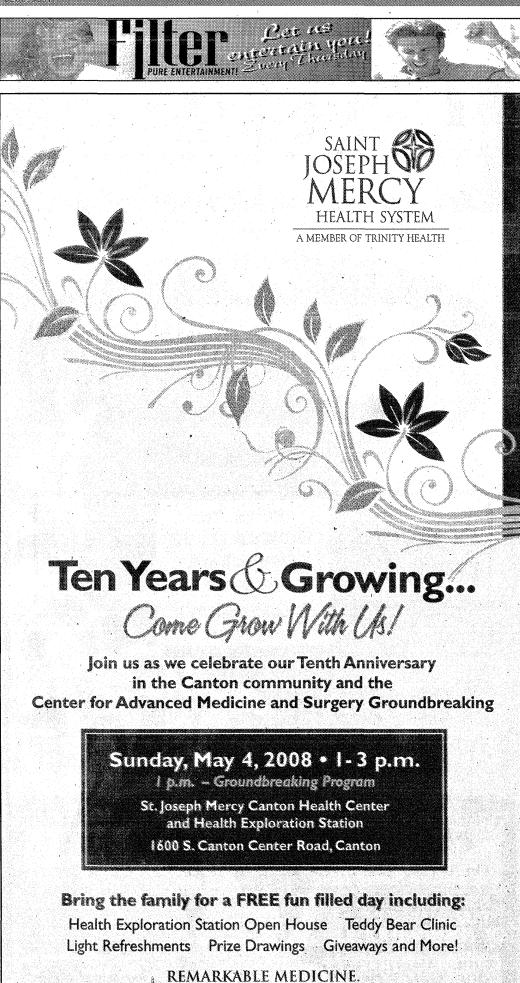
gave the most unconditional love ever my whole life." Dorothy Siwarski, 83, said Harrigan was almost the perfect granddaughter.

"She never gave us any trouble," said Siwarski. "I wish I could tell you all the nice things about her, but it would take too long."

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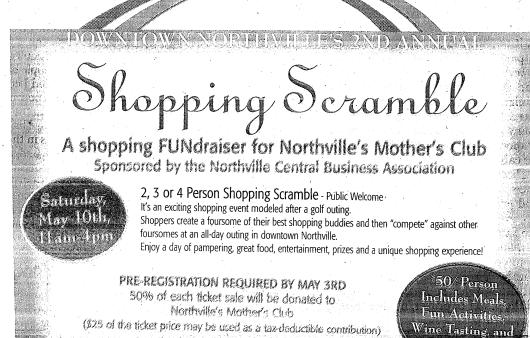






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OUR VIEWS

Gather at flagpole and say a prayer

Thursday's annual National Day of Prayer will draw the usual number of "gather 'round the flagpole" ceremonies, where groups gather to pray for our communities, our people and our country.

Crowds at these events — there's one in Canton, another in Westland — will most likely be small, but the prayers will be huge, as they have been in all the years these kinds of events have been held.

There are those people who would say that such a religiousbased event should be held in a church rather than around a flagpole, but the intent of the National Day of Prayer is very specific. People of all faiths are asked to unite to pray for our country and leaders.

Prayer is portable (it can be said anywhere) and — for those who believe — it can be very powerful. And praying as a country is nothing new. It's always been used in this country for guidance, protection and strength — even before it was a nation or a handful of colonies. The Pilgrims at Plymouth relied on prayer during their first winter. The Founding Fathers also called for prayer during the Constitutional

Even President Abraham Lincoln knew the power of prayer. Before the battle of Gettysburg, when the fate of the nation hung in the balance, he turned to prayer. The Union won the battle, a turning point in the Civil War that ended slavery and kept the United States intact.

And as American troops stormed the beaches of Normandy in World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt called for the nation to unite in prayer. He also offered a prayer to prepare each citizen for the road ahead: "Let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be."

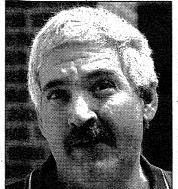
Today, we face many of the same challenges. The men and women in our armed forces are embroiled in wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Many have died and many have suffered life-altering injuries. The economy is struggling and many of our neighbors are seeing their dream of the good life evaporate. We can go it alone in resolving these problems or we can ask for help.

Those who went before us did the latter and succeeded. We encourage people to gather at their favorite flagpole Thursday and pray for our community, county, state and national leaders, even if you don't agree with what they have done. Pray for the safety of our men and women in uniform, for their families, and for the comfort and recovery of those who have been wounded. Those who can't participate, take a moment to bow your head and say a prayer.

If Roosevelt, the Pilgrims and Lincoln never underestimated the power of prayer, neither should we.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What advice would you give to graduating high school seniors?



'No drinking, period."

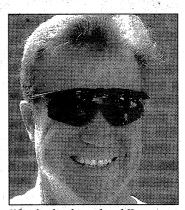
Congrats on budget

- Dan Perrone. Canton



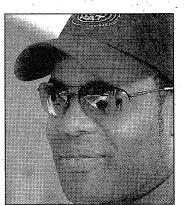
"Learn from other people's mistakes."

- Susan Rogers, Canton



"Go to tech. school."

- Tom Quintance,



"This is just the beginning. Some graduates think they have got it all figured out but this is just the start."

- Ron Briggs, Canton

I want to offer my congratulations and thanks to Ken Jacobs, George Belvitch and Mike Bender for their presentation of a balanced budget proposal for the

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. This is the first time in years that our district leadership has dedicated themselves to the goal of meeting a balanced budget and I want to personally thank them for meeting this difficult goal.

I know it took many people beyond Ken, George and Mike, and I congratulate all who participated. It is now up to the school board to stand up to the pressures that will come to add things back into the budget and once again, as in the past several years, leave us with a budget deficit.

The administrative and educational professionals of our district have stepped up to the challenge and now it is time for the school board to do the same. I only hope that the board will have the same courage as our staff and will not spend more money than they will take in for the 2008-09 school year. Make sure the budget you pass is balanced.

Mark Horvath

Grill owner a hard worker

I was amazed to read that the city of Plymouth was considering not issuing the Penn Grille a liquor license.

LETTERS

The reasons also came as a complete surprise. For years I had frequented Farwell and Friends on Middlebelt in Westland. Bill, the owner, operated a great restaurant bar. Always decorated for every holiday, great food and never any sign of a problem.

When he moved to the Penn Grille in Plymouth, we were disappointed. However, we decided to drive out and see the place. We thought it was a great venue and have been back many times. The place is always crowded, but never once have we ever seen an unruly customer. It looks like a 25- to 40-year-old crowd, well-dressed and well-behaved.

I cannot imagine a more hard-working or concerned owner than Bill.

John Pantalone

Red flag for voters

John McCain's connection to neoconservatives should raise red flags for voters. Neocons had their beginning in the Democratic Party. After failing to convince President Clinton to invade Iraq, they left the Democratic Party in large numbers, and resurfaced on the radical wing of the Republican Party, allied with Christian Zionist. As staunch supporters of Israel, they were chief architects of the war in Iraq, and want that war expanded into Iran and Syria.

Just who are the neocons? Sen. Joseph Lieberman stands out. He is a supporter and confidant of John McCain, who is constantly viewed in McCain's presence. Following Rudy Guiliani's failed primary in Florida, he threw his support behind McCain, along with his supporters that included prominent neocons Norman Podhoretz and Daniel Pipes. This group also includes Douglas Feith, a recent Pentagon analyst, Paul Wofowitz, prominent in the Bush administration and of World Bank fame, and Richard Perle, government think tank analyst.

As pointed out by General Zini on television's 60 Minutes three years ago, "The war in Iraq was to make Israel safer." A primary objective of neocons, who then were able to convince the Bush administration that Iraq's oil was worth pursuing an unnecessary war. The cost of which has outstripped any promised gain.

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Market performs the same under Dems or Republicans

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Dear Rick: I was discussing the stock market with friends and whether it did better with a Democratic or Republican president. We actually did some research and found all sorts of answers. What's your take? Who is better for the market, **Democrats or Republicans?**

I get this question every four years and over the years I have done a significant amount of research on the issue. After reviewing many studies and looking at all sorts of data, I have concluded it doesn't make a difference in the long run.

Whenever I do research, whether it is on a mutual fund, a tax law or a new strategy, one of the keys is to use independent

Unfortunately, numbers can be manipulated to show whatever you want. I am sure if you look at studies funded by Democratic sources, they will show the market is better under Democrats. On the other hand, if you look at a Republican-funded study it would show the exact opposite.

When using independent sources and studies, I have reached the conclusion that markets perform about the same no matter who's in the White House.

I cannot stress enough the importance of independent sources. It's only by using independent sources can you get reliable information you can depend upon.

Dear Rick: In preparing my 2007 tax return, I noticed a mistake on my 2006 return. I received a 1099 that had capital gains and dividends and I only reported the capital gains, not the dividends. I guesstimate that it will cost me a couple hundred dollars in taxes.



Rick Bloom

Should I file an amended return or wait for the IRS to contact me? When it comes to taxes

be proactive. You would be better off to file an amended return. pay the taxes and whatever

interest is due now, rather than wait for the IRS to contact you. In the long run this will save you money and aggravation. The IRS will probably discover the mistake. At that time, they will assess you the additional tax, interest and a potential penalty. Typically, if you voluntarily correct your return, you will have a much greater chance of avoiding any penalties.

There is another benefit of filing an amended return. No one wants to be audited by the IRS. Individuals who file incorrect or sloppy returns tend to have a greater risk of being audited. Therefore, to reduce your risk of being audited, file an amended

All you need to do is Form 1040X. Go to the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov to obtain the form. It's an excellent Web site and has lots of information with regard to taxes in general.

Many of us make mistakes when we file a tax return. However, the bigger mistake is not to correct the return when we know there is a problem.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement. com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

VOTE FOR STUDENT VIDEOS

Students from eight area high schools are competing for the top prize in the Buddy's Pizza/Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers public service video contest. The winning team will receive \$1,000 to be divided among students.

Go to www.buddyspizza.com and view the work of students from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, Berkley High School, Livonia Ladywood, Troy Athens, Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Livonia Franklin. Then vote for your favorite. Voting ends at midnight April 30.

Schools throughout the area were invited to produce a 30-second public service announcement video focusing on teen issues.

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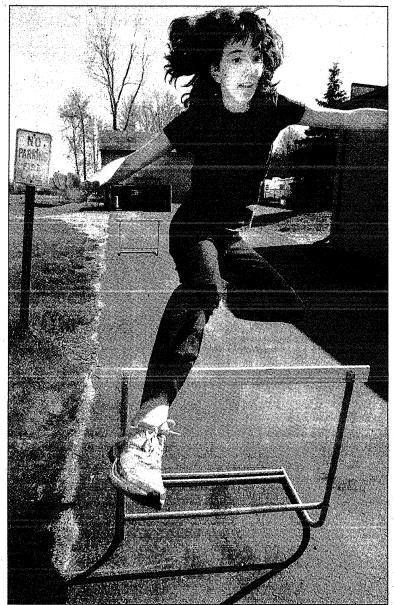
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Pictured are members of the Plymouth Christian Academy boys and girls track teams — all 13 of them — during a training run Monday afternoon. Pictured (from left) are Tony Johnson, Jessica Soblesky, Robert Fergan, Rachel Yerke, Hannah Williams, Max Chiang, Daniel Paulson, Kim Davies, Nate Howard, Jordan Allen, Armila Francis, Zack Burton and Josh Allen.



Rachel Yerke practices hurdles on a make-shift lane on the side of Plymouth Christian Academy Monday afternoon.

Plymouth Christian Academy's 13-member track team overcomes obstacles with faith, fun and hard work

Ed Wright

he first thing you should know about the Plymouth Christian Academy boys and girls track-and-field teams is that their track is a field.

Instead of the perfectly lined, spongy-surfaced ovals that their Plymouth-Canton Educational Park peers to the west call home, the Eagles do their training on a massive,

grassy field that spreads out for several acres east of the school, which is located a stone's throw south of Joy Rd. and an 800-meter run west of Lillev Rd. in Canton. Like all large, grassy fields, this one is far

from flat and it is dotted with gopher holes here and there, so with just one misstep, you could sprain your ankle and make a gopher homeless.

The hurdlers practice on a makeshift lane equipped with four hurdles that are placed evenly each afternoon along a narrow strip of asphalt that runs parallel to the school.

If the hurdlers aren't careful, they could eir arm on the " LANE" sign that stands just a few feet from the road. (Now, that's something the hurdlers over at Salem, Canton and Plymouth don't have to worry about, eh?)

And there won't be a long-jump pit until sometime next week when a generous local business — Burton Plumbing — donates sand that will be installed into a hole the athletes

will dig themselves.

Which leads me to the second thing you should know about the 13-member PCA track team: Instead of sulking about their less-thanstate-of-the-art facilities, they embrace them. "The way we feel," said second-year coach

Jennifer Lemieux, "is that we are blessed just to have a team. This is an awesome, awesome group of kids."

And you can tell by the way the words leave Lemieux's mouth that she truly believes each and every one of them.

Full of optimism

The glass is always half full for the Eagles, who seem to find a silver lining in every figurative cloud that passes over them.

"It's tough not having our own track," admitted Armila Francis, one of just two seniors on the squad. "But the way I look at it, running on the field is great for ankle-strength building. We just go with the flow."

When life gives them lemons, the Eagles make lemonade.

"The best part about having such a small "is that we're a lot closer than if we had a big team. We have a very close group and we all cheer each other on."

Two years ago, Francis wasn't just PCA's best

runner — she was its *only* runner.
"Armila was *the* team," said Lemieux. "She

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Salem freshman

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Salem freshman hurler shuts down Patriot bats

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the most potent softball batting line-ups in the Western Lakes Activities Association went down rather "quiet-Lee" Wednesday afternoon against Salem.

silenced the usually potent bats of Livonia Franklin to lead the Rocks to a 5-0 victory in a WLAA crossover game. Lee held the Patriots - who feature sweet-swinging twin sisters Briauna and Brittany Taylor - to just five hits while striking out nine. Lee displayed impeccable control and did not walk a batter.

Lee had plenty of support in the field as the Rocks did not commit

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of the victory as she led off the game with a triple and scored the contest's first run in the Rocks' two-run first. Schmidt added a single in the sixth.

Other clutch hitters for the winners were Mary Cox (two singles and a run) and Emily Pitcole (2-for-4, two-run home run). Kelli Janiczek and Lizzy Mcloud added sixthinning singles.

Briauna Taylor cracked two singles

Forty-eight hours later, the Rocks registered an ultra-important 2-1 victory over visiting Walled Lake Central to boost their record to 3-1 in the WLAA Lakes Division — the same mark as the Vikings.

Lee sparkled again, scattering four hits and a walk while K'ing 11 Central batters. Jessica Hardy suf-



Canton will be hosting a Nike/SPARQ Championship on Saturday, May 3. Participants who

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complete a free SPARQ test of athleticism will get an official SPARQ rating. The top 10 boys and girls with the highest SPARQ rating will be flown to the Nike World Headquarters in Oregon to compete in the "My Better Championship Finals" in July.

To register, visit www.sparqtraining. com or call (734) 485-2561.

CAHA open house

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will be hosting an open house and registration session for hockey players of all age levels and their families on Saturday, May 17, from 1-4 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

There are three

■ Learn to play - Kids between the ages of 4 and 9 will receive top-notch instruction on the fundamentals of skating and puckhandling skills that will enable them to advance in competitive hockey. This will be offered on Saturdays at noon from September through March for a one-time fee of \$250.

■ Mini-mite cross and full ice hockey This level is for kids 6 and younger

and includes one practice and one game per week and runs from September through March. The cross-ice fee is \$600 while the full-ice cost is \$1,000 per player.

Mite hockey – For kids 7 and 8, this level offers full-ice play twice a week and runs from September through March. The cost is \$1,000 per skater.

For more information, call (734) 487-7777.

BY ED WRIGHT while Nicole and Jessica Emery "The girls played one of their best added singles for the Patriots. all-around games of the season Ashley Geraghty suffered the mound setback for Franklin, yieldtoday," said Salem coach Bonnie ing eight hits and three walks while Southerland. "They were hitting the ball hard and, defensively, they were striking out four. Franklin commitflawless." ted four errors. The victory improved Salem to Another freshman — Heidi Schmidt — proved to be the catalyst Freshman hurler Briana Lee

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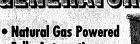
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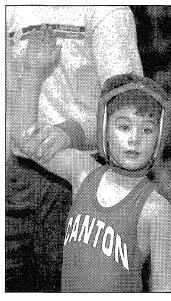
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Canton Wrestling Club member Braydon Randolph won a state title at the MYWA state finals March 29-30 at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.

Four Canton wrestlers win state championships

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

To say the wrestling future is bright for four young Canton grapplers would be an understatement.

The quartet of Canton Wrestling Club competitors earned state titles at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association state finals March 29-30 at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.

Earning first-place trophies were 5-year-old Brayden Randolph, who went 3-0 in the 55-pound 5-6-year-old division; Owen Atienza, who captured the 46-pound crown in the same age group; Danny Poupore, who went 5-0 in the 49pound 7-8-year-old bracket; and Benjamin Griffin, who defeated all comers in the 70-pound 11-12-year-old competition.

"This was a nice achievement for all four of these kids," said Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph. "Like most kids their age, they lose their focus a little bit, but once they stepped on the mat in the state finals, it was 'game on.'

They all wrestled very well, but Ben Griffin was phenomenal. He was absolutely dominant and won 14-2 in the finals."

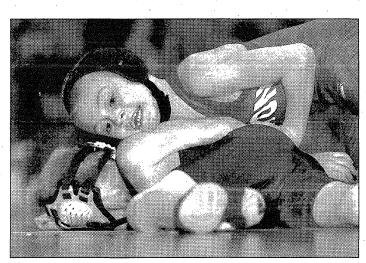
The four state champs were joined by a contingent of 23 other Canton Wrestling Club grapplers, all of whom



Canton Wrestling Club member Owen Atienza (top) won a state championship March 29-30 at the MYWA state finals that were held at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.



Canton Wrestling Club member Ben Griffin won a state title at the MYWA state finals at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.



Canton Wrestling Club member Danny Poupore (top) won a state title at the MYWA state final March 29-30 at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.

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earned the right to compete in the event by placing in the top four in their respective weight classes at a regional tournament held earlier in

Earning All-State honors were Alec Pantaleo and Kyle Gillies, both of whom placed third; Kyle Topper, Rich DeMarois and Braden Price, all fifth-place finishers; and Jordan Atienza, who earned a seventh-place showing.

Other state qualifiers from the Canton squad were: Nathan Atienza, Zach Blevins, Bryce Boltze, Alec Breckenridge, Luke Denzer, Caleb Finamore, Justin Fowler, Brendan Fowler. Ben Keeler, Cody Korpus, Jager Kwiatkowski, Dustin Piepsney, Westen Price, Brandon Wilson, Garret Zabinsk, Waleed Faraj and Anthony Abro.

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BOYS TRACK LEADERS

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK LEADERS (THRU APRIL 24) SHOT PUT

Ed Merhi (Salem), 47-10.5 Dana Baltazar (Salem), 47-1.5 Sam Richards (Plymouth), 44-1 Adam Love (Garden City), 43-9 Nick Habbert (Garden City), 43-5 Cory Gomoll (Plymouth), 43-2 Rob Moores (Canton), 40-11.5

Cortney Frazier (Salem), 130-8 Dana Baltazar (Salem), 129-2 Nick Habbert (Garden City), 127-2 Jason Foster (Canton), 125-0

Adam Love (Garden City), 124-7 Mark Tucker (Thurston), 122-7 Keith Choma (Plymouth), 113-7 Cory Gomoll (Plymouth, 109-0 Rob Moores (Canton), 105-3 LONG JUMP Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 21-1 Ocie Lewis (Canton) 20-9

Jace Bearden (Salem), 20-8 Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 20-5 Adam Somers (Canton), 19-2 Brandon Roberts (Plymouth), 19-0 Michael Hines (Thurston), 19-0 Adam Payne (Canton), 18-11 HIGH JUMP

Jace Bearden (Salem), 6-4 Zack Gaskell (Salem), 6-2 Keith Zech (Canton), 5-10 Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 5-7 Adam Payne (Canton), 5-6 Pawon Daliwahl (Plymouth), 5-6 Michael Hines (Thurston), 5-6 Leonard Wernette-Leff (RU), 5-6 Joe Krizanek (Canton) 5-3 Kyle Biega (Canton) 5-3
POLE VAULT

Chris McGinnis (Canton), 13-6 Ben Ambrose (Plymouth), 13-6 Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 13-0 Joe Massel (Canton), 12-0 John Krutty (Salem), 10-6 Gage Hermann (Canton), 10-6 100-METER DASH

Eric Piwowar (Canton), 11.1 Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 11.2 Demetrius Wilson (RU), 11.4 Rico Tyus (Plymouth), 11.5 Anthony Mullins (Salem), 11.5 Antoine Mitchell (RU), 11.5 Demetrius Wilson (RU), 11.6 Michael Hines (Thurston), 11.8

Ocie Lewis (Canton), 11.9 Nick Austin (Canton), 12.1 200-METER DASH Eric Piwowar (Canton), 23.0

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 23.3 Ryan Randall (Canton), 23.6 Pat Patin (Salem), 23.7 Malik Rich (Plymouth), 23.11 Ocie Lewis (Canton), 24.0 Jeremy Quillico (Canton), 24.1 Demetrius Wilson (RU), 24.5 August Garrett (Canton), 24.6 Adam Somers (Canton), 24.8 Josh Ogundu (Canton), 25.0 **400-METER DASH**

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 52.4 Mike Hanchett (Plymouth), 52.6 Stephen Telenko (Salem), 52.9 Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 53.3 Davion Stackhouse (Canton), 53.5 Ken Lomski (Plymouth), 53.9 Chris Jahoda (Canton), 54.0 Kevin Stephens (RU), 54.3 Davon Mullins (Salem), 54.4 Emmanuel Williams (RU), 54.7 Keith Marshall (RU), 55.2 Kyle Breitmeyer (Canton), 55.8 Scott Zech (Canton), 55.9 800-METER RUN

Kyle Wallath (Plymouth), 2:02.9 Keith Zech (Canton), 2:06.1 Scott Zech (Canton), 2:06.2 Justin Huey (Plymouth), 2:06.4 Zack Gaskell (Salem), 2:07.5 Josh Hurst (Canton), 2:08.5 Brandon Tolinski (Canton), 2:08.7 Mike Charara (Salem), 2:09.4 Paul Rakovitis (Canton), 2:10.5 Francis Mensah (RU), 2:11.0 Derek Hoerman (Canton), 2:11.3 1,600-METER RUN

Kevi deBear (Salem), 4:33.0 Derek Hoerman (Canton), 4:36.9 Josh Hurst (Canton), 4:39.7 Mike Charara (Salem), 4:40.5 Matt Devey (Salem), 4:41.7 Duncan Spitz (Canton), 4:42.2 Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 4:47.3 Craig Cowing (Salem), 4:48.8 Alex Lang (Salem), 4:50.6 Dan Martin (Salem), 4:53.9 3,200-METER RUN

Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:58.7 Duncan Spitz (Canton), 10:03.1 Craig Cowing (Salem), 10:11.2 Matt Devey (Salem), 10:18.9

Kyle Clinton (Canton), 10:20.3 Zack Spreitzer (Canton), 10:27.1 Mike Charara (Salem), 10:38.5 Justin Huey (Plymouth), 10:39.0

Josh Osinski (Canton), 10:49.1 110-METER HIGH HURDLES Vanier Joseph (Thurston), 14.6 Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 14.7 Mike Giles (Salem), 15.5 Scott O'Connor (Salem), 16.5 Tim Belcher (Canton), 16.5 Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 16.8 Quentin Peterson (RU), 17.8 Jordan Norton (Canton), 18.1 Brandon Pilligian (Plymouth), 18.9 300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 39.9 Tim Belcher (Canton), 40.1 Scott O'Connor (Salem), 41.2 Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 42.1 Mike Giles (Salem), 42.8 Kyle Breitmeyer (Canton), 43.0

Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 45.0 MacKenzie Barrett (RU), 45.1 Jordan Norton (Canton), 45.6 Winston Roberts (Canton), 45.7 Danny Scola (RU), 45.8

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 46.9 Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 47.7 Brandon Pilligian (Plymouth), 49.0 400-METER RELAY Plymouth, 44.2 Canton, 44.6

> Redford Union, 46.3 Thurston, 49.2 **800-METER RELAY** Canton, 1:33.7 Salem, 1:35.3 Redford Union, 1:36.0 Thurston, 1:44.0 Plymouth, 3:33.4 Salem, 3:35.2 Canton, 3:35.7 Thurston, 3:47.2 Redford Union, 3:51.0 3,200-METER RELAY Canton, 8:18.5 Garden City, 8:29.7

*Coaches are encouraged to e-mail updates to Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

Plymouth; 8:33.5

Salem, 8:53.5

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

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THURSDAY AT PCEP VARSITY TRACK **Shot put:** 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 32 feet, 8 inches; 2. McLeay (P), 29-7; 3. Douglas (C), 25-5.5.

Discus: 1. Tyler Buchanan (P), 83-8; 2. Hakala (C), 78-5; 3. Douglas (C), 75-9. Long jump: 1. Jill Morton (P), 15-1; 2. Edge (C), 14-8; 3. Williams (C), 14-7.

Edge (C), 14-8; 3. Williams (C), 14-7. **High jump:** 1. Lipa (C), 4-11; 2. (tie)

Godwin (C) and Knisely (P), 4-0. **Pole vault:** 1. Beah Knisely (P), 7-0; 2.

Douglas (C), 6-0; 3. Hunter (C), 6-0. **3,200-meter relay:** 1. Plymouth, 10:40.6; 2. Canton (Gorzalski, Swanberg, Smith, Krolicki), 11:02.9 **100 high hurdies:** 1. Hoener (C), 17.87; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 18, 34:3. Magan

2. Mandy McManus (P), 18.34; 3. Megan Howard (C), 20.07.

Howard (C), 20.07.

100 dash: 1. Lipa (C), 13.38; 2. Walker (P), 13.73; 3. Edge (C), 13.85.

800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:51.5; 2. Canton, 1:55.72.

1,600 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:53; 2. Hessler (P), 6:06.5; 3. Green (P), 6:08.

400 dash: 1. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:03.5; 2. Schmidt (C), 1:05.93; 3. Mema (P), 1:06.6.

300 hurdles: 1. Hoener (C), 51.2; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 54.53; 3. 3. Gabrielle Zuzo (P), 55.47.

800 run: 1. Gorzalski (C), 2:42; 2. Mema (P), 2:48; 3. Balgooyen (P), 2:51.53. **200 dash:** 1. Ashley Banks (C), 27.41; 2. Jill Morton (P), 27.59; 3. Williams (C), 27.41;

3,200 run: 1. Molly Slavens (P), 2. Nhite (P), 13:11.0; 3. Green (P), 13:13.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Swanberg, Lipa, Schmidt, Howard), 4:24.52; 2. Plymouth, 4:33.17.

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APRIL 24 AT CHURCHILL

Shot put: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 38 feet,
1.5 inches; 2. Taylor Bryon (LC), 32-8.5; 3.
Shannon Getchen (LC), 30-4.

Discus: 1. Abron (LC), 127-7; 2. Getchen
(LC), 106-2; 3. Ashley Benton (S), 96-5.

High jump: 1. Cierra Yetts (LC), 4-9;
2. Jaclyn Gribeck (LC), 4-6; 3. Kelly
Determan (S), 4-6.

Long jump: 1. Regular (S), 15-3.5; 2. Alicia
DiMauro (LC), 14-5; 3. Jamie Marihugh
(LC), 14-0.75.

Pole yault: 1. Eren IIral (LC), 9-0-2

(LC), 14-0.75.

Pole vault: 1. Eren Ural (LC), 9-0; 2.
Marihugh (LC), 8-6; 3. DiMauro (LC), 8-0.
100-meter hurdies: 1. Margarita
Lazarevska (LC), 16.33; 2. Mallory Lukas
(LC), 17.3; 3. Gribeck (LC), 18.09.
300 hurdies: 1. Lukas (LC), 50.5; 2.

Lazarevska (LC), 50.76; 3. Madeline Vala (S), no time avaiable. **100 dash:** 1. Deja Wright (S), 13.2; 2. LaBerge (LC), 13.5; 3. Paige Regular (S), 14.99.

14.99. 2**00:** 1. LaBerge (LC0) 28.3; 2. Mattei (S), 29.1; 3. Aoude (LC), 29.72. **400:** 1. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 1:03.8; 2. Sara Kroll (LC), 1:04.73; 3. Aoude (LC), 1:04.73.

1:04.73. **800:** 1: Emily Clairmont (LC), 2:39.8; 2. Kim Verellen (LC), 2:41.14; 3. Melissa Westrick (LC), 2:46.22. **1,600:** 1. McFarlane (LC), 5:17.4; 2. Kroll

3,200: 1. K. Verellen (LC), 12:57.4; 2. M. Verellen (LC), 13:10.6; 3. Lauren Dykla (LC), 400 relay: 1. Salem, 54.93; 2. Churchill,

800 relay: 1. Churchill (Aoude, Lazarevska, Lukas, LaBerge), 1:55.73; 2. Salem, 1:59.2; 1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:30.4; 2. Churchill,

4:41.24; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (K. Verellen, Clairmont, Sara Niezgoda, M. Verellen), 10:38.0; 2. Salem, 10:50.0. **Dual meet records:** Churchill, 4-0

overall, 3-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; Salem, 1-3 overall, 1-2 WLAA-Lakes Division.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

CANTON 79 **PLYMOUTH 58**

THURSDAY AT PCEP VARSITY STADIUM Shot put: 1. Sam Richards (P), 44 feet, 3.75 inches; 2. Corey Gomoll (P), 42-

3. Rob Moores (C), 38-11.5; **Discus:** 1. Corey Gomoll (P), 110-8; 2. Gregory (P), 105-6; 3. Rob Moores (C),

Long jump: 1. Ocie Lewis (C), 20-1; 2. Brandon Roberts (P), 20-0.5; 3. Adam ayne (C), 18-6. **High jump:** 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-6;

Keith Zech (C), 5-6; 3. Dhaliwal (P), 5-3. **Pole vault:** 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 13-6; 2. Chris McGinnis (C), 13-0; 3. Eddie Koelzer (C), 11-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Scott Zech, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst, Brandon Tolinski), 8:24.6; 2. Plymouth, 8:30.4.

110 high hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher

(C), 17.7; 2. Sherif Hassanien (C), 18.4; 3. Piligian (P), 18.7.

100 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 11.1; 2. Connor McKinney (P), 11.2; 3. Rico Tyus

800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Connor

McKinney, Mike Hanchett, Brandon Roberts, Rico Tyus), 1:33.5; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien, Tim Belcher, Eric Piwowar), 1:33.7. **1,600 run:** 1. Duncan Spitz (C), 4:42.2; 2. Josh Hurst (C), 4:43.3; 3. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:51.4.

400 relay: 1. Plymouth, 45.0; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall, Ocie Lewis, Adam Somers, August Garrett), 46.6. 400 dash: 1. Sherif Hassanien (C),

52.5; 2. Mike Hanchett (P), 53.6; 3. Davion Stackhouse (C), 53.8. **300 hurdles:** 1. Tim Belcher (C), 42.5;

2. Kyle Breitmeier (C), 43.0; 3. Winston Roberts (C), 45.7. 800 run: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:06.0; 2. Keith Zech (C), 2:06.2; 3. Paul Rakovitis

200 dash: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 22.8; 2. Eric Piwowar (C), 23.0; 3. Ryan Randall (C), 23.8.

3,200 run: 1. Justin Huey (P), 10:17.0; 2. Kyle Clinton (C), 10:20.3; 3. Zack Spreitzer (C), 10:27.1. 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Davion

Stackhouse, Jordan Wisniewski, Tim Belcher, Kyle Breitmeier), 3:41.8; 2. Plymouth, 3:46.9.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 4-2

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 84, SALEM 55 APRIL 24 AT CHURCHILL

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Shot put: 1. Dana Baltazar (S), 47
feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Ed Mehri (S), 45-4.25;
3. Duane Najarian (LC), 42-11.5.

Discus: 1. Najarian (LC), 135-9; 2.
Courtney Frazier (S), 130-8; 3. Baltazar (S), 129-7.

High jump: 1. Jace Beardon (S), 6-0; 2. Zack Gaskell (S), 5-9; 3. Ryan Whittum (LC) and Kevin Appel (LC), 5-6 each. Long jump: 1. Billy Gutowski (LC), 20-2. Beardon (S), 19-10; 3. Scott Coppola

Pole vault: 1. Joe Tesner (LC), 14-6; 2. Derik Peterman (LC), 14-0; 3. Paul Krutty

110-meter hurdles: 1 Mike Giles (S). 15.48; 2. Peterman (LC), 15.8; 3. Whittum

300 hurdles: 1. Scott O'Connor (S), 2. Giles (S), 43.63; 3. Ian Guerin. 100 dash: 1. Emmanual Dixon (LC).

11.53; 2. Anthony Mullins (S), 11.64; 3. Jeff Ricketts (EC), 11.83. **200:** 1. Devon Easterling (LC), 23.8; 2. Coppola (LC), 23.98; 3. Pát Patin (S),

400: 1. Gutowski (LC), 53.2: 2. Stephen Telenko (S), 54.37; 3. Chris DeNapoli (LC), 54.5. **800:** 1. Brandon Grysko (LC), 2:04.1; 2.

Mark Waterbury (LC), 2:04.7; 3. Schmidt (LC), 2:05.5. **1,600:** 1. Waterbury (LC), 4:44.4; 2. Jason Smith (S), 4:45.4; 3. Joe Varilone

3,200: 1. Varilone (LC), 10:30.7; 2. Mark Freyberg (LC), 10:46.7; 3 Alex. Lang

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Ricketts, Coppola, Zach Fargo, Dixon), 45.82; 2. 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Gutowski,

Coppola, Ricketts, Dixon), 1:33.8; 2. Salem, 1:36.1; 1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 3:44.0; 2. Churchill, 3:52.8; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Schmidt,

Grysko, Anthony Marietti, Paul Folk), 9:02.0; 2. Salem, 9:07.0. Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-0 overall, 3-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; Salem, 2-2 overall, 1-2 WLAA-Lakes Division.

Three Ignition players honored

A trio of Detroit Ignition players were lauded with All-Major Indoor Soccer League honors

earlier this week.

Ignition defender Droo Callahan, a resident of Brighton, was voted to the league's first team while goal-keeper Danny Waltman and forward Jamar Beasley earned second team accolades.

"This year we definitely had a collection of talented players who had great seasons," said Detroit coach Bob Lilley. "I feel all three of these

players are very deserving of their awards." Callahan, the team's captain, scored 62 points

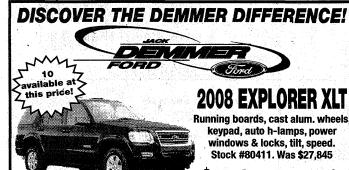
— a total that tripled last year's numbers for the 34-vear-old veteran.

He ranked second in the MISL in blocks and was named "MISL Defensive Player of the Week" four times.

Waltman posted a league-leading save percentage of .744. He also led the MISL with 19

Beasley was the Ignition's scoring leader for the second consecutive year, finishing with 82 points, which was good enough for seventh in the league.

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Plymouth's softball team hammers pair of opponents

PREP SOFTBALL

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The heart of the Plymouth softball team's batting order was pumping at an exceptionally strong rate during the first inning of Friday afternoon's pivotal WLAA Western Division contest at Walled Lake Western.

The Wildcats' No. 3 and 4 hitters — sophomores Stacey Klonowski and Amanda Burnard - both slugged firstinning home runs to give the winners a lead they would never relinquish in their 4-2 victory.

The triumph improved Plymouth's record to 7-4 overall and 2-2 in the division. The Warriors are also 2-2.

"Stacey and Amanda complement each other well," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "They provide us with a lot of power in the middle of our

line-up." Senior right-handed pitcher

Meghan Patterson turned in a stellar effort on the mound for Plymouth, tossing a completegame seven-hitter. Patterson struck out two Warriors. Western cut its deficit to 3-1

in the third with a single run, however, the 'Cats regained a three-run edge in the top of the fourth when Gina Giordano knocked in Beth Heldmeyer, who had opened the inning with a single.

Western notched its final run in the bottom of the fourth.

PLYMOUTH 7, W.L. NORTHERN 1: On Wednesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats won thanks to a strong debut by freshman pitcher Lauren Smith and an incredible offensive display by Klonowski.

After giving up a first-inning ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

run, Smith was brilliant the rest of the way, limiting the Knights to just four hits and one walk while striking out six.

"I was really impressed with the movement on her pitches,' Canfield said of Smith. "She did a great job of keeping the batters off balance and she was very consistent throughout the game."

Klonowski registered a oncein-a-blue-moon achievement as she hit for the cycle, ripping a home run, triple, double and single. The sophomore shortstop, who already has eight taters this season, contributed four RBI.

Other Wildcats who swung hot bats were Erin Rodes (2for-4, double), Amy Bondy (2for-3, stolen base) and Jessica Cicirelli, who went 2-for-4.

Plymouth outhit their visitors, 13-4.

fered the mound setback for the Vikings despite yielding just four hits and striking out 12. Trailing 1-0, the Rocks knot-

ted the game at 1-all when Lizzy Mazorowicz led off with a single and later scored on a single by Christina Parsons.

The winning run was plated in the sixth when Parsons doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a hard-hit double by Cox.

"There isn't a lot of offense generated in our league this season — the pitching has become so good that the hits just aren't coming," said Southerland. "Briana has struck out 44 batters in our last four games, which is quite impressive. Now we need to find a way to break the other teams' outstanding pitchers and generate some hits.

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Plymouth bats sizzle in lopsided victory over Walled Lake Western

What a difference two days made for the Plymouth baseball

On Friday - just 48 hours after dropping a 2-1 setback to Walled Lake Northern — the Wildcats punished Walled Lake Wester, 18-4, with a 14-hit attack that featured a 4-for-4, 4-RBI effort from junior center fielder Ronnie Goble

"We hit Friday and we didn't hit Wednesday," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, summing up his team's up-and-down week.

The Wildcats broke open an 8-4 game against the Warriors with 10 runs in the fourth. The contest was

PREP BASEBALL

after five innings due to the

stopped

MHSAA's 10-run mercy rule. Cliff Buttermore earned the

mound victory for Plymouth, yield-

ing six hits and four walks in five innings. He struck out five. Along with Goble, other big sticks for the Wildcats were swung by Garrett Rebain (2-for-4, three runs), Brad Lineberry (3-for-3, four runs, three RBI), Travis Mewton (1-for-2, two runs, four RBI) and

run, pinch-hit single. One of Lineberry's three hits was

Matt Priebe, who delivered a two-

a home run. W.L. CENTRAL 5, SALEM 4 (nine innings): On Friday at Central, the Vikings plated a run in the bottom of the 11th to pull out the dramatic victory. Derek Mitchell notched the win for Central while Justin Horger absorbed the setback for the Rocks. Both teams finished with 10 hits and two errors. Salem plated a pair of first-inning runs when Heath Parling singled, stole second and scored on Joe Posler's first round-tripper of the season.

The Rocks extended their lead to 3-0 in the third when Parling walked, stole second and scored on Sam Ott's single.

After Central cut its deficit to 3-1 in the fifth, Salem's Kyle Powell delivered an RBI hit to make it 4-1. However, the Vikings scored three in the bottom of the seventh to send the games to extra frames.

Salem starting pitcher Chris Kordick threw 6.1 solid innings. CANTON 7, STEVENSON 3: On

Wednesday at Stevenson, the Chiefs improved to 6-5 overall thanks to strong hitting from Dan Stoney and Matt Barylski, and outstanding pitching from sophomore Alex Dixon.

Stoney went 2-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI, while Barylski enjoyed a 3-for-3 performance at the plate. Dixon was outstanding, limiting the heavy-hitting Spartans to just 1 run and three hits in 3.2 innings of work. He also fanned two batters.

Jake Wilson ripped three hits for Stevenson, which slipped to 3-7.

SALEM 10, FRANKLÍN 2: On Wednesday at Salem, the Rocks improved to 5-4 behind the stellar pitching of junior right-hander Joe Posler, who bolstered his record to 3-0 with six solid innings of mound work. Posler yielded his first two earned runs of the season in the top of the first, but settled down to stifle the Patriots' bats the rest of the way. The Rocks outhit Franklin, 12-4, thanks to a 3-for-4 effort from Matt Woster. who clubbed an RBI double and scored two runs. Other offensive fireworks for the winners were provided by Sam Ott (2-for-2, three runs, RBI), Posler (double, three RBI) and Dana Lorber (2-for-4, two RBI).

On Wednesday at Northern, both teams registered five hits, but the

W.L. NORTHERN 2, PLYMOUTH 1:

Knights managed to manufacture the game-deciding run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Senior Garrett Rebain took a tough loss for Plymouth, yielding just five hits and three walks while striking out one in six innings of work. The lone run for Plymouth came in the fourth when Matt Skubik knocked in Brad Lineberry with a sacrifice fly. Lineberry was the lone 'Cat with two hits. Rebain threw just 63 pitches in the complete-game loss.

AGAPE 4, FRANKLIN ROAD 3: On Thursday, senior Jared Miller earned the win with two innings of perfect relief. The captain also sparkled at the plate, going 2-for-2

with a solo home run and a double. Agape, which improved to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the MIAC Blue, surged to a 3-0 first-inning lead before Franklin Road knotted the game at 3-all with one run in the second and two in the fifth. The Wolverines' scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth when Ethan Walker reached on a bunt single, stole second and scored on Mark Mullett's single.



Plymouth Christian Academy thrower Josh Allen practices his discus form as Kim Davies, Zack Burton and Kyle Lemieux look on.

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worked out on her own and her mom used to drive her to all the meets.'

Francis qualified for the Division 4 state meet during both her freshman and sophomores seasons, giving PCA the unique distinction of being the only team in the state that could say all of its runners qualified for the state meet.

Step in the right direction

Speaking of blessings, something happened prior to the 2007 season that did wonders for the school's diminutive track program.

"There wasn't a coach and someone found out I ran a little, so they asked me if I would help out," explained Lemieux, who has children that attend middle school at PCA. "I love track, so I agreed to become the coach. Mr. Varney, who used to be the track coach here a few years back, taught me everything I needed to do, and here we are."

In reality, the modest Lemieux ran more than just "a little." She's an accomplished long-distance runner who qualified for and ran in the 2007 Boston Marathon

"It's so helpful that coach Lemieux is a runner because she'll run with us and help pace us," said Francis. "She'll do just about anything for us, which is why the team has grown like it has.

"And the main reason we've been able to get along without a track is because she makes practices fun. We work hard, but we have fun, too."

DUAL MEET RESULTS

CANTON 153, LIVONIA STEVENSON 171

APRIL 25 AT HILLTOP G.C.

Canton scorers: Zake Conrad, 37 (medalist); Andrew Rickerman, 37; Aaron Blase, 39; Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindlbauer, 41

Drew Mossoian, 42 each; Tim Milsk, 43; Adam Giordano, 44; Tom Cullum, 45.

Dual match records: Canton, 2-0 overall 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association;

Stevenson, 1-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA.

each; Clark Albers, 43.

Stevenson scorers: Christian Debay an



Jennifer Lemieux has seen her Plymouth Christian Academy boys and girls track team nearly double in size since last year.

Enjoy the moment

Among the conventional practice routines that all high school track athletes endure - repeats, calisthenics, etc. - Lemieux has sprinkled in

some smile-inducing rituals. "There's a 7-11 one mile away, so once a week we have a slushy run - one mile there and one mile back," she said,

smiling. "And when we run the hill over at Plymouth High School (the team uses the PCEP junior varsity stadium for practices one night a week if there are no conflicts with other sporting events), the kids run up the hill, then roll

down it. "Yes, we want to win and we work hard, but I think it's also important to have fun."

Despite the obstacles the Eagles face, they're making noticeable strides when they do get to compete on normal tracks at their weekly meets and the occasional weekend invitational.

GOLF RESULTS

SALEM 173, WAYNE MEMORIAL 191

APRIL 24 AT THE WOODLANDS

Salem scorers: Joel Cheesman, 39 (medalist); Tyler Jeleniewski, 42; Aaron Thompson, 45; Josh Perrin, 47; Kyle Zink, 48;

Wayne scorers: Jacob Smith, 43; Jack

WLAA; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA

Zimmerman, 48; Andrew Morton, 49; Gary Neill and Ryan Raymor, 51 each; Kevin

Daul match records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0

Adam Hammell, 52.

"One of our freshmen boys, Daniel Paulson, ran a 5:28 in the 1,600 meters, and he's only been running track about four weeks," Lemieux said proudly.

"And a couple weeks ago at an invitational, Jessica Soblesky had never actually competed on an official longjump pit, so she had to work out her steps and everything.

"She not only did well, she won the thing.

Which leads us to the final thing you need to know about the PCA track team: Copher holes, "NO PARKING SIGNS" and uneven playing fields will only slow you down if you let them. The Eagles have not let them.

Sometimes God puts rocks in your way, but then he gives you the strength to get over them," Lemieux concluded, summing up her team's spirit.

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WEDNESDAY AT FOX HILLS

CANTON: Zach Conrad, 37: Andrew Rickerman, 38; Jeremy Lindlbauer, 40;

Clark Albers, 42; Brendan Muir, 43; Kendall

Persons, 4.

PLYMOUTH: Kyle Sanders, 39; Andrew
Overmeyer, 39; Kyle Eisiminger, 42; Trevor
Bidwell, 42; Nate Conroy, 45; Ryan Bauer, 45.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 1-0;

Rock kickers secure key win over Knights

On Wednesday at the PCEP soccer stadium, the Rocks jumped to a 2-0 halftime edge and staved off a late charge by the Walled Lake Northern to survive with a 2-1 triumph.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 4-3-2 overall and 2-2 in the Lakes Division.

"It was a huge win for us," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We played well Monday (a 1-0 loss to Walled Lake Central), but we couldn't get the ball in the net. Tonight, the girls played hard and kept shooting and we beat a very skilled team in Northern. We won a lot of the 50-50 balls, which was important."

Freshman forward Kristina Klusek broke a scoreless tie with a goal off an assist from Kaylyn Brzys 15 minutes into the contest.

Brzys doubled the Rocks' lead to 2-0 with 10 minutes left in the first half when she scored after securing a pass from Mackenzie Rogers.

Northern scored its lone goal with three minutes left in the

"They put everybody into their attack and eventually put one in," said Nora.

Salem senior net-minder Kristen Dondzilla was nearly flawless, stopping five of the six shots that came her way.

W.L. CENTRAL 1, SALEM 0: On Monday, Salem's Ariel Dews narrowly missed knotting the game up in the first half with a hard, low shot that rung off the post. The Vikings' lone goal came on a free kick in the first

"We put a lot of pressure on them in the second half, but we couldn't find the net," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "It was a tough loss, but the girls played very well and we are making great progress."

TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 7 **WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1** WEDNESDAY AT SALEM

No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Samantha Giles, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Allie Carpenter (S) def. Sara Pruitt, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Liz McKinley (S) def. Jenny Bone, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Linda Ling (S) def. Louissa Villaroman

No. 1 doubles: 1. Ariel Rojo-Rachel Norman (S) def. Kashenna Martin-Kaylyn Bothell, 6-4 6-1; No. 2: Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) 6-1, No. 2. Affialda Ellinois Alex Lamb (3) def. Hallie Baker-Brooke Zywick, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Lauren Baker-Desiree Clehney (JG) def. Emily Hayter-Jennifer Hunsaker, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Jenna Gambino-Bethany Haller (S) def. Latina Yacks-Nicole Wiater, 6-4, 6-0 DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 5-1.



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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

Recreational tree climbing

For children with special needs age 5 and up and their families 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Curtis Park, Saline. Sponsored by U-M Physical Medicine Department and U-M Dance Marathon Program. Cost \$10 per child, \$20 per family up to 4. To sign up, call (734) 936-5491 or e-mail recreat@umich.edu.

Healthy cooking competition

Presented by Oakland County Medical Society and Schoolcraft College noon to 3 p.m. Monday, April 28, at the college's Culinary Arts School, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Diabetes education day

Free meters and educational materials noon to 3 p.m. Monday, April 28, at Sam's Club, 39800 Ford, east of 275, Canton. Bring a prescription for ACCu-Check meter, test strips and lancets. Call (734) 981-4460.

Caregiving conference

5:30-9 p.m. Monday, April 28, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call (734) 282-7171. Conference covers legal and financial planning, home health care, adult day care, nursing homes and assisted living, elder abuse, medical equipment, and support groups for caregivers.

UPCOMING

Donate Life fund-raiser

The Alive '08 organ donation event takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the Detroit Science Center. Evening includes, silent and sports auction, food, a chocolate fountain, and a ceremony honoring all heroes of donation, music by "Current" Jazz Ensemble from Orchard Lake Middle School. Tickets \$60, \$110 for 2, \$450 for 10. Visit www.donatelifemichigan.org or call (248) 770-5172. For information about registering as an organ donor, visit giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

Relay for Life

Deadline to RSVP for the Costume Potluck party in Canton is Thursday, May 1. It is being hosted by Dawn Ham-Kucharski, her husband Rich and their son Alex to raise money for the American Cancer Society on behalf of members of Team Plymouth AM Rotary/Carlson Travel who are participating in the 24-hour Relay for Life Event at Heritage Park in Canton May 17-18. To enter the party on Sunday, May 4, you have to wear a costume, bring a dish to share and pay \$5 per family, \$5 per individuals with a guest. To RSVP, call (734) 335-7082 or send e-mail to alexsmom1@comcast.net.

Hearing loss events

Walk4Hearing 10 a.m. (registration begins at 9 a.m.) Saturday, May 3, at the East Boat Dock of Kensington Metro Park, Milford. Proceeds go to support Hearing Loss Association of America programs. For information or to register, visit www.Walk4Hearing.org. Day at the State Capitol in Lansing Wednesday, May 21, chartered bus leaves Tel/Twelve Mall (cost \$30), participants meet with their state representative and senator, and attend a session of the Senate and House, hearing access provided the entire event. For a registration form, call (586) 247-4053 or send e-mail to ngibben1@ hfhs.org. A bus registration form may be obtained from the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 4808,

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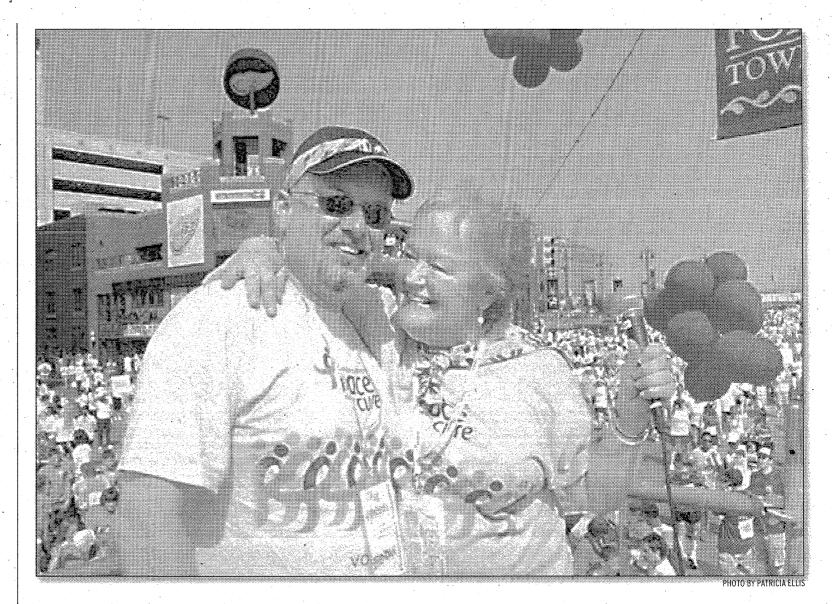
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The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

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Maureen Meldrum, chairwoman of the Komen Detroit Race for Cure, and her brother Brendan Keenan enjoy last year's celebration of survivors. Meldrum was treated for breast cancer 17 years ago. Today she is director of breast cancer special programs at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Event closing in on a cure



Last year's Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure raised \$350,000 for breast cancer research, \$1.3 million for local programs to educate, screen and treat low income and under/uninsured women and men in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

KOMEN DETROIT RACE FOR THE CURE

What: 17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, a 5K run/walk and 1-mile walk to stop breast cancer

When: 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31; opening ceremony 8 a.m., race/walks 9 a.m.

Where: Comerica Park, Detroit

Details: Online team registration through May 13. individuals through May 29, at www.karmanos. org/raceforthecuredetroit. \$12-\$40 cost varies by age. On-site registration available at May 30 Expo or race day beginning at 7 a.m. Expo is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Max Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit (free)

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

heresa Poore more than likely won't be in the 17th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on May 31, at Comerica Park. She still doesn't know if chemotherapy is needed to fight the breast cancer she was diagnosed with in January. But just wait until the 2009 walks and run presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The Farmington Hills woman plans to join the more than 1,500 breast cancer survivors in pink shirts who annually lead tens of thousands of participants in raising money for research, education, screening and treatment.

Poore is proof that early detection saves lives. was diagnosed with breast cancer 16 years ago.

"It wasn't a complete surprise. I have aunts who had it, my mom who's 86 now," said Poore who taught in Detroit Public Schools for 30 years. "This was my fourth biopsy, but this one was on the left. I didn't feel it and my gynecologist didn't. This was so small they gave me the option of coming back in six months but I just had a feeling."

Poore insisted on a biopsy.

"It's scary when people tell you it's malignant. You automatically get frightened," said Poore. "I just found out it hadn't spread. That's one thing about cancer, your life changes. I had a lumpectomy and see the oncologist on Thursday."

Poore's mother was one of the women who received a mastectomy as standard treatment. Over the years advances in diagnostics have made it possible to detect cancer earlier and save the breast. Still Dr. Cassann Blake worries that women are putting off mammograms.

'We have recent statistics in the last year that show less women got their mammograms. When they do get them regularly they're diagnosed early," said Blake, co-director of the Alexander Walt Comprehensive Breast Center at Karmanos Cancer Institute. A surgical oncologist Blake has been treating breast cancer patients 6 years. "We've seen a lot of advances — Evista now being using as prevention, Herceptin targeted to HER2 protein, most recently Avastin previously used for colorectal cancer. Even in my role as a surgeon, we consider offering patients partial breast radiation with the input of our radiation oncologist. They may only need a week instead of five. I don't think a cure is too much to ask but the earlier we can

 $Maure en \, Meldrum \, is \, proud \, of \, the \, fact \, that \, last$ year about \$350,000 from Detroit's race went to research scientists working in Detroit, \$1.3 million to local programs for breast health education, screening and treatment for low income and under/uninsured women and men in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"Komen has just announced \$100 million in research grants for this year, the largest in its 26year history, a 30 percent increase over last year," said Meldrum, chairperson of Detroit Race for grams at Karmanos. "Komen celebrated its 25th year last year with an investment of over \$1 billion and a goal of investing \$2 billion by 2017 saving they wouldn't wait another 25 years because it's much too urgent."

When Meldrum was diagnosed with breast cancer 17 years ago she didn't know much about the disease. Programs made possible by grants from the race, and the event itself, have raised awareness. "Women with no insurance can get screening and get their cancer caught early when it's most treatable. They are educated and then can turn back to their community and educate others about early detection," said Meldrum of Lathrup Village. "There's a lot we don't know about breast cancer. We don't know a lot about what causes it but the five year survival rate for early detection is 98 percent.

"Every woman doesn't have the same opportunities I have. Until every woman has access to the quality of care I had we're not going to rest. Race for the Cure is a wonderful celebratory day with 20 bands, 10,000 pink ribbons waving along Woodward. My first race was Komen's first race. I had just begun chemo and was very fragile and frightened. For a newly diagnosed woman and her family to see these pink shirts is such a hopeful sight. I just hope people will come out and everyone can make a difference."

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Leukemia patient in need of marrow transplant

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Lucy Lussenden sounds frantic. What mother wouldn't be? Her daughter Deb Rusnock is desperately in need of a marrow transplant but no donor has been found. The family isn't giving up though. Beginning in May they're promoting drives around the area in partnership with the National Marrow Donor Program (marrow. org). A swab from the inside of a prospective donor's cheek is all that is needed to determine a match.

"Because my daughter needs a match and has some rogue things in her DNA they're having a problem finding a match and only a match can save her life," said Lussenden of Livonia. "No one in the family is a match. It could be a total stranger that's a match.

"I want my daughter to live. I want her to live to see her daughter marry and have children someday, just like every mother wants."

Rusnock worries that many potential donors believe the process is painful and therefore hesitate to sign up for the registry. The Livonia woman was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia in February 2004. After receiving chemotherapy she went into remission for three years. The leukemia returned in April 2007. For the next month she will have to stay in the hospital for another round of chemotherapy.

"People don't understand," said Rusnock, 52. "It's not the old fashioned way where they delve into your bone (for the marrow for a transplant). If a match is found, the donor comes in and they draw blood from the donor and a machine skims stem cells off and the unused blood goes back into the donor then they do an IV into the recipient."

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 to be eligible to sign up for the registry that helps all patients in search of a marrow transplant not just Rusnock. The drives are among hundreds taking place across the country as part of the National Marrow Donor Program's Thanks Mom campaign May 5-19.

The first local marrow drive takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 5, at Interior Dynamics, 1742 Crooks, Troy 48084. The opportunity to become a donor continues 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at Qualigence, 35200 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Whitmore Lake Rod and Gun Club, 11150 Lemen Rd., Whitmore Lake, west of U.S. 23, south of M-36, 48189, and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

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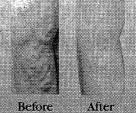
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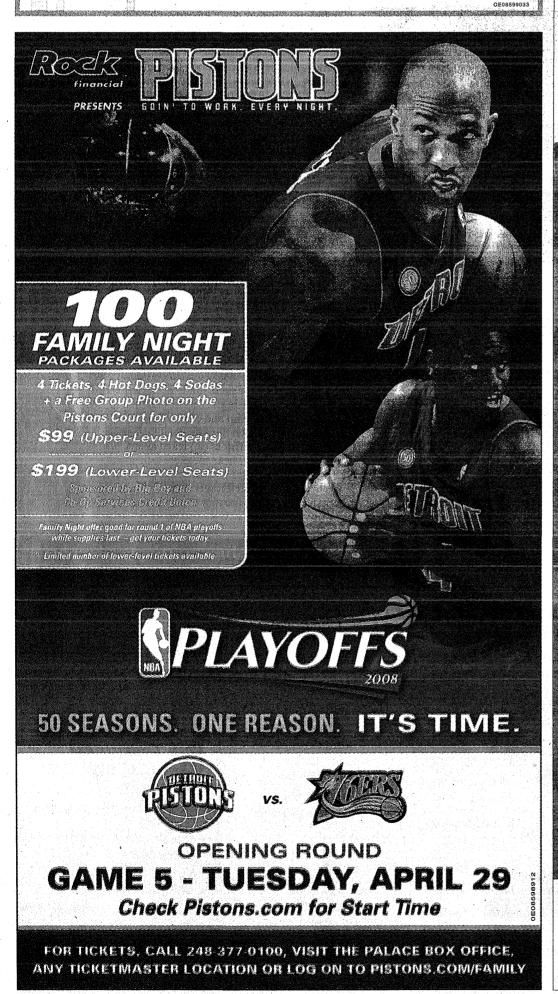
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Chiefs' Dunleavy ignites LAX win

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton lacrosse player Kyle Dunleavy started a good kind of fire Thursday against

Dunleavy ignited the Chiefs' 7-3 victory when he intercepted a pass from the Eagles' goalie less than two minutes into the game and promptly stuck the ball in the back of the net.

"The game got a little chippy toward the end, but the defense was strong," said Canton coach Kevin Riley.

The brother combo of Jake and Joey Underwood continued to shine for the Chiefs as the combined for four goals. Matt Rodgers also found the back of the net for the winners.

The Eagles' fourth-quarter rally was stifled by the Chiefs' defense, which was spearheaded by All-State goalie Justin Scott and defender Mac Ganzak.

SOUTH LYON 20, PCS 4: On Thursday at South Lyon, the Lions improved their record to 11-0 with a convincing victory over the Lady Warriors.

"We found out first-hand why all the other teams in the league refer to South Lyon as a juggernaut," said Plymouth-Canton-Salem coach Dave Medley. "Not



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Canton's Brett Phillips secures a ground ball during a game earlier this season. Phillips and the Chiefs upended Hartland, 7-3, earlier this week.

only are they undefeated, but no team has scored more than four goals against them. Fortunately, we were one of them."

The PCS scoring attack

was evenly divided between Kate Spangler, Natalie Sitko, Chelsea Olson and Amanda Yang. The setback dropped the

Lady Warriors' record 5-2 and into a second-place tie with Brighton. The Lady Warriors face the unenviable task of having to

take on both the Bulldogs

and Lions once more each. this season.

YPSI-LINCOLN 19, PLYMOUTH
16: On Tuesday at the PCEP
junior varsity stadium the
Wildcats saw a 9-6 halftime
lead slip away at the hands of
the Railsplitters.

The loss dropped the first-

year Wildcats to 4-4.

Patrick Downey excelled for the 'Cats, notching six goals and one assist. Other big-time efforts were turned in by Pat Smiatacz (four goals and two assists); Ryan Renault (three goals and one assist); and Connor Martin, who registered three assists.

The Railsplitters outshot the Wildcats, 52-33.

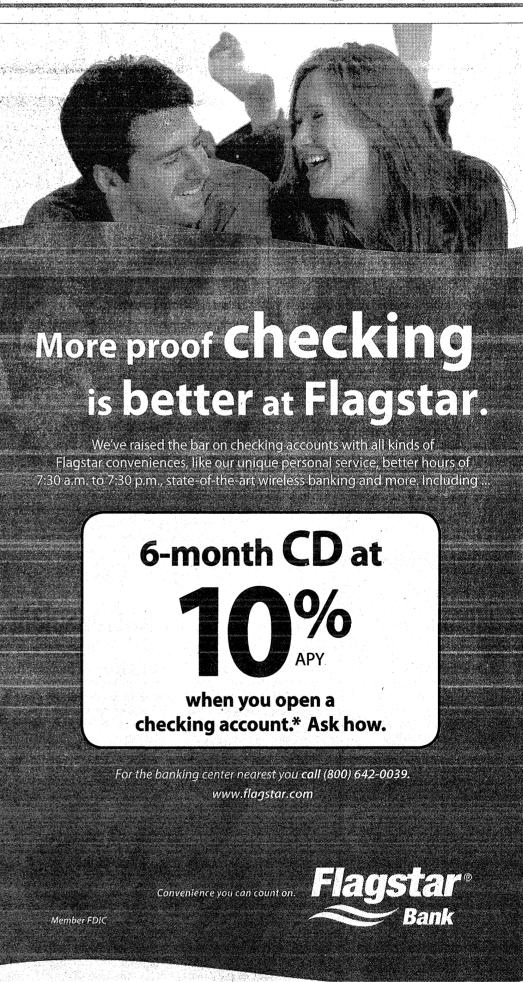
"First team to 20 wins," Plymouth coach Mike Costello joked following his team's narrow defeat. "What a game offensively by both teams. We had some great efforts out there tonight. We moved the ball and took some good shots. We just need to find a way to stop our opposition.

"I know we are young and developing and we play very well in spots. The team just needs to put it all together for 48 minutes."

John Olevnik, Tony
McLaughlin and Patrick
Miller scored single goals for
the Wildcats.

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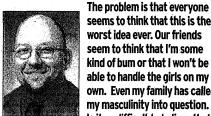
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Staying at home can be wonderful for young dad

Please help me out with this. I am a 27-year-old man that is planning to quit my job and stay at home with my two daughters, ages 3 and 14 months. My wife and I have both worked full time and feel that we are missing out on raising our daughters so we decided that it would be in their best interest, as well as ours, if one of us could stay home with them full time. Financially, she makes about two and a half times what I do so the decision was easy ... I will be the one to stay home.



Chat Room

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seem to think that I'm some kind of bum or that I won't be able to handle the girls on my own. Even my family has called my masculinity into question. Is it so difficult to believe that a man can be a good parent? Is it impossible to understand that stay-at-home fathers can be every bit as effective as stay-at-home mothers? Or am I the one that's mistaken? Is there something wrong with a father taking care of the children while the mother goes to work?

I'm sorry that you are experiencing such opposition to this plan because I would like to applaud you and your wife for even considering this family structure. Sure, if a family can afford it, it's usually the mother that stays home with the children, but there is absolutely nothing in the parenting rulebook that says that a father cannot or should not fill this role. I believe that a father can be every bit as effective and nurturing as a mother and every bit as capable of being a stay-at-home parent.

The lack of support that you are experiencing is probably the direct result of the fact that you are not adhering to societal norms and traditions. In effect you are planning to become abnormal and, frankly, this tends to make people nervous and uncomfortable. Let me be perfectly clear, being "abnormal" is not a bad thing, nor is it a good thing, it is just a "thing." Whenever a person does something that defies convention they will face some resistance and criticism, justified or not. This is a sad fact of society. The good news is that if you can withstand this negativity, you can experience something truly wonderful and worthwhile: spending time with your children.

All of the criticisms that you are and will be facing can be endured and countered. if this is the right decision for your family. Anyone that believes that being a stay-athome parent is easy and that you are taking the easy way out by staying home, has never done this kind of work. In addition, anyone that questions your masculinity as a result of this plan needs to re-evaluate their notion of "manhood." Most women would agree that a man that is a good father is far more masculine and desirable than one that is not. Just ask your wife. In short, no, there is absolutely nothing wrong with a father that chooses to stay at home and raise his children while his wife works outside of the home. After all, raising our children is the most important vocation of all.

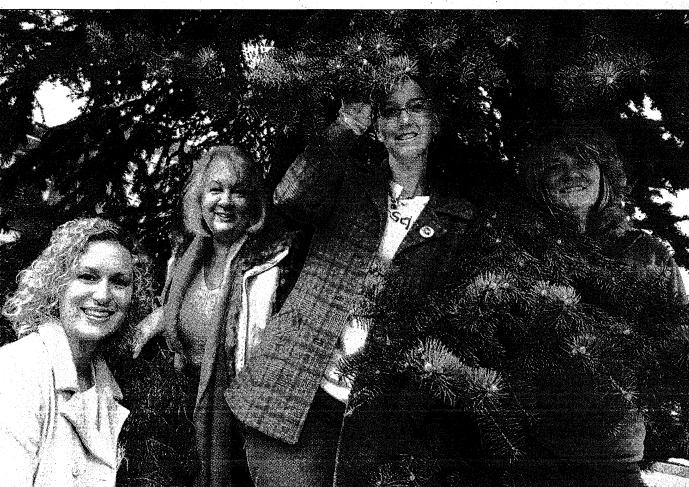
My 10-year-old son has been having horrible nightmares. He wakes up screaming and kicking and punching the air as if he's fighting for his life. We try to wake him up, but he doesn't seem to know that we're even there even though his eyes are open. When we do get him to wake up he says that he doesn't even remember dreaming at all. The whole thing is scary. What can we do about

It sounds as if your son is experiencing night terrors. Night terrors are a kind of dream that usually occur within the first 60 to 90 minutes of sleep and involves restless and seemingly wakeful actions, such as screaming, kicking, thrashing around, hitting, etc. And as traumatic as this all may seem, the dreamer seldom, if ever, remembers any of it.

The first thing that I would recommend is that you take your son to get a physical to rule out anything medical. Some research suggests that these night terrors are the result of seizures not unlike epilepsy. In addition, explore for the possibility of significant stressors that may be triggering these events, such as any big changes in his

If everything checks out OK, the next step is to interrupt the pattern of sleep that produces these night terrors. Try waking your child when he has been asleep for about 45 to 50 minutes, which is just prior to when the night terrors usually occur. After a few days to a week of doing this, the night terrors usually subside. If they don't, contact a qualified child therapist to assist your with more individualized interventions.

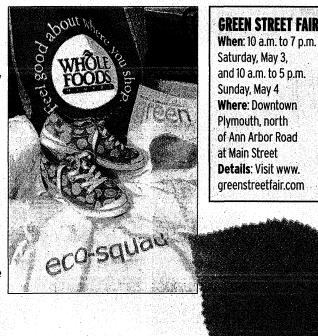
Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and their families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.



Raychel Rork (left), Dianne Quinn, Terri O'Brien, and Mandi Buckland are partnering to put on the first Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

Fair offers ideas for keeping planet healthy

The Green **Street Fair** spotlights a variety of eco-friendly products from sneakers made with recycled tire tread and plastic bottles to canvas shopping bags that replace plastic and paper at the checkout.



When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4 Where: Downtown Plymouth, north of Ann Arbor Road

at Main Street Details: Visit www. greenstreetfair.com

and couldn't believe how big it was. Then it dawned on the Plymouth woman she was feeding her family chemicals. Since that epiphany more than a year ago, she's changed her shopping habits not only for produce but everyday products such as household clean-

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

O&E STAFF WRITER

ianne Quinn looked down at the potato she was preparing for Christmas dinner

ers. It was a turning point that has everything to do with watching her two grandchildren running around the house while she and daughter Raychel Rork work on last-minute details for Art in the Park in Plymouth.

Quinn is concerned about their future so what better way to do her part than by putting on a Green Street Fair May 3-4 in downtown Plymouth to educate the public about keeping the planet healthy for generations to

"I began researching organics," said Quinn. "This (green movement) is not a fad. This is for real. This is about our world and of course for our children and grandchildren. Even if they can't come to the event they can listen to the speakers on a line feed on our Web site (www.greenstreetfair.com). There's so

much more to learn, to teach about recycling." The mother-daughter team has plenty of expertise in organizing the art fair Quinn founded 29

years ago. To ensure the success of the green fair the two are partnering with Mandi Buckland and Terri O'Brien whose Street Marketing firm has promoted the art extravaganza with more than 400 exhibitors every July for the last eight or nine

GREEN OPTIONS

Green Street will be just that with companies selling eco-friendly sneakers made from recycled tire treads and plastic bottles, independents

offering organic hemp and cotton bags to

make Home Grown Sprouts, an Alternative Highway where visitors can learn about hybrid vehicles, or hear speakers talk about how our choices and what we eat effects the earth and all its inhabitants. Drop off your old crocs to be recycled into new shoes to be donated

Please see GREEN, C5

Lace makers weave a love for the art



Shirley Coe works on a lace snake bookmark in her Redford home.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shirley Coe carefully unrolls the bobbin lace she wove on a special pillow. The finely crafted linen threads represent hours of work, but in this case it's all for the love of her daughter. The delicate handiwork will soon adorn the border of a tablecloth for Sue's table.

Over the years, Coe's lace has accented important aspects of her family's life, including decorating her daughter's wedding veil and flowers and a garter for her granddaughter. Coe has nine grandchildren, four great-granddaughters and would like to see the art live on. On Saturday, May 3, Coe and the Great Lakes Lace Group share their Love of Lace at a daylong event at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Members come from as far away as Midland, Cadillac, Ohio, and Indiana to attend.

LOVE OF LACE

What: A day of face making, demonstrations, try-it tables, vendors, displays When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3 Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road Details: No charge. For information, visit GLLGI.org.

Lace making reached its peak in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

Visitors can learn about the different types from bobbin to tatted by visiting displays, watching demonstrations, or trying their

hand at the craft. "Vendors come from all over and bring everything from pillows to bobbins to thread and tatting supplies," said Coe, 75, of Redford.

Please see LACE, C3

Salon holds events to raise money for breast cancer walk

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Rebekah Dupuis and the rest of the staff at the salon Philip Nolan's is inviting the community to help their team raise money for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day event

The Pink Themed bake sale takes place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 9, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Philip Nolan's in the Northridge Commons at 33523 W. Eight Mile.

All proceeds go directly to support the team's members

who will participating in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk. Philip Nolan's has been in Livonia 28 years and most of the staff has been together 15 to 20-years.

For more information, call the salon at (248) 478-2626.

In addition to the bake sale, staff is working on fundraisers from raffles to selling crystal bracelets. On May 19, and June 29, they'll hold charity haircutting days, and a golf outing at Fox Creek on Aug. 10.

Meet your new best friend at GreyHeart events

GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption of Michigan is hold a number of Meet & Greets in May to find homes for the dogs. The first event takes place noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Livonia Pet Supplies "Plus," 29493 W. Seven Mile, (248) 615-0039.

The Canton Petco hosts the

rescue group noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at 43435 Ford Road at Morton Taylor. ACO Hardware is the place to be if you're looking to adopt a greyhound 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25, at 37133 Six Mile, Livonia.

For more information, send an e-mail to jfoxley@comcast.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF FIBROMYALGIA

Patients have said to me: "A friend mentioned that my pain sounded like Fibromyalgia; I looked up Fibromvalgia on the Web. I hurt all over like the description said, but I don't have any pressure points. Do I have fibromyalgia?

The medical answer is that you certainly could. The diagnosis of Fibromyalgia depends on a number of features. The presence of pressure points - sites on the body where light touch brings on marked pain - is only one feature. The constellation of findings includes headaches, jaw pain, anterior chest pain, irritable bowel, frequent urination, and tingling or burning pain down the arms or legs. Individuals with Fibromyalgia note difficulty falling asleep, frequent awakenings in the night, and undue fatigue during the day. Patients with Fibromyalgia often experience sleep apnea

Response to pressure point testing remains a basic feature. Physicians consider an individual with 12-18 pressure points as having fibromyalgia, even if the other features are not present. The diagnosis also holds if a patient has few or no trigger points, but experiences the fatigue, tingling, that is also a part of the condition.

No person will have all the features of Fibromyalgia. Today, the characteristic presentation of Fibromyalgia is not the classical one that depended on multiple points. Making the diagnosis rests on a series of changes. However, now as in the past, no laboratory tests exist that can confirm or deny that your diagnosis is Fibromyalgia.

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Pianist brings lifelong love of music to recital series

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Angela Cheng has one word for parents struggling to instill a love of piano in their children - practice.

Cheng wouldn't be traveling the world giving concerts if she didn't spend hours at the keyboard every day.

Music was simply a part of her family's life in Hong Kong. Her mother conducted a chamber ensemble and choir. Her grandfather owned music stores in China. Her aunt, a professional piano teacher, took over her lessons at age 5. Cheng's mother had taught her the basics beginning at 3 1/2.

"My family was great lovers of classical music," said Cheng who moved to Edmonton in the Canadian province of Alberta with her family at age 11. She went on to earn a bachelor of music from The Juilliard School in New York City and a master's degree from Indiana University

"You either played piano or violin. All my cousins played, all my aunts and uncles. I grew up in that kind of environment."

Over the years Cheng's practice paid off. She won numerous awards including the Gold Medal at the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competitions and was the first Canadian to win the prestigious Montreal International Piano Competition (1988.) She has performed with more than 100 orchestras including Montreal, Toronto and the Boston Pops, and given master classes at the University of Michigan, Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts, and the Glen Gould School at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, to name a few. Today, in addition to performing 40concerts a year, she trains future pianists as an associate professor at Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. She has made recordings for Koch International and CBC Records. Her latest CD was all Chopin for Universal Music Canada.



Angela Cheng closes the 2007-2008 Schoolcraft College Evening Recital Series with a program of Beethoven, Haydn, Schumann, Schubert, and Canadian composer Alexine Louie on May 9.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE **EVENING RECITAL SERIES**

What: Continues with pianist Angela Cheng When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 Where: Presentation room in the VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia Tickets: \$20, \$10 student, available at www.schoolcraft. edu/foundation/events or call (734) 462-4403

On Friday, May 9, Cheng returns to Schoolcraft College for a program featuring Haydn, Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert and Canadian composer Alexina Louie. She has been invited back by Donald

Morelock, chairman of the music department, who says Angela (Cheng) is one of my favorite people performing

Both of Cheng's children, Alyssa, 10, and Amanda, 12, continue in her footsteps playing piano. She admits it's difficult to get them to practice between lessons even though her and husband Alvin Chow are accomplished pianists. Chow is chairman of the piano department at

"I definitely encourage parents to find a teacher who's supportive, but the most important thing is practice," said Cheng. "Practice is very lonely, but if you don't practice you can't get better."

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Irish-Americans spotlight culture

Several Irish events are taking place in early May including a concert, competition, and lecture.

James S. Rogers talks about Irish America in the Fifties at noon Tuesday, May 6, at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Rogers is director of the Center for Irish Studies, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul and editor of New Hibernia Review published by the university. He will discuss the many ways in which literature, movies and the resurgence of traditional music show that Irish-American culture and identity were still alive in the 50's. The cost is \$12 and includes lunch. For information, call (248) 540-6687.

On Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, the Detroit Irish Music Association hosts the 2008 Midwest Fleadh Cehoil (Festival of Music), at the Doubletree Hotel in Dearborn. First and second place winners of the competition qualify for the All-Ireland Fleadh in September in Ireland.

To raise money for the Midwest event which gets underway 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, the Detroit Irish Music Association is presenting a concert and ceili dance 8 p.m. Friday, May 9, featuring Boholo with all-Ireland champion accordionist Jimmy Keane and multi-instrumentalist and balladeer Pat Broaders. Irish tenor Paddy Homan, originally from County Cork, performs as well as step dancers from the Heinzman School of

Tickets are \$15, free for competitors and \$5 for Saturday pass holders. Passes are \$15 for all day, \$8 for the morning only or evening only programs. For more information, call (313) 537-3489 or (248) 837-8022.



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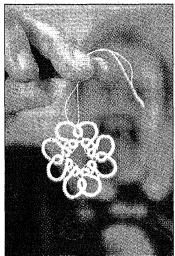
Coe is currently president of the GLLG. "It's knitting, crocheting, all kinds of lace. It's a fun event. They can sit down and talk with lacers. For me I just like lace. It's a beautiful thing to have and do."

Coe began making lace more than 25 years ago after watching a demonstration at the Michigan State Fair. She started with bobbin lace and then tatting which is sometimes more difficult to learn.

"Bobbin is done on a pillow with pins, tatting with a shuttle held in the hand. The technique of bobbin lace people pick up a little bit faster because you have to be able to flip the thread in tatting and people get a little buffaloed with the technique," said

"I tat every night. I carry around a bag of supplies. That's how I got my daughter's veil

done." Today, Coe likes to do more tatting than bobbin lace because of its portability. If she has a doctor's appointment and must wait, she can pull out her thread and shuttle and work. Coe and various members will demonstrate tatting and bobbin lace at the May

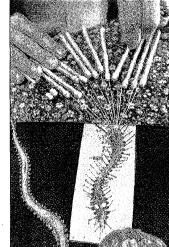


Shirley Coe of Redford displays a lace snowflake she created to hang on her miniature tree at Christmas.

3 event. Cari Baum will help visitors make a mouse bookmark on a bobbin pillow, Coe a snake.

"It takes seven pairs of bobbin attached to cotton thread to make a snake bookmark," said Coe. "Kids love to work these. I taught my grandson Brandon to make a snake at 5 years old and he won a ribbon at the state fair. Any time we demonstrate and ask for volunteers kids are the first ones to raise their hand to try it.

"You're twisting and crossing threads to make a pattern.



Shirley Coe of Redford straightens out the bobbins as she works on her lace snake bookmark.

There's no knotting."

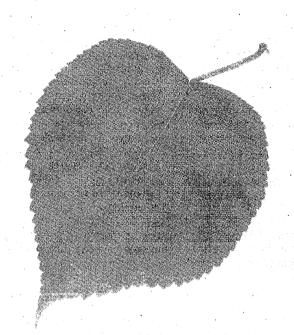
Coe's only real problem when it comes to making lace is keeping her cats, Tweety and Patch, away. Tweety was so fascinated by the thread she ate it and had to be rushed to the veterinarian.

"I don't let them near my thread," said Coe.

For lace making classes or membership information, call Kathleen Campbell at (734) 483-

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Berkley High School Class of 1958

Planning a 50th Reunion, Sept 19-21, 2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Road, Troy. Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing. Contact: csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to the website: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School

Class of 1968 A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Classes of 1958 The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford. net may be contacted for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

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Class of 1969 Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

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Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha (Duza) Movesian, (313) 277-5624, or Joyce (Anderson) Mechalko, (313) 278-4488.

Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626

and at casstech58.com. **Detroit Chadsey High School** Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or email denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit Holy Redeemer High School Class of 1958

A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008 at O'Kelley K of C. Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmary@aol.com for informa-

Detroit High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and

Planning reunion for Sept. 13. Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693.

Detroit Western High School Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out Web site at www.myspace. com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set

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The Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School (JACNS) in Detroit is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. A celebration and silent auction are being planned Saturday, May 24. If you were associated with Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School at any time in the past, as either a student or parent, the school is seeking your memories. For information, email gandjack1@ yahoo.com, or call the Shields family at (313) 822-3211.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

Lincoln Park High School Class of 1978

A 30-Year reunion June 28, at Ramada Inn of Taylor. Contact: Tracy Zimmerman at (714) 837-2191

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1978 A 30 year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be information coming soon. For information, contact the Reunion Committee. Tim Oehmke at (734)637-1002 or

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Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Email address is: milford78@gmail. com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth-Canton high schools Classes of 1988

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassof1988@yahoo. com for more information.



The Renaissance Chorus presents a barbershop concert, Show Tunes & More, Saturday, May 10, in Livonia.

Concert to feature barbershop harmony

The Renaissance Chorus, a group of men devoted to barbershop harmony, are planning. their annual show titled Show Tunes & More 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Activity Center at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church in Livonia.

The concert features songs from movies, plays and all kinds of entertainment venues,

from sacred music to love songs to toe-tapping uptunes. A guest quartet of entertaining, if offbeat gentlemen, known as Chordiology will be highlighting the show, and a good time is promised for all.

Adult tickets are \$16, seniors and students \$14.

An Afterglow Party with pizza and salad and more

entertainment will immediately follow the show. Tickets for the Afterglow can be purchased in advance (recommended) for \$6 or bought at the show on a limited basis for

To purchase tickets, call Bob at (734) 453-0574 or Frank (248) 477-2782, or visit WeSingBarbershop.com.

ENGAGEMENTS

Piper-Rafalski

Dawn Piper and Jason

Jason is a graduate of Garden City High School and the University of Michigan with a degree in human resource management. He is currently employed with Circuit City.

is a senior at the University of Michigan. She is currently employed at Entertainment Productions.

A May wedding is planned in

Canton.

Gilbert-Oldham

Dr. James and Barbara Gilbert of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen Gilbert, to Michael James Oldham, son of Daniel and Teresa Oldham of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mgrs. Hackett Catholic Central in Kalamazoo and Michigan State University. She is currently retail manager and buyer at the Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites in Kalamazoo.

The future groom is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. He is a research



and development engineer at the Viking Corp. in Hastings. A May 24, 2008, wedding is planned for Kalamazoo.



The bride-to-be attended Western Michigan University and currently is attending Schoolcraft Community College. She works at Jackson Early Childhood Center in childcare. She is pursuing a

teaching career. The future groom recently.

joined the U.S. Army and is currently attending boot camp at Fort Jackson in Columbia. S.C., and will later train as a medic at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

A May wedding is planned in Columbia, S.C.

SARAH BEGIAN June 30, 1924-April 24, 2008. She is survived by her devoted, loving husband James and her grown children, Yvonne (Ralph) Begian-Miller, Patti (Bob) Schlagheck, Yvette (Al) Kline, Charles (Caprice) Begian, Kathy Davis and the late James Nicolas Begian. Also surviving are her cherished grandchildren, Robert (April) Schlagheck Jr., Sarah and Kimberly Kline; brothers John and Jack Hovsepian; sister Barbara Hovsepian and brother-in-law Harry (Emily) Begian. Sarah embraced life and her family to the fullest. She had an adventurous spirit and learned to fly in the 1940's. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, painting, gardening, cooking, piano, hosting family gatherings and volunteering at the Plymouth Library. Located behind the Plymouth Library is "Sarah's Garden" dedicated by her family to the Plymouth Library Volunteers as a tribute to their mother. Services were held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial funds may be sent to the Jim Begian Memorial Fund at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, 300 East Crystal Lake Road, Twin Lakes, MI 49457 or St. Sarkis Armenian Orthodox Church, 19300 Ford Road, Dearborn, MI 48128.

ALMA BROOKS

April 23, 2008. Age 84, of Westland. Beloved wife of Robert. Dear mother of Suzanne Slesinski (Mike) and Douglas (Margaret) Brooks. Preceded in death by brothers Pete and Wally and sisters Ann, Julia and Helen. Grandmother of Becky, Matthew, Marianne and Irina. Great-grandmother of Cory and Caitlyn. Visiting Thursday 5-9pm and Friday 2-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, with a Rosary Friday at 4:00pm. Funeral Service Saturday, instate 10:30am for 11:00am Mass at St. marry Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne.



Horton, MI, passed April 17, 2008. Entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI, 734-522-9400

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Age 68, of Weeki Wachee, Florida, died Sunday, April WILLIAM E. FARRANT

20, 2008. Survivors include husband Gordon Moore, son Thomas Trullard, three daughters, Dr. Tammy Trulland, Traci Fusco, Tiffanie Barckman, two sisters, Carol Dunn, Sharon Karshbalk and seven grand. Sharon Karenback and seven grandchildren. Memorial services are Tuesday, April 29 at 11 AM at St. Age 60, Livonia, MI, passed away April 22, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Johns Episcopal Church on Wayne Rd. in Westland, Michigan.

SUSAN LYN MOORE



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PAMELA RUTH GREEN

Age 86, of Plymouth, passed away April 22, 2008. A resident of (nee King) Age 55, April 21, 2008. Beloved wife Plymouth since 1937. Soon after movof Gary. Dear mother of Jeff Boyd ing to Plymouth, she would become a Green. Loving daughter of Luther and Ruth King and daughter-in-law of Jeff and Ruth Green. Beloved sister of Marvin D. (Sandra) King, Melody (Terry) Mest, and Scott (Jeannie) devoted member of the Church of the Nazarene in Plymouth. Madeline retired from Burrough's Corp. in Plymouth after 37 years of service. She loved to work around her home, King. Family will have a memorial especially in her garden. Even this visitation Monday 10:30am until the time of service at 12:00 noon at past winter, she would shovel by hand her own driveway. She was a inspira-Church of Christ West, 291 Spring, tion to all who knew and loved her. Plymouth. Please share a memory Loving mother of Gayle (life partner with the family at:

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BIRTH

John Bohdan Wilson Natalie and Daniel Wilson of Livonia announce the birth of their son, John Bohdan Wilson, on June 14, 2007, at Oakwood

John has a sister, Audrey Wilson, 3.

His grandparents are Wiebke and Bohdan Hnartiuk of Livonia and Dolores and Jack Wilson of Ferguson, Mo.

Great grandparents are Anna Hnartiuk of Livonia and Lucia O'Donnell of Livonia.

Local actors workshop brings entertainment veteran to town

Gordon Michaels brings his Television & Film Actors Workshop to Genitti's Little Theater in Northville 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4. The cost is \$150.

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Along with writing and starring in Unbeatable Harold, due for release this fall, Michaels appeared in Air Force One, The Cooler and Joe Dirt.

He is presently developing his next feature film project which will be shot entirely in Michigan starting in October.

Boutique to host financial fitness day

Women's Health Boutique hosts a workshop focusing on tax strategies, cash flow, budgeting techniques, and making proper financial decisions and more Saturday, May 3, at the boutique, 31209 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The boutique is partnering with Hantz Financial Services to present an attorney, tax specialist and financial planner, all women.

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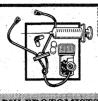
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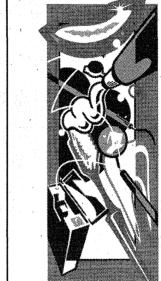
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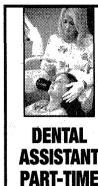
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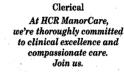


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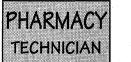
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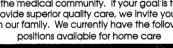
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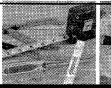
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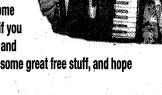
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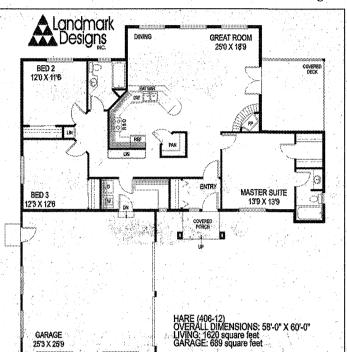
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The interior of the Hare is 1,620 square feet, ideal for a family with children or the couple whose children have left the home. There is an entry area with a bench for taking



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"The featured homes have all been staged by IAHSP Chapter members and professionally prepared for sale," said GLRIC President Rob Leece. All members are Accredited Staging Professionals (ASPs).

The event is a fund-raiser for the 2008 World-Wide Staging Service Week charity project, sponsored by The International Association of Home Staging Professionals

(IAHSP). Proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

The "Parade of ASP Staged Homes" will bring consumer attention to the importance of using home staging to prepare homes for a quick and profitable sale. Each house in the event has been professionally prepared. The featured homes are located throughout greater Detroit and surrounding metro areas. For more information, visit the Web site: www. ParadeOfStagedHomes.com.

'We can improve the lives of others through our magic of ASP Home Staging. When we serve in this way,

the benefits to the lives of others are far reaching," said Barb Schwarz, president of IAHSP International, and founder of the World Wide Staging

SERVICE WEEK

Sponsors have made generous contributions in support of the Great Lake IAHSP Chapter's Ronald McDonald House project. There is no fee to walk through these homes, but donations are welcome and can be made toward the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeastern Michigan. Funds generated by the event will support renovation projects at the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit, which will be completed in September by the Great Lakes IAHSP Chapter members.

"This year will be our IAHSP Chapter's third annual Worldwide Staging Service Week Project at the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit. Through our members, donations, and business affiliates we have completed to date over \$80,000 in renovations," said Carolyn Stieger, 2007 Great Lakes Regional IAHSP Chapter ambassador.

Pictures can be viewed at http:// www.iahsp.com/worldwidestaging/2006-greatlakes-chapter.php. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeastern Michigan has served families of hospitalized children as a home-away-fromhome since 1979. Only steps away from premier medical facilities at Children's Hospital of Michigan, families can nurture and support their children undergoing specialized medical treatment. The House

offers 25 bedrooms, a large kitchen and dining area, play areas, TV rooms and a garden, all designed to make families comfortable during their stay. For more information, visit rmhdet.org.

SUNDAY FEATU HONES



The Great Lakes Regional Chapter Members of IAHSP® (International Association of Home Staging Professionals) and area Realtor®s will be showcasing homes next weekend that are professionally Staged by local ASP®s (Accredited Staging Professionals) throughout southeast Michigan, in the 2nd annual Parade of Staged Homes Open House Event. Proceeds will benefit the 3rd Annual Ronald McDonald House Makeover Project.



Home buyers will get

the chance to preview quality homes and meet Realtors and ASP Stagers who are helping to sell houses quickly in our area.

Staging is a critical marketing tool. Motivated home sellers are encouraged to attend to learn how Home Staging by an ASP can dramatically increase the opportunity for a quick and profitable sale!

The public is invited to preview the homes held open Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm. Participating homes can be found in next weeks ad in the Eccentric Newspapers, or go to <u>www.ParadeOfStagedHomes.com</u> for more details.



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Bridal Row Homes: Charming Legend of Quarton Lakes Estates

Those who have lived in the row of homes along Oak Street across from Quarton School have referred to them as "Bridal Row homes". They were built at the time Quarton Schools was being constructed (1927-1928). Legend has it, the builder con-

structed the homes for his yet to be married daughters and other young newlywed couples so they could raise their families near the school, thus the name "bridal row". 🚴

Though eight homes were built, all with different exterior elevations including



various English, French and Dutch styles, the general floor plan was the same: a kitchen, dining room, living room (with fireplace), one full bathroom and two bedrooms, all on the main floor. Many of the attics were not finished as they are today. As new families purchased through the years, many of the homes underwent renovations to accommodate larger families. Some of the upper levels boast of three bedrooms today. Some with the original rooflines have three upper bedrooms. Others have been extensively expanded and renovated to accommodate today's family needs, including 1740 Oak, which is available today.

Is the legend true? No one knows for sure but, after more than 75 years, "bridal row" still caters to those who want to enjoy the Birmingham "city" lifestyle mingled with the neighborhood amenities of Quarton Lake Estates.

1740 Oak has been thoroughly updated and expanded to include a first-floor master suite, and features two full and two half baths. Custom cabinets, granite and high-end appliances blends today's amenities with old-world charm. The new two-car garage boasts a loft that is perfect for a workout room, in-law suite, or at-home office. This versatile Tudor is unique in that it features large windows and 9.5" ceilings

Open Sunday, April 27, 1-4 pm 1740 Oak Avenue, Birmingham \$395,000

All offers will be seriously considered. Note that seller financing is available!

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complex backs to stream &
woods in fully developed area
of Beverly Hills. Floor to ceil-Drastic price reduction.
Originally priced at \$130,000,
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Wimbleton, left on Abbey Great Cape Cod in Birmingham's Poppleton Park

street in a great family neigh-borhood. 3 bdrm, 2 bath

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OPEN SUNDAY 12-5

237 Tilbury Tilbury N. off Maple, E. of

Cranbrook
What a price for Bloomfield

Cherry cabinets, granite

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Formal living room w/fire-place. Deep yard offers room

for expansion, newer roof

brick paver walkways Invisible fence. 4 bdrm, 2.

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acres in the prestigious Chelmsleigh neighborhood. Over 5,400 sq. ft. of total living

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baths, large gourmet kitchen, walnut paneled den, beautiful

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\$349,000 27216918

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Village!

1st floor bdrm & bath

BIRMINGHAM OPEN SUNDAY 12-5 BLOOMFIELD TWP OPEN SUNDAY 12-5 5253 Fairmount Hill Ct. 111 Coolidge Rd.
Corner of Coolidge & Maple,
W. off Coolidge, N. of Maple
This beautiful end unit town-S. off Lone Pine Rd. to Van Ness to left on Fairmount Hill Ct. Sure to please w/many updates inside & out from the house condo in Birmingham is looking for a new owner. It offers a fantastic location close

curved oak staircase, baths, electrical & kitchen to the to shopping, walking distance to downtown & private carport directly in front of your door. brick pavers & walkways & landscaping This lovely 4 bdrm, 3 bath family home is Once inside you will see fresh paint, oak kitchen cabinets located on a cul-de-sac & sits amid walking trains & bike paths. Knob Hill sub has many newer carpet, 2nd floor laundry, 2 nice sized bdrm & par family oriented activities all year round. Take a walk to the Franklin Cider Mill! Exclusions tially finished bsmt. They have just completed a concrete & brick courtyard. 2 bdrm, 1.1 bath. \$139,000 28013426 garage cabinets. 4 bdrm, bath. \$400,000 28041662 SKBK Sotheby's Int'l 248-644-7000

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plus 2 very large bdrms & full GREEN OAK TWP OPEN SUN 1-4PM bath upstairs. Formal living room & dining room, library, 6 panel doors, screened porch Detached 2 car garage, 11129 Sandy Creek N 9 Mile, E Marshall Newer Built Cape Cod with Master Suite, 1st floor launfull bsmt. Beautiful tree-lined dry, finished walk-out bsmt only \$388,000.

Call Anna: (734) 516-8653

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HARRISON TWP OPEN SUNDAY 12-5 37876 Jefferson Ave. S. of 16 Mile (Metro Parkway) E. off Jefferson

Boater's beware. Beautiful condo w/lakeview. Here sits like new waterfront ranch condo on Lake St. Clair. You can even purchase a dock to park your boat in front of condo. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, eat-in kitchen, dining room, great room. Built in 2003. Hardly used. 1 car garage + carport. Spacious wood deck over-looking Lake St. Clair. Also common swimming pool. Gated community. A must see! 2 bdrm, 2 bath. \$199,900 28034173 SKBK Sotheby's Int'l 248-644-7000

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PLYMOUTH TWP Open Sun 1-4 44471 Brookside Rd bdrm, 2 bath colonial 2300 sq. ft., partly finished bsmt, 2 car attached bsmt, 2 car garage, \$324,900. Marge Tack: 734-718-4003 Keller Williams Realty

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S. OF 8 Mile, W. of Meadowbro NORTHVILLE COLONIAL Fabulous 4 bd home w/great floor plan, Fam Rm w/frpl & door to Deck w/hottub, private fenced yard, granite Kit, fin bsmt, large Master w/his & her WIC's, & so much more

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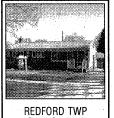
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bdrm., 2 bath Ranch. Designer kitchen, hardwood floors, 1.5 car garage.

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Open Sun 1-4 18294 Lexington, 3 bdrm brick ranch, partly finished bsmt, 2 car detached garage, \$99,900. Marge Tack: 734-718-4003 Keller Williams Realty

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Featured home in American

Bungalow Magazine in 2006 Completely redone in '06 cou pling historical detailing w/modern amenities. Professional chef's kitchen w/glass panels, wet bar & wine fridge. 3 bdrm, 2 bath. \$599,000 28063508 SKBK Sotheby's Int'l 248-644-7000

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Drastic price reduction! 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath colonial in a great location. Perfect for first time buyer! New kitchen w/eating space, living room, separate dining room & family room w/fireplace. 1st floor laundry. Freshly painted, new tear off roof, 2 car attached garage. Utica schools. Seller to look at all offers. 3 bdrm, 1.1 bath. \$174,000 27043840 SKBK Sotheby's Int'l 248-644-7000

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neutral decor w/upgraded hardwood floors in kitchen & front entry. 2 large bdrm, 2 full baths (w/tubs), loft office w/window. Corian kitchen w/doorwall to deck & eating area & island 2 bdrm, 21 area & island. 2 bdrm, 2. bath. \$239,900 27203004 SKBK Sotheby's Int'l 248-644-7000

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Wrenwood to Brooklawn East Beautifully updated 4 bdrm Troy ranch w/Birmingham schools. Low taxes & great schools! New kitchen w/Corian, stainless & tile floor. Refinished hardwood floors throughout, new half & full baths. New interior paint including full bsmt. New 75 gallon hot water heater, newer windows, exterior paint, sidwindows, exterior paint, sig-ing, trim in '07. Newer roof ('01). Loads of storage. Private backyard. 4 bdrm, 1.1 bath. \$184,900 28057392 SKBK Sotheby's Int'1 248-644-7000

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Spectacular lakefront living in **GORGEOUS BRICK** Troy! 3 bdrm brick ranch in COLONIAL 4 Bdrm, 3.5 baths, first floor master, 2700 sq. ft. Finished Emerald Lakes on a cul-de-sac situated on private Pebble Lake. Wonderful views from all windows. Living room w/bay bsmt. with additional 1400 sq. ft. Almost 3/4 acre on window, new bath '06, new flooring kitchen '06, all new cul-de-sac. Granite counter tops, hardwood floors. 800 interior doors. Freshly painted sq. ft. deck. and much more \$385,000. (248) 762-5727 Great lower level walkout for additional entertaining. 90 ft. lake frontage. Troy schools. lake frontage. Troy schools. Bring offers. 3 bdrm, 1.2 bath. \$308,500 28049010

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less. Finished bsmt. w/wet bar, possible inlaw ste. Pella doors to 2 tier patio. Courtyard w/pool. Marble floor entry & Fireplace. \$350,000. 28052942.

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THIS 4 BDRM, 2.1 bath is a great buy w/Novi school district & a great neighborhood. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors in family room, stairs & hall

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(734) 462-9800 - CENTURY 21 TODAY **DOWNTOWN CHARM** Rebuilt in 2008 from studs! 4 bedroom, finished bsmt w/ egress. Granite, stainless &

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(734) 462-9800 CENTURY 21 TODAY **UPDATED KITCHEN**

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Rochester

By Owner

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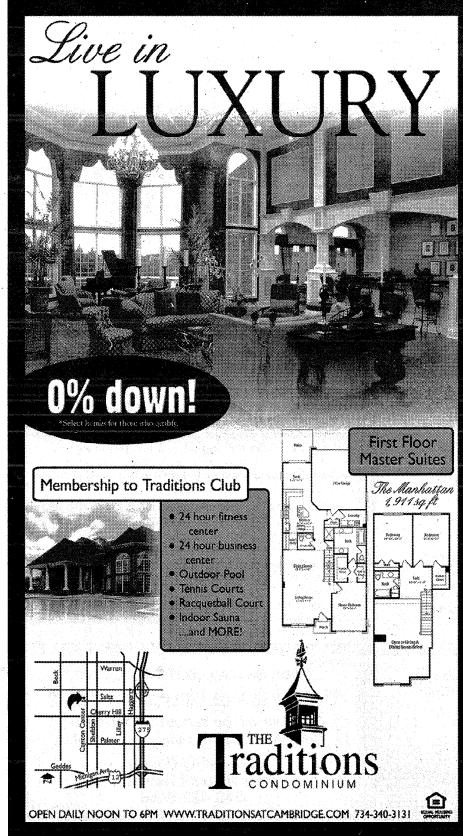
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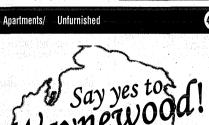
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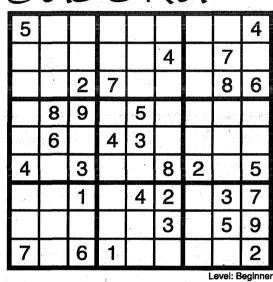
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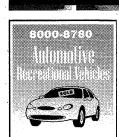
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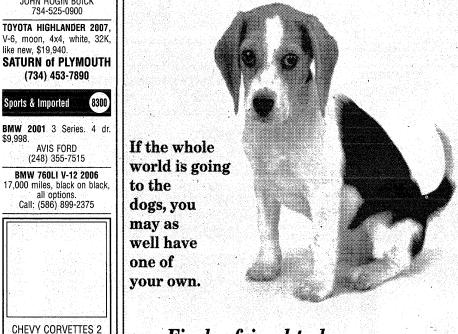
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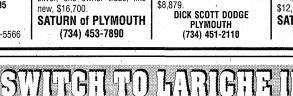
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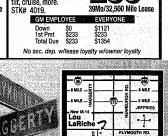
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