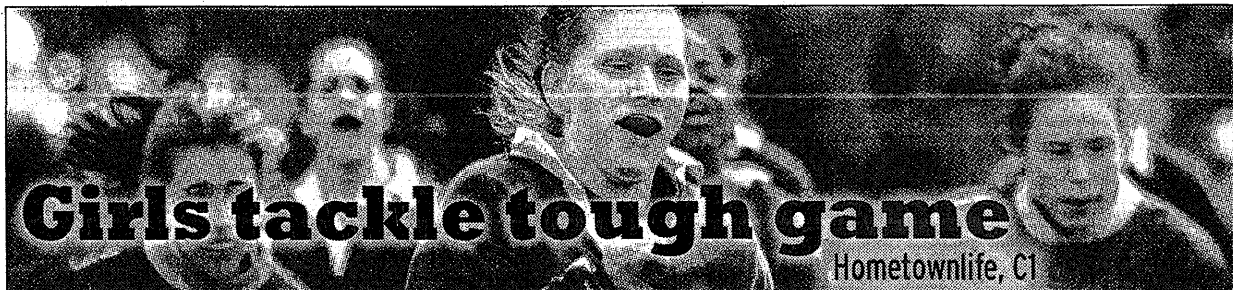




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## Ballots firm in state, local races

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the three-day period to withdraw from local political races came to a close Friday afternoon, the picture became crystal clear as to who is staying and who is gone from the races for 20th House District representative and Plymouth Township supervisor.

Three Republicans beat the Tuesday afternoon deadline to face Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville Township, for the 20th House District. But, by Friday, the only one left standing was former state representative Jerry Vorva of Plymouth.

"The time has come to reduce government in Michigan across the board, reduce everyone's taxes and make Michigan the type of state the businesses want to come to, not flee from," said Vorva.

Joe Van Esley of Plymouth Township said he is "concerned about the direction of our state," but felt comfortable with Vorva running against Corriveau and dropped out.

Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township dropped out of the state House race as well as the township supervisor's race, citing family issues.

However, township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, who had been on the fence about participating in the race for township supervisor, decided to stay in and run.

"I think I have the energy to keep moving the township along," Massengill said. "We've done a decent job since we've been in office. I believe I can be fair to all departments."

There will be an Aug. 5 Republican primary to whittle down the supervisor's race for the November general election. Joining Massengill on the ballot are incumbent supervisor Richard Reaume, Plymouth-Canton school board member Dianne Gonzalez and former township trustee K.C. Mueller. The lone Democrat, who will not face a primary challenge, is Mike Watts.



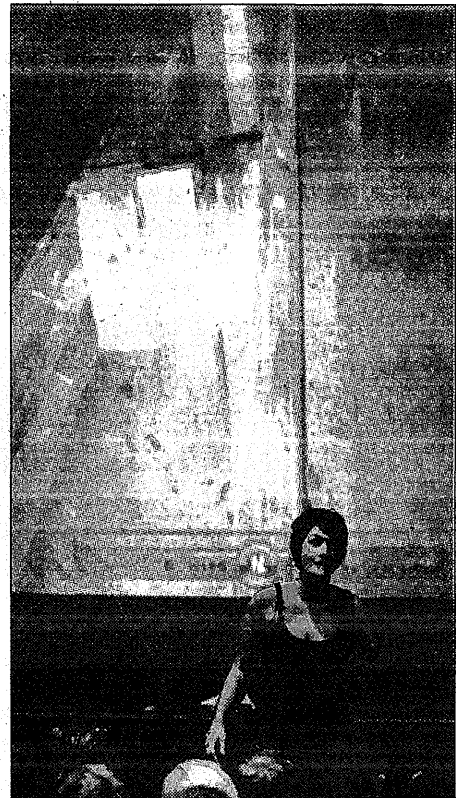
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Sarah Panzau talks to students about drunken driving and the decisions she made leading up to the drunken driving accident she had, which led to the loss of her left arm and other life-threatening injuries.

## A life changed forever

Drunken driver hopes her story affects teens

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Sarah Panzau goes over photos of the accident scene where she lost her left arm and suffered several other life threatening injuries she suffered while driving drunk.

Before Sarah Panzau stepped on the Salem High School auditorium stage Wednesday morning, hundreds of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students viewed a slide show of Panzau as one of the top high school and college volleyball players in America, who became a two-time member of the National Junior College Athletic Association women's volleyball All-America team.

Moments later, the pictures changed dramatically, graphically showing Panzau in a tragic drunken driving crash Aug. 23, 2003, when she was only 21 years old.

"I was considered pretty much dead," Panzau, now 26, told the crowd of sophomores, juniors and seniors during a lecture sponsored by Students Against Drunk Driving. "I had no heartbeat, no pulse and no blood pressure."

"Seconds before that I was thrown through my rear window; my left arm was literally torn off my body, I fractured my jaw in seven places and separated my rib cage from my spinal cord," she said. "This wasn't supposed to happen to people like us because we're young, we think we're invincible and immortal. That was the day my

Please see **PANZAU, A4**

## City skating program hits thin ice

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was a bittersweet feeling among skaters practicing for this weekend's Skating Academy of Plymouth ice show at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The event, which dates back more than 30 years, looks to be in its last because Plymouth city officials have told the recreation department's basic skills program instructors, as well as the Skating Academy's private instructors, that 10 hours of prime ice time will be eliminated in order to make way for hockey teams that pay \$255 an hour for ice time and produce more revenue.

The decision has angered parents of skaters, who have begun a petition drive to reinstate the figure skating programs at the Cultural Center. Some have even discussed a discrimination lawsuit as figure skating is represented mostly by young girls, while hockey participation consists mainly of boys.

"I completely understand the need to make money at the arena, but you've essentially taken skating away from girls," Carla Boyd of Plymouth told city commissioners at their May 5 meeting. "Quite frankly, I think it's sexist. It's discriminatory that a sport was removed that is basically for girls. And if it were the flip side — completely removing the monetary arguments behind it — if you made it all figure skating instead of hockey, there would be an uproar."

Compuware an option for skaters, A4

### PETITION DRIVE

Boyd began the petition drive to save figure skating after recently being told by instructors there would no longer be basic skills lessons offered at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Private lessons by members of the Skating Academy will continue through the summer before coming to a close.

"I walked out of the rink with my 6-year-old daughter (Laine) who was balling her eyes out asking, 'Why can't girls skate too, mommy?'" Boyd said. "She asked me what I was going to do about it, and I told her I'd try to fix it."

"The program is 90 percent girls, but eliminating the program is also bad for boys who need basic skills for hockey," she added.

Barb Miller, the director of the city-run basic skills program, said there were 160 skaters in the spring session and about 210 in the winter session. Miller, who also is a private coach with the Skating Academy of Plymouth, said there are about 60 skaters taking private lessons.

"We were told six weeks ago that we were losing our ice Tuesday through Friday, but we were keeping the basic skills classes," Miller said. "Two weeks ago, we were informed everything was cut — basic skills and ice time — at 4:30 p.m. The basic skills makes more than \$255 an hour."

Please see **SKATING, A4**

## Expo on tap May 20: Welcome to the 'Young at Heart'

Seniors, as well as friends and relatives, get ready for the fifth annual Senior Expo Tuesday, May 20, at the VisITaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric* and Schoolcraft College, this year's expo features more than 50 exhibitors and an activities-packed agenda from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission and parking are free. The VisITaTech Center is located between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Travel buffs can enter to win a tropical getaway for two in

Jamaica courtesy of Atlas Travel. The Caribbean paradise with its beautiful beaches, picturesque mountains and dazzling red sunsets was used by author Ian Fleming as a setting in several of his James Bond novels.

Sport fans will have an opportunity to win tickets to a Detroit's Tigers game.

Participants interested in learning how to grow and protect their retirement investments will be treated to a one-hour free seminar at 10 a.m. by financial expert and *Observer & Eccentric* columnist Rick Bloom.

Other fitness activities

include: 9:30 a.m. Forever Fit for Seniors (taught by Mindy Hopkins), 11 a.m. Line Dancing (led by Bill Peterson and 11:45 a.m. Strength Training for Seniors (offered by American Health and Fitness).

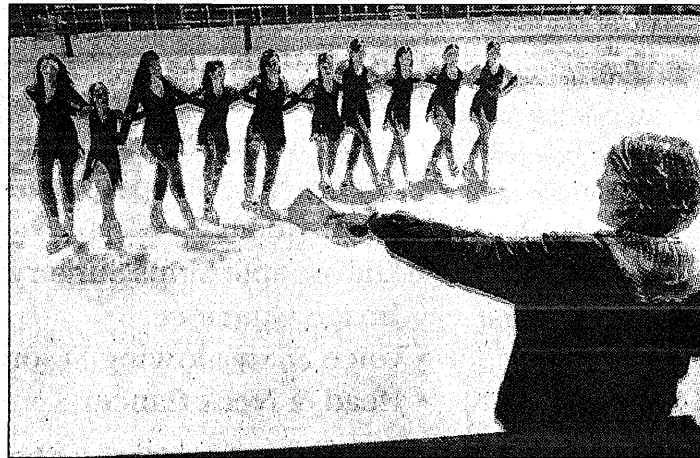
Those in the sandwich generation will have a great opportunity to learn about assisted living options as well as retirement housing for parents who are ready to move from the responsibility of homeownership.

Hometown vocalist Barbara Ware will supply the musical entertainment at 11 a.m.

Exhibit topics include: health care; legal services; fitness; assisted living; travel; insurance; pet care; and home improvement.

Lunch is available for purchase at the college's Henry's Food Court. Located in the VisITaTech Center's Waterman Wing, Henry's has a deli, grill, pizza, pasta station, stir fry station, salad bar and daily entrée selections, as well as an assortment of grab-and-go sandwiches and salads.

For a complete list of exhibitors confirmed, go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

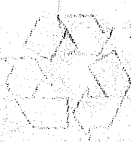


Susan Smith works with figure skaters Madison Smith, Jenna Craven, Lindsay Magaldi, Melanie Elliott, Hannah Shannen, Danielle Cecil, Hailey Katulski, Rose Vowler, Cherry Qian, and Lauren Taylor. The dance steps are part of their "Sing, Sing, Sing" number.

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**New look for plymouthlibrary.org**

The Plymouth District Library recently unveiled new content and format for the library's Web site - plymouthlibrary.org.

Listening to the suggestions of many library users, the site now reflects the information and services most in demand. "Last year we conducted an online survey asking patrons what they liked or didn't like about our web page," explained Electronic Resources Librarian and webmaster Kathy Petlewski. "We incorporated those into our new site and welcome comments and feedback."

One of the newest additions to the site is the "How do I...?" menu on the first page. Here, users can find quick and easy answers to such questions as "How do I reserve items?" "How do I research a topic?" and others.

The Youth Corner is divided by age group, as different age children have different reading needs. Another section holds vital information for parents, teachers and homeschoolers. Adult Services Librarian Barb Dinan converted the previous youth Web site material and supplemented it with many new features.

The Teen Zone will serve as a great resource for Plymouth teens and their parents. Online homework help, reading suggestions and the Teenzone blog are just a few of the many options and all easily accessible.

The Library staff worked with Foursight Creative Group of Plymouth on the redesign of the Web site. Any thoughts or ideas for plymouthlibrary.org can be directed to Kathy Petlewski at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 208 or mkp@plymouthlibrary.org

**Eucharistic conference**

Our Lady of Good Counsel hosts a morning conference on the Eucharist 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 24.

Mass starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast. Speakers include Steve Ray, "Defending the Eucharist," and Sr. Ann Shields, "The Eucharistic Heart of Jesus."

OLGC also presents Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles

in the Social Hall 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 22; 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 23; after the conference Saturday, May 24, until 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 25, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OLGC is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. For more information, call Margy at (313) 225-0549, or Sarah at (734) 667-2287. There is no charge, though a free-will offering will be taken.

**Symphony fund-raiser**

The Plymouth Symphony League launches its 2009 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale.

For \$20.00, buyers get coupons that save money on a variety of entertainment activities like Plymouth Symphony Orchestra concerts, attractions like the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, specialty stores, and fine and casual restaurants all over the area.

For a limited time only, with each purchase of a 2009 Entertainment book, customers will receive a 2008 book free (while supplies last). The 2009 edition of the Entertainment Book also includes a Platinum section, featuring special discount certificates for the "best of the best" restaurants in Metro Detroit, including Plymouth's own Ernesto's and the Whitney restaurant in Detroit.

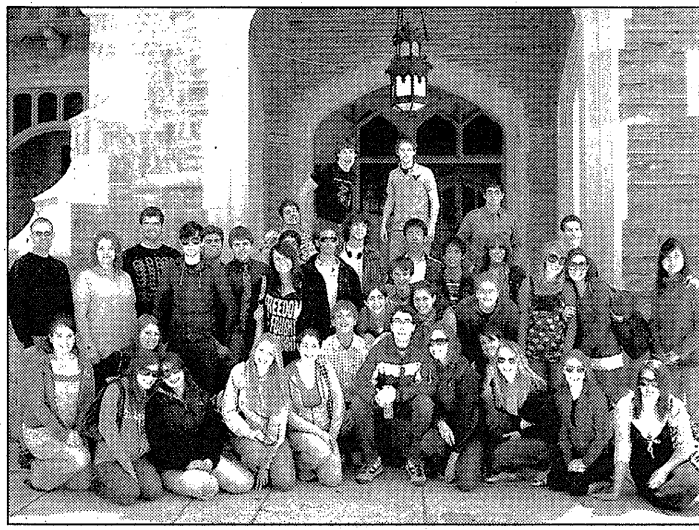
Help the arts thrive in the community and place an order at the Plymouth Symphony Office by calling (734) 451-2112, Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, visit the PSO Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

**Senior health and fitness**

The Senior Transportation and the Council on Aging sponsor the second-annual Senior Health & Fitness Day 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 28, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer.

Participants will enjoy free health and fitness demonstrations, 20-plus vendors, raffles, give-a-ways, refreshments and much more. The community is invited to be a part of this day, which will also include the dedication of the new Senior Bus.

There will be free transportation to and from the Cultural Center for city and



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**International honors**

The PCEP Festival Singers pose outside of Toronto's Casa Loma during their trip to Ontario's capital city last week. The PCEP Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp, participated in the Music In The Parks Festival in Toronto, in which the Festival Singers earned a first place trophy and a superior rating for their performances of No Hiding Place and Sleep. PCEP's Dulcissima Womens Choir earned a first place trophy and an excellent rating for their performances of In Whatever Time We Have and Lily of the Valley. In addition, the PCEP Choir program was awarded the prestigious Esprit de Corps award, which recognizes participating organizations that display an exemplary attitude of positive support and outstanding personal behavior.

township seniors 60 or older. Call Senior Transportation at (734) 449-8888.

**DAR meets**

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meets 6-8:45 p.m. Monday, May 19 at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty, in Plymouth.

The program will be on "Separation of Church and State." For more information, call (734) 453-8194.

**Book printer tour**

Have you ever wanted to publish a book? Learn how when the Plymouth Senior Life Journaling Writing Group, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, tours McNaughton & Gunn, book printers, in Saline June 5.

Everyone is welcome and the tour is free but space is limited so registration is required. We will meet at the Plymouth Library at 9 a.m. to form car pools to leave at 9:15 am sharp. The tour is from 10-11:30 a.m. To register, call Jane at (734) 546-3260.

**Cemetery tour**

Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society president, guides participants through

Riverside Cemetery, the public cemetery in Plymouth, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24. Burr will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the Plymouth Historical Society, \$15 per person for non-members, with a limit of 25 people on tour.

Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours:

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or purchase tickets through PayPal at: www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html

**Kiddie Kampus**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department is offering, for the first time, Kiddie Kampus Summer Preschool.

Classes will be taught by certified teachers at Hoben Elementary School. Two three-week sessions will be offered with morning and afternoon class options.

For more information, call (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood

**Preschool open house**

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool is hosting an Open House 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 27. If you are considering sending your child to preschool in the fall, please stop in to experience our classroom. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information, call Sheila Johnson at (734) 453-5464, Ext 27.

**Bible study**

The Salvation Army of Plymouth will hold a Precepts Bible Study on 2 Peter for nine weeks beginning Wednesday, May 28.

Study will be held at 7 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street in Plymouth. Material is \$14 and interested individuals should telephone the business office at (734) 453-5464 to register. Limited seats are available.

**Irbister paver sale**

Irbister School is holding a brick paver sale to commemorate the 40 years the school has been open. Current and former families are welcome to purchase a brick to honor their family or favorite teachers.

Contact Lisa at (734) 416-6055 for more information.

**Kiwanis raffle**

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club is having a raffle to raise money to benefit upcoming projects within the Plymouth community, including working with the Salvation Army, The Plymouth Opportunity House, First Step Women's Shelter, Kids Against Hunger and many other local needs.

The drawing is June 2 at Don Massey in Plymouth. The winner will have the choice of a two-year pre-paid lease on a 2008 Cadillac CTS (\$35,000 car) or \$8,000 cash.

Tickets are \$100 each, and only 200 will be sold. Tickets are currently half-sold with just under 30 days left. For more information, call Mark Riegal at (734) 718-6176.

**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 for the rest of the month: 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.penn-theatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

**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 (8 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 entertainment.

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

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

**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.

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# Stamping out hunger

## Postal carriers, Salvation Army team on food drive

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers was a huge success locally for the Plymouth Salvation Army corps.

A total of 38,488 pounds of non-perishable food was collected by U.S. Post Office workers in Plymouth and Canton, which was a 19-percent increase from last year. The food drive is considered the nation's largest one-day food drive, and the carriers at the two Plymouth and one Canton post offices donate the food they collect to the Salvation Army.

"This is huge because we absolutely had bare walls in several areas of the pantry," said Captain Jim Irvine of the Plymouth Salvation Army corps. "We were down on dry foods and had simply run out of a number of canned food items."

"This year's drive was far more critical than last year's," said Irvine. "People are shocked there are poor people in Plymouth and Canton, but the economy is so bad and it's affected so many families that more and more people are turning to the Salvation Army for help."

Irvine said he's seen an increase in people needing help paying utilities, health care, rent and obtaining food.

"I see every day that times are hard out there," said Gloria Gorny, a Canton postal carrier. "There are seven houses on my route that have gone back to the bank."

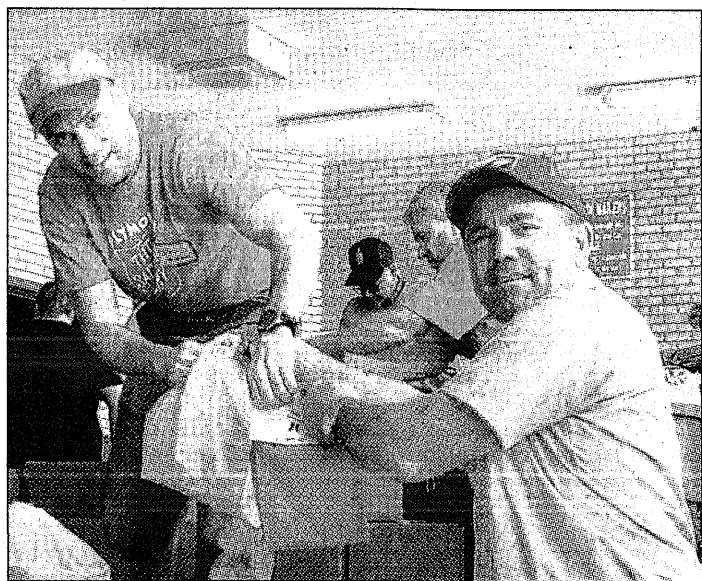
"The customers on my route that did give food gave a whole bag," she said. "They were giving more than last year."

Irvine said if the Salvation Army had to buy the food collected by letter carriers from the food bank at 14-cents a pound, it would have cost the local corps nearly \$5,400 to replenish its pantry.

"It's a huge impact on our budget and ability to help peo-



Captain Pat Irvine (left) and Gloria Gorny, National Association of Letter Carriers sort food donations at the Canton Post Office.



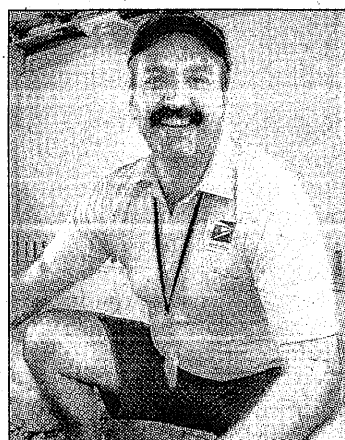
Bob Chapman, Salvation Army volunteer (left) and Dave Tharp, National Association of Letter Carriers unload food at the Plymouth Post Office.

ple," Irvine said. "Sometimes we get a mental picture of who our clients are, but even I'm surprised at the spectrum. There isn't one stereotype that fits anymore."

For letter carrier Dan Marek

of Plymouth Township it was a day of hard work boxing the food, but well worth the effort.

"It was just a great show of support by the community," said Marek, who works out of the Beck Road post office. "A



Alex Sobh, National Association of Letter Carriers, unloads donated food at the Plymouth Post Office Saturday.

lot of people I talked to realize the economy is bad and it's something they felt they needed to do. Since I've been with the post office, this is one of the best efforts we've had in the amount of food collected."

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# Owners plot book store's final chapter

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The owners of the Book Cellar & Cafe in downtown Plymouth are closing the downtown bookstore for good.

The liquidation sale - with 20- to 50-percent off most items in the store - began Friday to sell off remaining inventory. Co-owner Bashar Salame said he's expecting the liquidation to take 4-5 weeks.

"Sales are down and the overhead is high," said Salame. "We tried selling it for eight months, but nothing came out of that and we have no other offers at this point. (Closing the store) is our only option at this point."

Salame and his partner, Nader Iskandar, closed the store March 10 when a potential buyer wanted to evaluate the operations and inventory. However, the sale fell through and they reopened the bookstore May 2.

The business partners opened Book Cellar & Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail in August 2005 amidst a lot

of fanfare from those who missed the Little Professor Bookstore on Main Street, which had closed several years earlier.

"Our first two years our sales were good," said Salame. "But, I would say the thing that probably hurt us the most was this past holiday season as sales were down and it continued into January and February. In general, the (bookstore) market is struggling. And, of course, the economy is a big factor."

"When you are a young business, it takes time to make a substantial profit because of the loans we took out to open it," he said. "We thought with having the cafe it would help a lot, but even though it steadily improved in business it wasn't enough to balance out the loss in book sales."

"It takes a lot of money to maintain the inventory, energy costs are up and when you mix in sales dipping ... it's just time for us to sell what we have and move on," said Salame.

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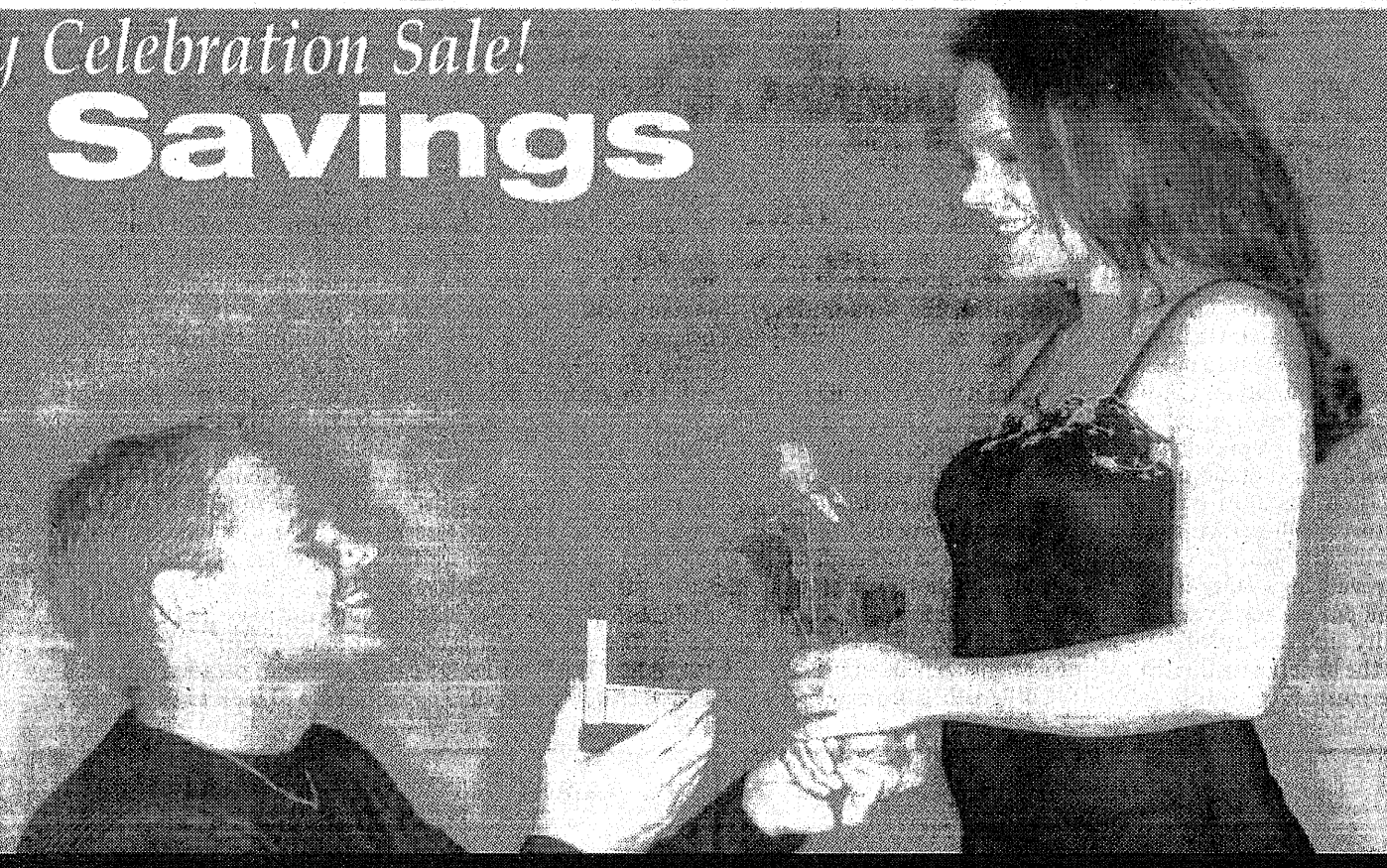
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# SKATING

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## MONEY DRIVEN

Parks and Recreation Department Director Steve Anderson said Skating Academy freestyle skaters are charged \$10 each to be on the ice for one hour, and he's calculated there has been an average of eight skaters an hour over the past seven months.

Anderson noted the 10 hours of ice time being eliminated for skating lessons and given to hockey teams for a 28-week period from Sept. 1 to March 31 would generate \$71,400 compared to the \$22,000 made from skating lessons.

"The bottom line is that this is a business decision; if your ice arena can't stay in business, you're not going to have figure skating anyway," Anderson said. "The recreation department runs the (figure skating) program now, and we make a small profit of \$5,000-\$8,000 on the basic skills program.

"The hockey groups are wondering why we're subsidizing the figure skaters' ice for \$80 an hour and they're paying \$255," he added. "The loss of potential revenue is \$49,000."

Anderson did note there would still be time available for figure skaters. Most of that, though, would be in the morning hours until about 10 a.m., as well 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

## NOT GREAT OPTIONS

Miller said the offer of ice time in the morning really isn't an option for most skaters and their parents.

"Eighty-five percent of our skaters are elementary school kids, and if they can't skate in the morning they have nothing

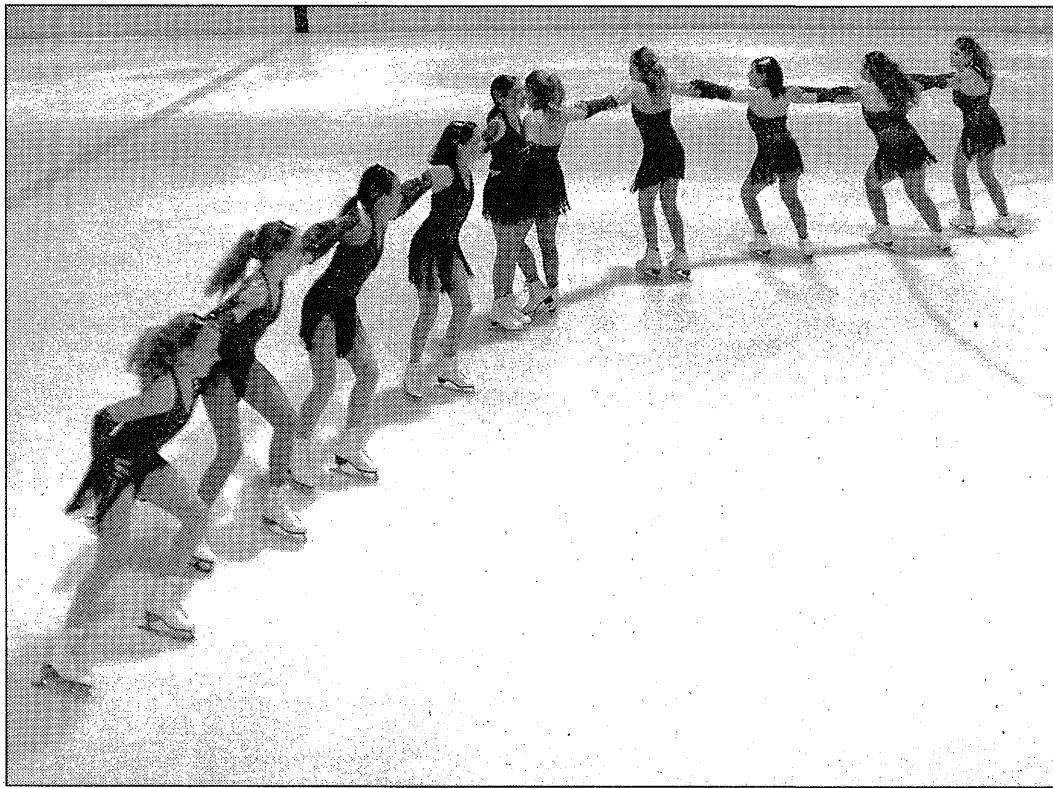


Figure skaters Madison Smith, Jenna Craven, Lindsay Magaldi, Melanie Elliott, Hannah Shannen, Danielle Cecil, Hailey Katulski, Rose Vowler, Cherry Qian, Lauren Taylor, practice a pinwheel formation.

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available in the afternoon," she said. "Basic skills is an inexpensive way for the kids to learn to skate, with a lot of our kids going to hockey, private lessons or competitive skating. (Skating Academy) Coaches won't want to teach there if there isn't a basic skills program. The two go hand-in-hand."

City Finance Director Mark Christiansen said the 2008-09 Recreation Department budget is \$1.13 million, which includes a \$250,000 general fund infusion to make it break even. Christiansen also projected hockey ice rentals in the next fiscal year to increase from \$384,000 in the 2007-08 budget to \$469,000 in the fiscal year which begins July 1.

Anderson said last year, during a June meeting with

representatives of the Skating Academy, he offered the opportunity for the group to take over the basic skills program "to make money to buy additional ice time." However, according to Anderson, the Skating Academy declined the option.

City Manager Paul Sincoc said, "The Skating Academy was also told if we had a group that wanted to pay the full price, we would rent it to them."

## BUSINESS PROPOSAL

Susan Smith of Plymouth Township, who is a Skating Academy instructor, said she was in that meeting when Anderson proposed the idea.

"It was explained as a business opportunity. We were not told that if we didn't take on the basic skills program that it would

eventually be eliminated," she said. "If we were forced to come up with that kind of money to keep the program there ... I'm certain people wouldn't have a problem paying more money to skate at that facility."

Smith, who first met her husband, Brandon, during the very first ice show in the mid-1970s, is familiar with both sides of the issue. Smith's daughter, Madison, 13, began skating in the basic skills program and is currently taking lessons from her mother at the Cultural Center, while Brandon and son, Josh, 10, coach and play, respectively, for the Plymouth Stingrays, on the same sheet of ice.

"I'm torn because I want the hockey team to do well, but the fight is for my daughter

# Compuware an option for skating lessons

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While the City of Plymouth is dropping Basic Skills skating at the Cultural Center, those looking for lessons can find them in the Learn to Skate program at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

"We teach skaters from as young as 3-years-old to adults," said Susan Bottrell, director of the program. "We also offer hockey lessons and freestyle instruction."

Bottrell said sessions in the fall, winter, spring and summer range from 6-8 weeks and draw as many as 250 skaters in the busiest session. The cost, according to Bottrell, is between \$75-\$100.

Bottrell said information and sign-up forms can be obtained at Compuware Arena on Beck Road near M-14, by calling the arena at (734) 453-6400 or faxing a form found at [www.compuwarearena.com](http://www.compuwarearena.com).

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and the program I've been associated with for so many years," Smith said.

Fred Busse of Plymouth — who said his daughter Amanda, 11, "is passionate about skating" — said he has an attorney preparing a discrimination lawsuit.

"It's very much a discrimination issue," Busse said. "How can you let all those little girls go and all the boys get to stay? I don't understand it."

In an e-mail to Boyd, Mayor Phil Pursell reiterated the decision was based mainly on increasing utility and operational costs for the Recreation Department.

"In recent years we have eliminated three full-time employees from the operation in order to save costs," Pursell wrote. "As a cost-savings measure, we eliminated other programs that were a direct benefit to our residents, such as the Summer Neighborhood Playground Program. We

implemented many energy-saving programs in an effort to hold down costs. However, we can no longer continue to absorb increases in costs without a way to generate additional revenue."

Jennifer Manriquez of Canton Township, once a competitive skater who grew up taking lessons from the Skating Academy of Plymouth and now has a 6-year-old daughter in basic skills, said she understands the revenue issue, but eliminating figure skating is a "poor choice."

"If we based sports on revenue there wouldn't be any women's sports anywhere," Manriquez said. "It's no secret that male-dominated sports generate more revenue."

"The figure skaters are getting the short end of the stick," she added. "It's just a shame the program is being pulled out from under our feet."

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# State college savings plan is good investment for grandchild

**Dear Rick: We have a new grandchild and want to invest a substantial amount for her college education. We've narrowed our choices to either the Michigan Education Trust (MET), the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) or the variable annuity with the beneficiary being a trust for my grandchild. We are leaning away from the MET because we don't know where she'll go to school 18 years from now. We are investing around \$25,000 and may add more as time goes on. What are your thoughts?**

Congratulations on the birth of your grandchild. I think it is great that you want to buy her a gift of an education. It is one of the greatest gifts a grandparent can give a grandchild. Obviously, most grandparents can't afford \$25,000, but you can start a college savings plan for as little as \$25.

In reviewing your options, I think purchasing a variable annuity and then making a trust the beneficiary doesn't make sense. First, within a



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

variable annuity, there are adverse tax consequences. In a variable annuity, money grows tax deferred but when it is withdrawn, it is taxed at one's ordinary income tax bracket. Also, variable annuities also do not get the beneficial capital gain rate. Using this option will increase your tax consequences. In addition, most variable annuities have substantial fees, thus eroding your return.

The MET is an excellent program if your grandchild ends up going to a Michigan public university. However, if your grandchild ends up going to an out-of-state college or a private university, the MET is not as favorable. Although it has changed for the benefit of students since its inception, it still is geared toward students who go to a Michigan public university. I believe the Michigan

Education Savings Plan is the best option for you. Whether your grandchild decides to stay in Michigan or not, it doesn't matter. She can use the money in MESP for basically any public or private institution in the country. In addition, when money is withdrawn, it is tax-free. In the variable annuity, the money that comes out is taxed at your ordinary income bracket while in the Michigan Education Savings Plan, when money is withdrawn for qualified education expenses, it is tax-free. Furthermore, MESP has a fraction of the fees that most variable annuities have, thus keeping more money in your pocket exactly where it belongs.

For anyone saving for a child's or grandchild's education, the MESP is an excellent vehicle.

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money@hometownlife.com](mailto:money@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

# PANZAU

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life was changed forever ... I chose to drink and drive."

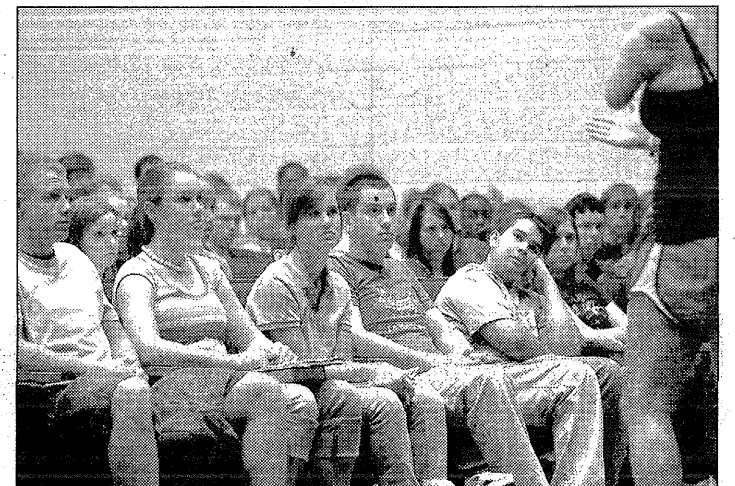
After spending nearly three months in the hospital, and after a long rehabilitation period, Panzau said she's taken control of her life and now spends her time spreading the word that drinking and driving don't mix.

"By drinking when you are young, you are not ready for the decisions that you're going to be faced with, especially if you're going to be intoxicated," Panzau said. "To be responsible is a hard lesson to learn."

SADD member Dan Stoscup, 16, of Plymouth Township said he believes most students can relate to Panzau.

"I think there are students who drink and drive and it's just a matter of time before one of them gets in a drastic accident similar to Sarah's," said Stoscup. "People make bad decisions, thinking they aren't drunk enough to be dangerous behind the wheel. But, it's easy to be dangerous if you've had a couple of drinks."

Panzau pleaded with students to look to their par-



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Livonia Franklin students listen to speaker Sarah Panzau talk about the drunken driving accident in which she lost her left arm. Panzau made a similar speech to students at Salem High School Wednesday.

ents, even when they know there will be consequences for bad behavior ... such as underage drinking.

"You may fear your parents in that situation, but these are the people that you need to be turning to," said Panzau, who noted before the accident she depended on people she thought were her friends. "I guarantee the consequences you guys think are so terrible aren't going to be as harsh as you think."


"Your parents would rather you upset them immensely, and they would go through all of that, than go what my

mother went through," she said. "They are your family and will be there for you, no matter what happens."

Sixteen-year-old Paige Rich of Canton Township said she "doesn't hang out" with the drinking crowd, but gained insight from Panzau's message to become closer with her family.

"I'm not really close with my family, but I feel like I should be now," said Rich. "If something happened to me, I would feel bad about putting my dad through that."

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Linda Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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6:00 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2008 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

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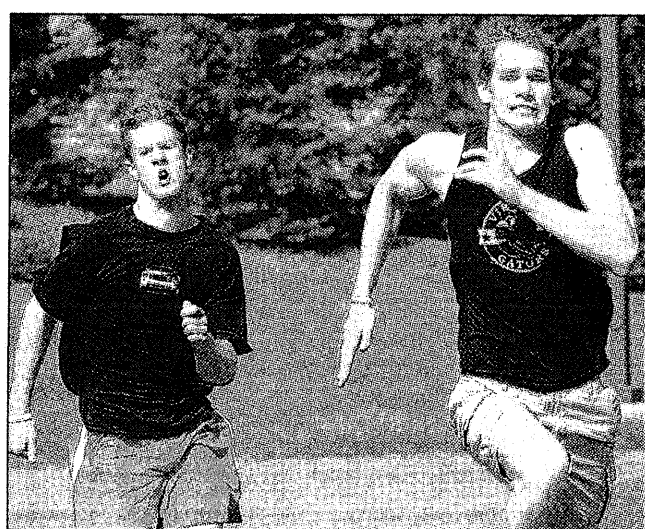
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# McCotter files for re-election to Congress



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Seth Wilson (left) and Jonathan Greenland fight for the lead during the run portion of the Navy SEAL Fitness Challenge held at Ford Community & Performing Arts Center May 10. The challenge promotes physical fitness and career opportunities within the Naval Special Warfare community. The challenge mirrors the initial physical screening test given to those interested in becoming a SEAL and consists of swimming, push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, and running.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, waited until the last minute Tuesday to file for re-election to his 11th District House seat. He said on Friday that he didn't want to make a "fanfare" about seeking re-election at a time when Michigan and the rest of the country face serious economic problems.

McCotter is seeking his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he serves as chair of the Republican House Policy Committee. He is unopposed in the August primary election. On the Democratic ballot, former Novi city manager Ed Kriewall faces Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin. Ted



**MCCOTTER FILE**  
**Who:** Thaddeus McCotter, 42  
**Party:** Republican

**Family:** Wife Rita, three children  
**What:** Seeking fourth term to U.S. House of Representatives  
**Chair:** Republican House Policy Committee  
**Experience:** Michigan Senate, 1998 to 2002, Wayne County Commission, 1992-98

the nation continues to "trend in the direction of Michigan" it could lead to a serious recession. "I had to make a decision that I would not be running a traditional campaign. I have to be in Congress working on these problems," he said. "Does this make it more or less doable? I had to think about that seriously."

He said he thought it was important to give the district "two full years of work" in Congress.

The Republican Party has faced losses recently in special congressional elections, but McCotter said he doesn't think it means that the party will face heavy losses in the fall.

"Every state and every election is different. Every candidate is different," he said. "There were problems in these

states and in our internal operations."

In Michigan, McCotter points to the popularity of Republican presidential candidate John McCain as an example of the strength of the party. He said Michigan has experienced tax and spending policies that have hurt the state's economy.

"In Michigan, we have seen what has not worked," he said. He said his campaign will depend on his congressional schedule, which, he said, is at the mercy of the Democratic majority in the House.

McCotter said his campaign war chest is good but not great by congressional standards.

"I raise what I need to get by. People in Michigan are hurting and the people who are supporting me are no exception to that rule. In Michigan everyone is suffering," he said.

McAvoy of Highland has announced that he will run in the general election as an independent. McCotter said that if

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## Tours might be the way to go if you're looking for a foreclosed home



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Realtor Mandy Melone is planning to take buyers on a bus tour of foreclosed homes, including this home in Canton.

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Added Value Realty started extending its foreclosure bus tours to home buyers Saturday.

The Livonia-based company began doing tours for investors a year ago and is now branching off into those wanting to make a foreclosed property their new home.

"Unfortunately, some people are getting bad information so we are trying to help them do it right," said Realtor Mandy Melone. "When I was talking to one (potential home buyer)

about pre approval, she said 'What's that?' and I said she definitely had to come. We are going to talk about everything."

The tour is expected to include about 10 foreclosed properties in Canton and Plymouth.

Standing outside a two-story, bank-owned property on the corner of Morrison and Keystone in Canton, Melone said the home is priced at about \$140,000.

"That's too much money for an investor, but it's perfect for a homeowner and there are so

many homes out there just like this," she said.

In a departure from the two-day bus tours offered to investors last year, the home owner version will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. In addition to having a home inspector along for the tour, participants will learn about financing programs.

"There are so many programs out there that can help people," Melone said. "I just hate to see people pay more than they have to."

Melone said in order to attend the tour, which is free and includes lunch, participants must be pre approved for financing.

"We will never see a market like this again, I hope, so we are trying to help people get a good deal," she said.

For more information or to register, call Melone at (734) 968-8869 or visit [www.addedvaluerealty.com](http://www.addedvaluerealty.com).

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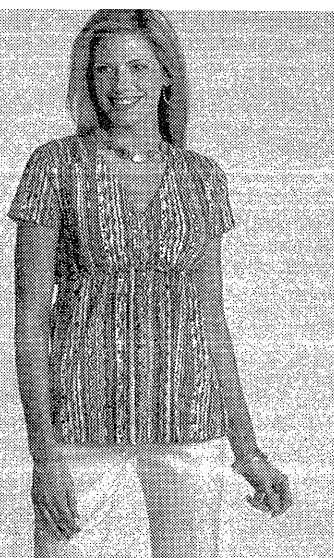
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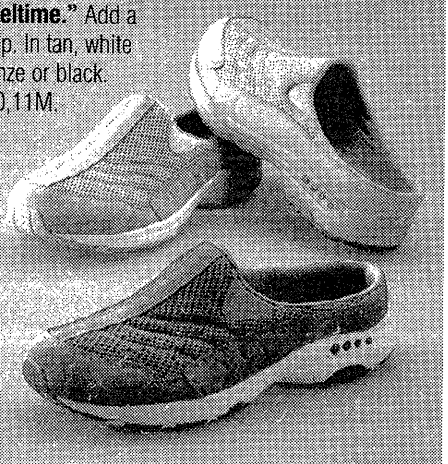
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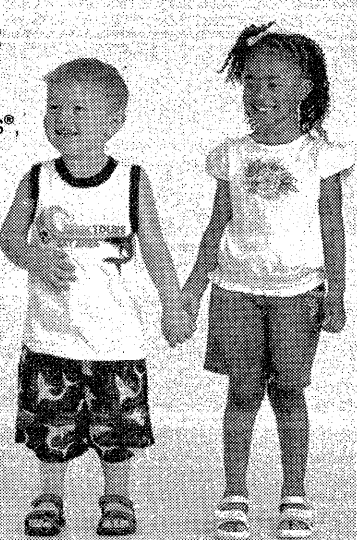
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# Foundation, GM donate trailer, truck to Sheriff's Mounted Patrol

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Deputies with the Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol Unit were beaming Friday when Sheriff Warren Evans officially accepted the donation of a deluxe six-horse Featherlite trailer and Chevrolet Silverado HD 3500 pickup truck.

After making do with two-horse trailers pulled by vans, the new rig offers space for six horses in the trailer and 365 horsepower in the Duramax Diesel engine.

The trailer is a donation from the Restore the Horse Foundation and the truck is a gift from General Motors Chevrolet Division working with the Foundation.

The Restore the Horse Foundation was started in July of last year to support the sheriff's mounted unit.

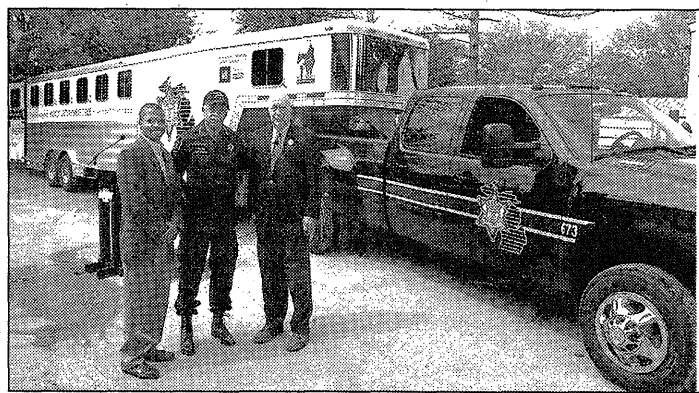
"The reason we established the foundation is that we firmly believe that mounted police are an essential part of any urban police force," said Brig. Gen. Robert S. Raisch, USMC (Ret.), leader of the Foundation.

Raisch, who lives in Lathrup Village but owned a Detroit sign company for more than 50 years, said the need for a new trailer and truck was obvious when the foundation was started.

"We didn't have the mobility that we needed," he said. "To get six horses to the Thanksgiving Day Parade, it took two or three shuttles back and forth. That wasn't safe or efficient."

The group raised the money for the trailer, working with Michigan Trailer and Featherlite, but the sheriff's department didn't have a vehicle powerful enough to pull it.

"So I went to Denise Lutz (wife of GM executive Bob Lutz), one of my trustees, and I said do you think GM would give us a discount. She said asked them," Raisch said. "I went to GM and a couple days later they came back and said we have good news and bad news. The bad news is we don't do discounts and rebates anymore, but the good news is we



Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans (center) with Don Butler (left) of Chevrolet and Brig. Gen. Robert Raisch of the Restore the Horse Foundation in front of the new trailer and pickup truck donated to the county.

think your cause is so great, we're going to give you the truck."

Don Butler, executive director of truck marketing for Chevrolet, said it seemed like a natural for Chevy.

"It's in our own back yard. You need a solid, capable truck to do it. So with our Silverado heavy duty, one ton dully, it's a perfect fit," he said. "It carries up to five passengers in comfort. The sheriff's people can be comfortable in the vehicle, the horses can be comfortable in the trailer and they can get where they need to go."

Evans is an avid horse rider and owner in addition to being a big supporter of maintaining and growing the county's mounted unit.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "The guys and women are all starry eyed. They can't believe it, we've been limping along so long with beat-up used trailers and vans trying to pull the horses. This gives us great equipment and allows us to take enough horses at one time. We don't have to make multiple trips and this allows us to attend multiple events at the same time."

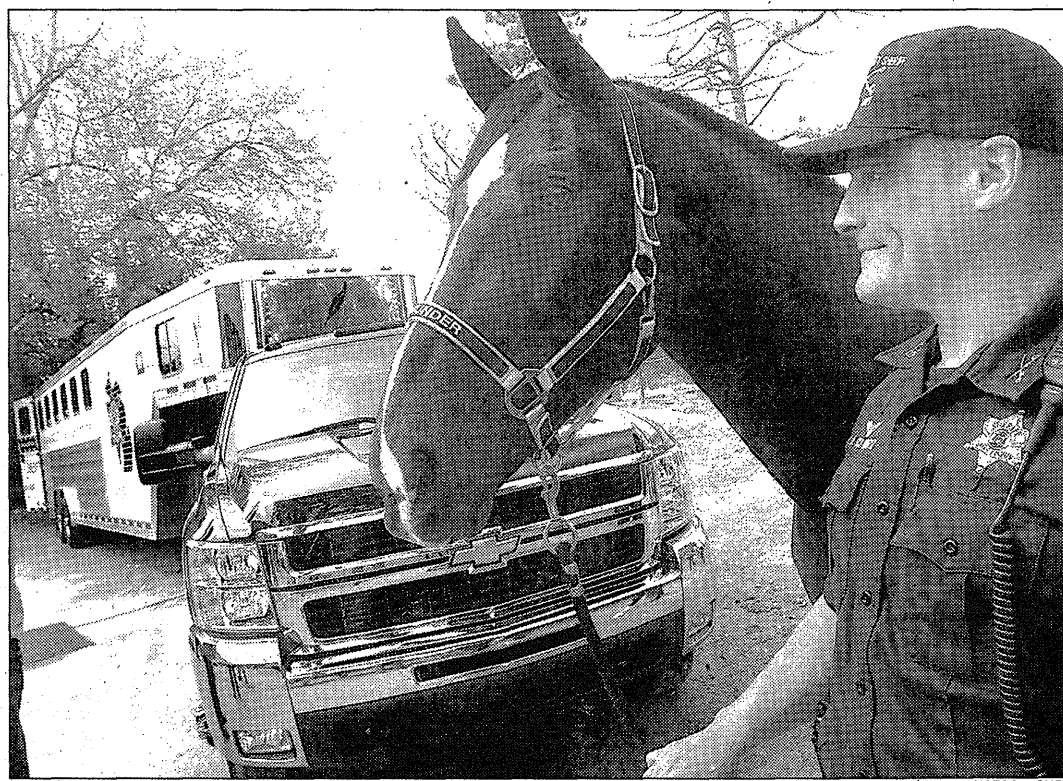
He said it might come in handy if the Pistons and Red Wings continue to win in the playoffs.

Evans said the donation was a good example of a public-private partnership. He said he always wanted to expand the mounted unit but without using tax dollars. He said he has worked to add horses and staff through fund-raisers and worked with the Restore

the Horse Foundation to raise funds for the more expensive equipment.

The Sheriff's Department Mounted Patrol Unit barn is at Newburgh and Hines Drive in Livonia. The department currently has 14 horses.

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Wayne County Sheriff's Cpl. Mark Schwartz and Thunder stand proudly before the new horse trailer and truck.

## Starfish names two new board members

Starfish Family Services, a human service agency serving families in Southeastern Michigan, has appointed two new members to its board of directors. Rebecca Boylan and Jonathan Citrin will each serve a three-year term and help guide the agency in providing exceptional services to families in the community.

"We are honored to welcome these two successful business leaders and champions of our mission to our board of directors," said Ann Kalass, CEO of Starfish Family Services.

Rebecca Boylan is a private investor who specializes in private banking, credit and middle marketing lending and has experience in fiduciary risk management. She has worked for National Bank of Detroit, First Chicago NBD and its successor bank, Bank One. Prior to her career in the banking industry, Boylan worked for Ford Motor Co.

Boylan resides in Ann Arbor.

Jonathan Citrin is the chief executive officer of The Citrin Group, L.L.C., a financial investment company that advises high net worth individuals and various sized businesses on financial and investment issues such as: asset allocation, mean-variance optimization, portfolio selection, succession planning, estate reduction, and financial planning.

He resides in Birmingham.

Starfish Family Services is the largest private, nonprofit human service agency in Western Wayne County. More information can be found at [www.starfishonline.org](http://www.starfishonline.org)

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# Patterson said Senate can improve House energy bills

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An aging electrical system, escalating costs, environmental concerns and contending economic interests have made energy legislation a political hot potato.

On April 17, the Michigan House of Representatives moved a package of energy bills and now it's the Senate's turn to address these contentious issues.

Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chairman of the Senate Energy and Technology

Committee, hopes to have bills ready to move in June.

"I don't want bipartisan, I want apolitical," Patterson said Monday. "I want an apolitical package of bills."

But politics is always a consideration. Patterson said he had expected to have bills from the Democratic-controlled House by the end of February. He said support from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce helped bring some Republicans on board to support the bills and get them passed in late April.

Of nine tie-barred bills,

Patterson said his committee is looking at four bills dealing with re-regulating the public utilities under Public Act 141, energy efficiency programs and a renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) to replace a portion of electrical generation through renewable energy (the House bill requires power companies to generate 10 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2015).

Hugh McDiarmid Jr., spokesman for the Michigan Environmental Council, said his group is generally supportive of the bills passed by the House.

from the standpoint that it will probably serve to stimulate the economy and cause some construction trades to stay busy. That's a plus."

A big minus, according to Patterson, is that it will be expensive and could lead to major rate hikes. New power plants, whether coal or nuclear, have also been strongly opposed by environmental groups.

"We have the oldest fleet of generation plants," Patterson said.

He said he has asked environmental groups how they would replace the energy lost if they did not replace aging coal plants.

"If we accept the proposition that we have to have the same level of electricity we have now, even if there isn't growth and the plants are aging, who will pay for this and plants they need to build," Patterson said.

Patterson said the major utilities are prepared to invest \$6-\$8 billion on new generation.

"We don't want new coal plants right away, we think renewables can take up the slack," said McDiarmid. "We think integrated resource planning may take it up and coal plants won't be competitive."

He said Wall Street has been reluctant to finance new coal plants.

Independent energy brokers and some large energy users oppose changing PA 141, which was passed in 2000 to allow alternative energy suppliers to compete with regulated energy monopolies, primarily Consumers Energy and DTE.

The House legislation would put a 10 percent cap on power that could be purchased from other sources and give DTE and Consumers Energy the right to pass along the cost of new construction before the plants go into operation.

Patterson said residential power users have been subsidized for years by large commercial customers.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALTERNATIVE

"The energy efficiency bill is a nothing bill," Patterson said. "It doesn't even embrace energy efficiency and slurs energy efficiency and conservation."

Patterson said he wants a bill that favors conservation over efficiency.

He said the House bill does not address net-metering and an improved building code, which, he said, could reduce energy consumption.

Net-metering allows a

customer to gain credits by creating power from alternative sources (such as wind and solar) and putting unused power onto the electric grid.

"That really is going to be a positive over the next decade at least," Patterson said. "A home building code that is going to be more efficient. That's where we're going to save a lot, either by upgrading or new construction."

Again, he said, the cost factor has drawn opposition from house builders, especially with the depressed housing market.

He said that Thursday he would offer an alternative to the energy efficiency bill.

On RPS, Patterson said he doesn't think the House bill went far enough. "I can pass what they sent over to me without breaking a sweat because it doesn't do anything, it has so many off ramps," he said.

McDiarmid said his group "would love" to have Patterson make the RPS stronger.

"People are still skittish about sticker shock, whereas I and some others are willing to be more aggressive on RPS, including some Democrats, though some of them are skittish about it," Patterson said.

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"The bills have a three-tier approach. We are happy with the energy efficiency and integrated resource planning and we think the RPS of 10 by (20)15 is a good start. We think the Senate can make it better," McDiarmid said.

He said his group takes an "agnostic" view on PA 141.

"The first bill is basically a 141 bill, embraced by the incumbent utilities (DTE and Consumers Energy)," Patterson said. "It will cause the expenditure of considerable amounts of money, a lot of which will be used to build new generation and as a consequence that bill has merit

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners recently appointed James M. Harless to the county's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Harless is a senior consultant at Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., of Plymouth. He has more than 30 years of experience, including four years with SME, in environmental evaluations and consulting. He is recognized as



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Harless has obtained and managed more than \$75 million in financing for brownfield redevelopment projects valued at more than \$500 million. He serves as a director of the Institute of Brownfield Professionals and is chair of the Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers Government Affairs Committee.

## Professional accreditation

Stephanie L. Harbour, P.E. has successfully passed the U.S. Green Building Council Professional Accreditation Exam and will be the LEED Accredited Professional for Dietrich, Bailey and Associates.

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Harbour is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University where she earned her Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering, Environmental Option, and her Masters of Science in Hazardous Waste Management. At DBA, her experiences have ranged from rehabilitation of aging infrastructure to managing engineering site designs, and projects related to bio-engineering of streambanks and other progressive stormwater management techniques. She holds registration in Michigan as a Professional Engineer and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Harbour has been on the DBA staff since 2001 and will continue in her role as a project engineer.

DBA, celebrating its 40th year in business, is a multi-disciplined design firm specializing in Civil Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying with offices in Plymouth and Monroe, Michigan. The company's Web site can be found at www.dbapc.com.

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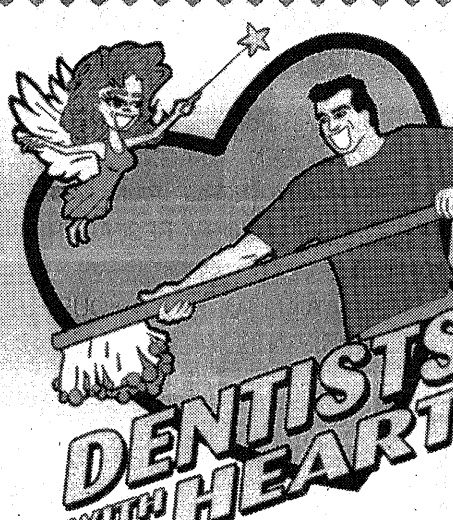
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## A decades-long dream is dashed in dreary basement

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I know most folks equate jury duty with a trip to the dentist or getting that annual physical, but not me. Maybe it's due to how I make my living, but serving on a jury has been a quest of mine for nearly 30 years.

Having covered dozens of trials over the years — from divorce cases to embezzlement to murder — I've often wondered what it is like being one of the people empowered to decide guilt or innocence. That is a lot of pressure to place on a person who may not have a clue as to how our criminal justice system works.

My big chance came Monday, courtesy of 16th District Court in Livonia. Since it was district court, I wasn't going to serve on a big felony case, but hey, after waiting all these years, I was ready for anything.

Told to report at 8:45 a.m., I arrived promptly at 8:30 ready to go. As I pulled into the lot, I noticed a line outside the courthouse entrance that extended quite a ways down the sidewalk. And it had started to rain.

I took my place in line, and began guessing which of the assembled were defendants, attorneys and fellow jurors. I surmised the young man directly in front of me who casually flicked his still-lit cigarette onto the sidewalk no doubt fell into the defendant category, perhaps on a littering charge.

The line came courtesy of a metal detector at the entrance, which was so sensitive that nearly every person I saw had to be further inspected by a wand-wielding court officer. After a 10-minute wait, my excitement grew as I was checked in, handed a badge and a juror's manual, and told to head to the basement, where the jury waiting room was located.

About two dozen people were in the waiting room. It appeared many walks of life and ages were represented by the group, supporting the notion that defendants are judged by a jury of their peers.

After what seemed like an eternity (I ignored the suggestion to bring reading materials), a court officer appeared and immediately pointed out to the group that he was not responsible for us being there so don't take it out on him. Obviously, most of the people he has had to deal with did not share my enthusiasm for jury duty.

The officer gave us a quick rundown of the day, and then had us watch a lengthy video where the court magistrate reviewed in great detail the judicial process and what our responsibilities — indeed, obligations — were as

jurors. The magistrate addressed the selection process and why (don't take it personally) some of us likely would be excused by either the prosecutor or defense attorney. If we actually made it onto a jury, we were given a stern warning about not having any contact with the parties involved in the case, and told we could not discuss the trial with anyone until it was over.

The magistrate then (still via video) had us raise our right hands and take what I guess was the juror's oath. The court officer did not appear to be making sure we all were in fact raising our hands and replying "I do" at the appropriate times.

When the video ended, the court officer explained that serving jury duty is a slow process, and urged us to be patient. We simply needed to stay in the room until our name was called. And then he was gone. I looked around the room, determining which of my fellow jurors I would want (and not want) to serve with, and whether I would be picked to serve as jury foreman.

I was half through a fascinating article on bow hunting for 1,000-pound moose in northern British Columbia when the officer popped back into the room.

This is it, I thought. I finally get to serve on a jury.

But the officer had something else planned entirely.

"Good news!" he exclaimed through a broad smile. "You are all free to go."

What? Go where? What's he talking about? Before I could utter a word, the officer explained there would be no trials stemming from the day's cases. "They all settled before going to trial so your obligation for the day is done," he said to growing applause. With that, the officer thanked us for our time and wished us a great rest of the day.

And just like that, it was over. No grilling from attorneys, no instructions from a judge, no time spent in the jury box, no haggling over who would be foreman.

I never even made it out of the basement. And it wasn't even noon.

My hopes dashed and my spirit crushed, I slowly ascended the stairs back up to the front desk to return my juror button. Someone behind the counter urged me to "have a nice day," not realizing my day — indeed, my week — had just been ruined by overly cooperative defendants and super-efficient prosecutors.

Hopefully, I won't have to another 30 years for that next summons to grace my mailbox.

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Joe Bauman

### Thanking our silent heroes

We were so happy to see the story on 5/11 concerning the "good luck" of Carol Loesch.

We would like to thank you, Carol, for taking time to tell your story. We were thrilled to see the paramedics given credit in a public way for the work that they all do every day with hardly anyone noticing.

We were also recipients of the gifts of the EMS system and the wonderful men and women who serve in this capacity every day all day. Our daughter, Jessica, was rescued by the paramedics when she was in an accident at Godfredson and Ann Arbor Road. The paramedics revived her and transported her to the hospital, where she later died.

Because of their work we were able to witness the excellent care that she later received at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and experience a "good death" with our family and closest friends. We were able to have some time with Jessica, time that was so very precious that now we view it as perhaps the most profound time in our lives as a family.

We later met with the team from Washtenaw County who cared for Jessica to thank them. These very busy men took the time to gently recount the events of that sacred night for us. We were able to see and speak to the men who were with her and who cared for her in the most loving way. Our family is grieving in a healthy way now because of that afternoon. We will be eternally grateful to them.

Let us be mindful of the silent heroes who are in our lives every day ... let us not take them for granted. We need to let them know that their work is of the highest value regardless of the outcome.

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### Thanks for 30 years

After 30 years in business calling western Wayne County and Plymouth our home, I continue to be impressed with the hometown spirit and pride. My entire staff and I want to thank the community for coming to our 30th anniversary party May 8.

It was gratifying to have state Rep. Marc Corrivau presenting a proclamation, to have County Commissioner Laura Cox authoring a proclamation from the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, to have Deputy Township Clerk Joe Bridgman congratulating us for our years of business support in Plymouth Township, and to have Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Wes Graff sharing the evening with us.

Over 30 years one thing has remained consistent: The spirit and positive attitude of the families who call Plymouth and western Wayne County home.

Thank you for helping me celebrate 30 years while calling Plymouth our hometown. We had a great party with more than 100 patients, friends and neighbors attending. We look forward to our 40th.

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### In their honor

On May 5, 1868, Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed Memorial Day a national holiday. It was first observed on May 30, 1868, with the placing of flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. "Since the 1950s on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery."

Although there are communities who still have Memorial Day parades, like Dearborn, Plymouth, and Garden City, many more merely give lip service to the holiday. Graves of our soldiers are neglected. This year, let us turn the tide and decorate soldiers' grave sites with flowers and flags. Let us observe the "National Moment of Remembrance," the resolution that was passed in December 2000, and pause whatever we are doing at 3 p.m. local time to voluntarily and informally observe in our own way a moment of remembrance and respect, and quietly listen to the playing of "Taps."

Although Memorial Day should be a day of deep reflection, it can also be a day of celebration. Celebrating our freedom and honoring those who made that freedom possible is not a contradiction. It is a marriage of sadness and happiness — sadness for those who have died for our country and happiness for the gift they have given us, the gift of freedom.

Throughout our nation's history, our brave men and women have fought valiantly to the death so that we might have life in the "Land of the Free." So before we enjoy those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" and "take time to sit back and unwind," let us remember the ones who lie sleeping in the dust. Let us not leave one soldier's grave undecorated. Like my friend, Leroy Rouster, said, let us all be "patriotic."

Last Memorial Day, May 25, 2007, Gov. Jennifer Granholm praised the bravery of thousands of Michigan citizens serving in the armed forces. In her radio announcement, she honored the families of Michigan soldiers who died in active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. She said, "The fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters of these heroes have experienced incalculable loss but they are proud of the sacrifice that their loved ones have made ... Memorial Day is our time to salute these fine Michigan citizens — just as we should do every day of the year."

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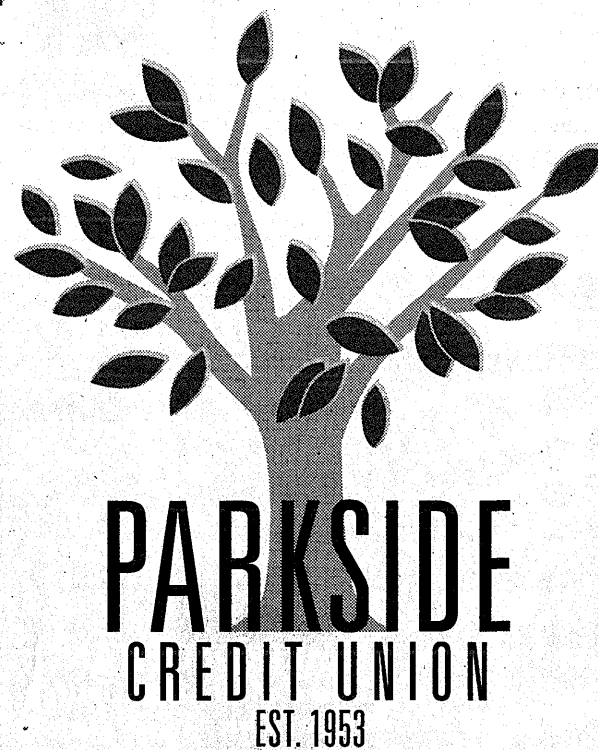
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## Save the last dance (or relay?) for me

See boys and girls D1 Regional Track and Field details on page B3.

Truly understand Canton senior Tim Belcher's dilemma Friday night, you had to walk a mile in his shoes.

Or, considering Belcher is one of the fastest people around, you may have to run a quarter-mile in his shoes.

Now, depending on what time it



Ed Wright

held Friday — the same day as the Division 1 Regional track meet, which superior athletes like Belcher

needed to perform well in to qualify for the state meet June 7 in East Kentwood.

If you don't compete in the Regional, you don't run in the state meet, no matter how fast you ran earlier in the season.

### Time adjustment

Fortunately for Belcher and his prom-or-track-dilemma peers, PCEP co-athletic director Sue Heinzman made arrangements to start the track meet several hours

earlier than in the past so that the seniors could conceivably run all day and dance most of the night away.

It was an especially good move for senior athletes whose events were scheduled for earlier in the afternoon.

They didn't miss a heat — or a beat. But Belcher, along with senior teammate Eric Piwowar, were key members of the Chiefs' 1,600-meter relay team, which competed in the final event of the night.

Unfortunately, the starting gun

for the 1,600 relay was fired about the time corsages were being pinned on lapels across Plymouth and Canton, and limos were dropping off the Chief speedsters' prom-going friends at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"Originally, Eric and I were going to leave the meet at 6:30 so we wouldn't miss the prom," Belcher explained. "I mean, it's a once-in-a-lifetime thing and we wanted to be there."

Please see **WRIGHT, B2**

## 8,100 soccer players ready to visit Canton

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While approximately 8,100 youth soccer players are aiming at nets during the 26th Annual Canton Cup soccer tournament May 23-25, the event's coordinators will be aiming to please the over 500 teams' players, coaches and fans that will be attending the soccer extravaganza.

"We do the best we can to accommodate the teams that don't want to, let's say, play on Friday night because they're coming in from out of town, or the teams that want Sunday off to go to church," explained tournament director John Vaughn. "And we come up with a scheduling program that will allow one coach to coach up to three teams without any of his or her teams having any scheduling conflicts. It takes us two days just to work out the schedules."



Vaughn and the rest of the Canton Soccer Club staff's willingness to go the extra mile is the main reason the tournament has become one of the most successful in the Midwest — if not the country — every Memorial Day weekend since 1983.

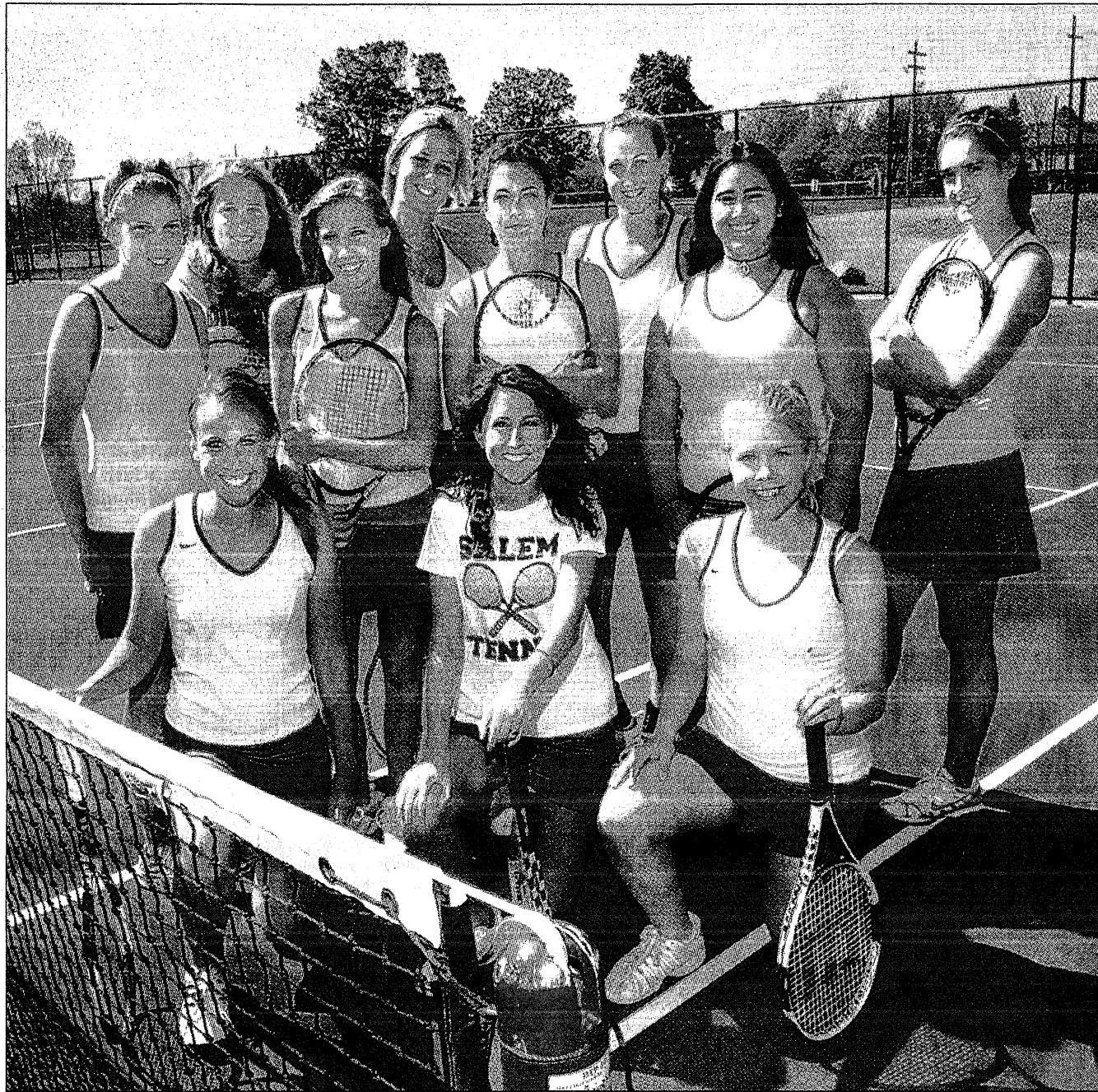
The Cup is expected to draw at least 28,000 spectators to the Canton area, which — combined with the USBC Women's Bowling Championships being hosted by Super Bowl Lanes — will turn the away into a sports mecca for at least a 72-hour span. Over 800 games will be played at four sites throughout Canton, including Independence Park (where the headquarters will be stationed along with 24 fields), Griffin Park, Heritage Park and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus.

"Eventually, I'd like to see us get 600 teams in her for the Cup," said Vaughn. "We have 508 teams this year, which is three less than last year, but we had to turn away a few teams because there are a couple fields that are being worked on at Heritage and we weren't sure if we had the high school fields."

The tournament, which attracts teams from as far away as Kentucky and Pennsylvania, is sanctioned by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association. One of the highlights of the weekend will unfold Saturday, May 24, at 4 p.m. when the Professional Development League's Michigan Bucks will take on the Fort Wayne Fever at Independence Park.

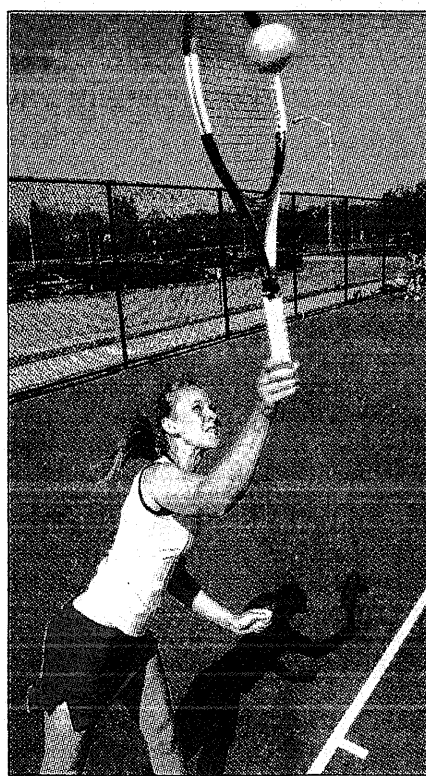
"Their coach told me the players really look forward to this game because it's the only outdoor home game they'll play all year and they like the fact that they'll be playing on a field that is surrounded by all the other games going on at Independence," said Vaughn.

The ages of Cup players ranges from 8 to 18 and skill levels stretch from recreational-caliber to premier players.



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The Salem girls tennis team enjoyed a banner season, finishing 8-2-1. Pictured kneeling (from left) are Tracy Lytle, Liz McKinley, Alexandra Lamb, (standing from left) Amelia Van Hoof, Katy Fletcher, Emily Hayter, Jaclyn Hoover, Allie Carpenter, Rachel Norman, Ariel Rojo and Kerry MacDonald.



Salem's No. 1 singles player Tracy Lytle enjoyed a successful season on the tennis courts and in the classroom.

## Serving up victories

### Salem tennis team sculpts impressive record

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Take a solid nucleus of returning performers and mix in two first-year players who are used to excelling around nets — just not tennis nets — and you have the formula for success for the Salem girls tennis team's ultra-successful 2008 season.

Due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's change of seasons, the Rocks hadn't played since the fall of 2006, but they shook off the rust to compile a sterling 8-2-1 record that was solidified by impressive victories over always-tough Canton and an up-and-coming Walled Lake Central line-up.

"One of the keys to our success this season was that we picked up a couple of good athletes in Rachel Norman, who's also a basketball player, and

Kerry McDonald, who's a very good volleyball player," said Salem coach Lin Ware. "Considering we had Tracy Lytle coming back at No. 1 singles and some other very strong players returning, I thought we'd have a pretty good season."

"When I looked at our schedule at the beginning of the season, I thought we had a chance to go 10-1, with the one loss coming to Northville, which is always strong. But we tied a very good Stevenson team and we struggled against Walled Lake Northern. Overall, though, I was pleased."

Ware also credited first-year assistant coach Lindsay Pyles with bolstering the Rocks' skills. The former Rock star's presence was vital, considering the team's roster was 58 players deep. "Lindsay was a big help," said Ware.

Please see **TENNIS, B2**

## Sidelines

### Delapaz lauded

Former Canton softball standout Lauren Delapaz, a freshman at Eastern Michigan University, was the recipient of the softball team's "EMU Scholar Athlete Award," which is voted on by the coaches.

The award goes to the player who "displays great leadership on and off the field, is a team player, has a positive attitude, never gives up and has a great work ethic in the classroom and on the softball diamond," according to the Eagles' Web site.

Delapaz played in 37 games this season at second base, third, left field, right field, designated player and shortstop, and hit .240 with four doubles and nine RBI.

She hit .268 in Mid-American Conference games and started in all but one league game.

EMU finished 15-30 (6-12 in the MAC) and barely missed out on the program's fourth-consecutive MAC tournament berth.

### Lions Youth football camp

The Detroit Lions Youth Football Program will be held at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth July 7-10.

The four-day camp, which is offered to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14, focuses on teaching the fundamentals of the game as well as skills that are needed in everyday life.

Parents interested in registering their children for this program can print off a registration form online at [www.detroitlions.com/youthfootball](http://www.detroitlions.com/youthfootball). The completed forms can be faxed to (313) 262-2848 or mailed to: Detroit Lions, 2000 Brush St., Suite 200, Detroit, MI 48226.

### Shaw moving on

Former Plymouth boys cross country coach Lee Shaw has accepted the position of varsity cross country coach at Marygrove College.

Shaw coached the Wildcats for the past five years.

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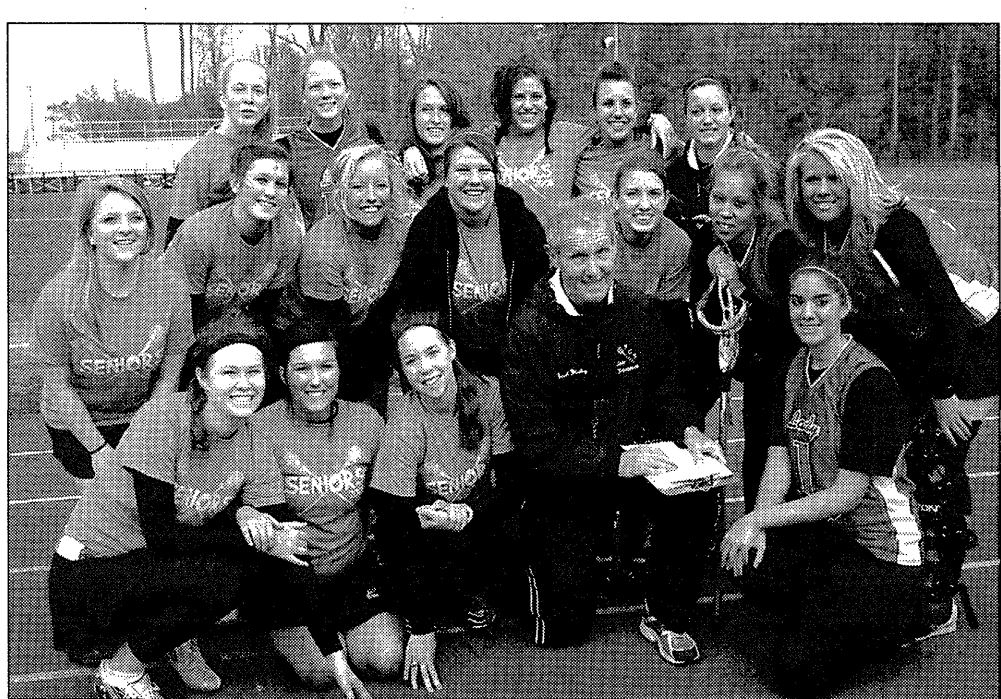
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### Lady Warriors' seniors honored

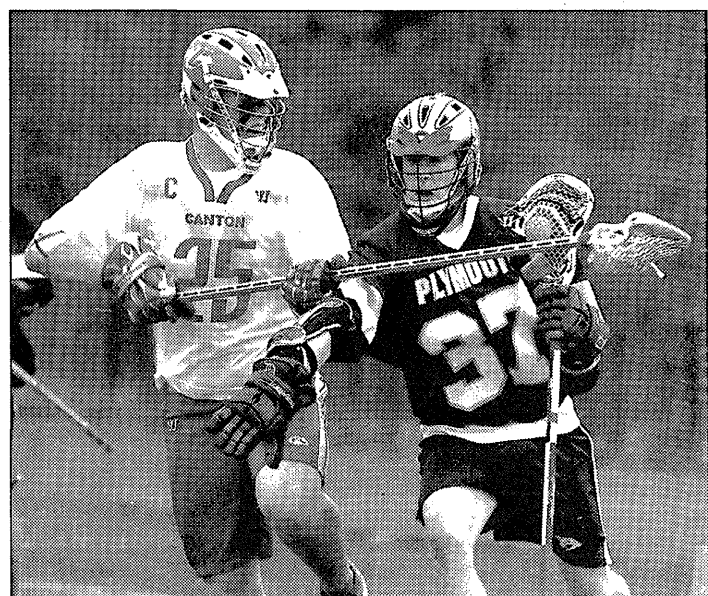
Seventeen seniors were recognized during the May 9 Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team's "Senior Night" game against North Farmington-Harrison. Pictured are seniors (front row from left) Morgan Franke, Sarah Pursell, Kate Spangler, coach Dave Medley, Caitlin Andrews, (middle row from left) Jessica Murray, Lauren Koehler, Courtney Hewitt, Stephanie Matusiak, Megan Burke, Kaytlin Moore, Lauren Miller, (back row from left) Laura Hahn, Amy Coleman, Anna Chamberlain, Brooke Caccavelli, Arielle Pietron and Nicole Sheldon.

## Seniors shine in Canton lacrosse win

Freshman Matt Rodgers tallied four goals and two assists to lead Canton's lacrosse team to a 9-4 triumph over PCEP rival Plymouth Thursday at the junior varsity stadium.

The victory improved Canton's record to 11-5 while the Wildcats slipped to 8-10.

"We played very well tonight," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "Attack player Matt Rodgers played outstanding, leading us to another conference win. (Plymouth) Coach Costello and I have coached the players from both teams for the past two to three years and it was fun to watch them play tonight — together as friends and as rival teams." Senior Joey Underwood



Canton's Mac Ganzak (left) battles an unidentified Plymouth player for possession of the ball during Thursday night's cross-campus rivalry game. The Chiefs won, 9-4.

nearly matched Rodgers output as he tallied three goals. Scott Wisniewski and Jordan Emery both netted one goal for the winners, who received an assist from Jason Avedesian.

The game was knotted at 1-1 after one quarter before the Chiefs went on to stake a 4-1 halftime advantage.

The Chiefs' final regular-season game is Monday at Grosse Ile.

## Salem softball squad captures Lakes crown

Salem's softball team won its first Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division title in style Thursday with a 10-0 rout of Westland John Glenn.

In a five-inning mercy Thursday, the Rocks (19-6, 8-2) dominated as freshman pitcher Briana Lee tossed a one-hitter.

Lee struck out 10 and did not allow a walk.

Kelli Janiczek went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI for Salem, while Cristina Parsons added two of Salem's seven hits.

Amanda Caudill had the lone hit for Glenn.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook, the victim of five errors, walked three and struck out four.

"Winning the division has been a long time coming, since 2004," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "That was the last time we won the Madonna tourney and the conference, so we've got some things we still want to accomplish."

The Rocks earned a berth in Wednesday's WLAA championship game at Northville, which will take a 24-3 mark into the contest.

**FRANKLIN 5, CANTON 1:** Brittany Taylor and Jessica Emery each went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI Thursday as host Livonia Franklin (20-8, 5-5) downed the Chiefs (14-12, 4-6) in a WLAA-Western Division encounter.

Natalie Polakowski added an RBI single, while Brianna Taylor chipped in with a single, stolen base and a run scored.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn

(16-4) allowed just four hits and three walks over seven innings. She struck out four.

Losing pitcher Hilary Payne gave up seven hits, walked none and fanned six. She had a solo homer in the first inning.

**PLYMOUTH 12, WAYNE 2:** In a WLAA-Western Division game Thursday, Amy Bondy went 3-for-4 with two runs scored as the Wildcats (15-10, 6-4) took five innings to mercy host Wayne Memorial (6-20, 0-10).

Amanda Burnard also doubled twice and scored two runs. Winning pitcher Megan Patterson struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Jordan Berry and Ashley Ringel each had a hit and scored a run for Wayne.

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn gave up 12 hits, walked five and struck out six.

**HURON VALLEY 20, AGAPE 11:** Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-11, 1-9) exploded for 13 runs in the first two innings Thursday to beat host Canton Agape Christian in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division game.

Nicole Smith led the offensive assault going 4-for-4 and reaching base six times with four runs scored. Emily Helwig went 3-for-4 with a triple, two walks and four RBI.

Sarah Schaffer, who worked the first two and final two innings, allowing just one run, got the win on the mound. She combined with Paige Sharrow to limit the Wolverines to five hits.

## TENNIS

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"With all of our players, we had to run two practices back-to-back so that everybody could get court time."

Record-wise, the Rocks most productive players were Norman and Ariel Rojo, who compiled a 13-9 mark at No. 1 doubles. Lytle also sparked, going 12-10 at no. 1 singles, a spot where there are no cupcake opponents on the agenda.

"When you first look at Tracy's record, it doesn't look all that impressive, but considering the players she had to go up against this year, it was very, very good."

Lytle has excelled in the classroom throughout her four-year high school career at Salem, and the accolades have deservedly followed. Earlier this week, she was named the school's "Female Scholar Athlete of the Year" and in February, she was honored by Channel 7 as its "McDonald's Student-Athlete of the Week."

The Rocks hosted one of the toughest Regional tournaments in the state on Friday.

Among the teams in the field were the two Ann Arbor schools — Huron and Pioneer — and Temperance Bedford.

"We got a horrible draw," Ware revealed. "But I'm sure the girls will give it their best and we'll see what happens."

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## Dondzila notches 6th shutout over Glenn

Kristen Dondzila registered her sixth shutout of the season Wednesday to lead Salem to a 6-0 victory over visiting Westland John Glenn.

The one-sided triumph improved the Rocks to 7-6-4 overall and 5-4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

"The girls played well tonight," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We wanted to establish the wings and play from inside out and we did just that."

Senior captain Katie Shull had a big night for the Rocks, scoring their first two goals. Amanda Krause, Ariel Dews, Lindsey Newton and Kaylyn Brzys also notched net-finders for the winners.

Jill Behrman and Taylor Burgoon both notched a pair of assists for Salem, which got a single helper from Amanda Krause. Shull's second goal came on a penalty kick.

**PLYMOUTH 2, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0:** On Wednesday at Plymouth, the Wildcats earned

a "Senior Night" victory thanks to second-half goals from Julie Forster and Emily Guglielmo. Kelly Dobbs assisted on Forster's goal while McKenzie Hengesh assisted Guglielmo.

The Wildcats only two seniors — Carlee Barackman and Lindsay Jewett, who missed the season due to an injury — were honored before the game.

Marissa Williams earned the shutout for the Cats.

"Wayne packed nine defenders into the box, so they didn't really get any shots on goal, but we had a hard time finding the net with our shots," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "It wasn't one of our better games. Last week, we beat Saline, which is a top 10 team, and tonight we struggled to beat Wayne, so you never know."

**PCA 4, ROEPER 1:** On Friday at Roeper, the Eagles received goals from Jalese DeBiasi, Jenna Misch, Brooke Williams and Nette Somericik.

## Rebain's smooth delivery stymies Zebras

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Garrett Rebain may have a deliberate wind-up, but what it produces is anything but slow. Wayne Memorial found that out the hard way Thursday afternoon when Rebain limited the Zebras to five hits in five innings in the Wildcats' 12-2, six-inning mercy rule-shortened contest at Plymouth. The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 16-9 overall and 6-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"Garrett pitched a very strong, workmanlike five innings today," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "With his slow and fluid motion, he has a knack to make

it look easy at times — especially when he's hitting his spots and getting the change over."

Ten different players contributed to the Wildcats' 15-hit attack — most notably lead-off hitter David Harvey, who went 3-for-5 with two runs and an RBI; and Matt Priebe, who went 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

"Matt ripped a couple of hits in key situations that helped provide us with a scoring cushion," said Chuck Adams. "He provides a great deal of firepower in the clean-up spot for us."

Plymouth took command of the contest with three runs in both the third and fourth innings. The Wildcats sealed the Zebras' fate with a six-run sixth.

Other key hitters for Plymouth

were Stephen Ostrowski (pinch-hit, two-run single) and Michael Rose, who went 2-for-2 with a run.

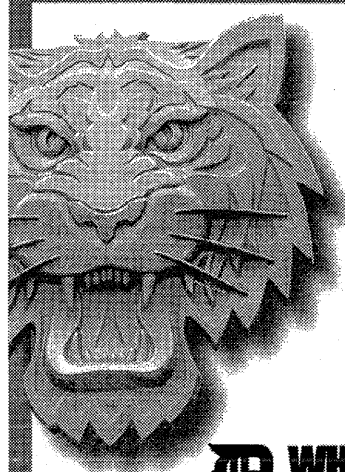
Rebain walked two and struck out four.

**CANTON 2, FRANKLIN 1:** On Thursday at Canton, the Chiefs won their sixth-straight game behind a gem of a performance from mound ace will Tidwell, who improved to 5-1 with a six-hitter. Tidwell struck out eight Patriots.

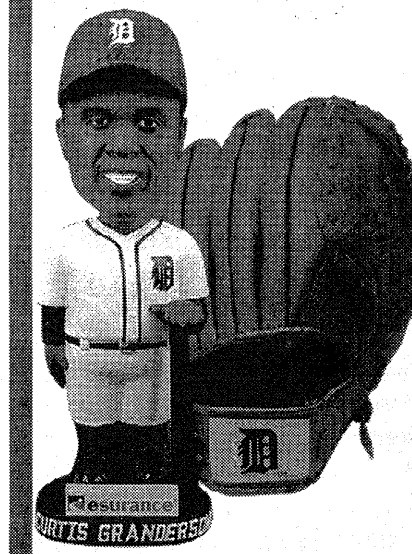
The victory improved Canton to 16-8 overall and 4-6 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Sophomore Kevin Delapaz delivered the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Chiefs' first run came on Dan Stoney's fifth home run of the season. Stoney and Mike Madias both had two hits for the winners.

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## WRIGHT

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"But after we talked to some teammates, we felt we'd be letting the team and the other two guys on the relay team (both underclassmen) down if we left, so we decided to stay because we didn't want to regret missing out on a chance to qualify for the state meet."

"So as soon as the (1,600 relay) is over, I'm going over to Phase III to shower, then head straight to the prom. We'll miss the limo ride over and stuff, but we won't miss much of the actual prom."

Piwowar actually found a happy medium in the midst of the conflict.

During a break in his track schedule Friday afternoon, he rushed home, slipped on his tux, and was able to pose for the customary pre-prom photos with his date.

He then used his 11-flat-in-the-100-meter-dash speed to return to the track and prepare to pass the baton.

### Running in style

When I suggested to Belcher

that he could save a few minutes by running his leg of the relay in his tux, he smiled.

"That would definitely be interesting," he said. "But it might slow me down a little."

Plymouth senior Mike Hanchett didn't run in his tux Friday night either, but it wasn't far away.

"It's waiting in our car," said his dad, Tim. "As soon as the 1,600 relay is over, we're gone."

"My date is not real happy about this," Hanchett said, a few moments after finishing third in the 400-meter dash, "but to tell you the truth, I wasn't going to miss this meet. Ever since I found out they were on the same day, my mind set has been that I'm running. We started earlier, so that helped a lot."

Matt Lewandowski, one of Hanchett's 1,600-meter relay teammates, looked at the bright side.

"It's not quite as bad for me because I'm taking a junior," he said, smiling. "In fact, she's texting me right now to see what time she should start getting ready."

### Life lessons

Salem boys track coach Kyle

Meteyer left the decision of how to handle the conflict up to his athletes. He was pleased with how many chose to compete.

"The way we looked at it was there will be plenty of chances for the guys to dance the rest of their lives, but qualifying for the state meet is a once-in-a-lifetime thing," the third-year coach said. "The guys have worked hard all year and the number one thing they've been working so hard for is to qualify for the state meet."

"Realistically, they're both once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, so it's the kind of life lesson kids will have to make when they get older as well."

For Belcher and Piwowar, all's well that ends well. Along with teaming up with Sheriff Hassanian and Jordan Wisniewski to place first in the 1600-meter relay, they made it to the prom — albeit a little late — and I'm sure they had the time of their lives — no matter if they were dancing in their track shoes or their tux shoes.

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL BOYS TRACK RESULTS

May 16 at Canton

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 107 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 75; 3. Detroit Cass Tech, 72; 4. (tie) Salem and Dearborn Fordson, 67 each; 6. Livonia Churchill, 63; 7. Canton, 47.5; 8. Detroit Cody, 35; 9. Plymouth, 31; 10. Wayne Memorial, 29; 11. Livonia Franklin, 24; 12. Dearborn, 17; 13. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 15; 14. Garden City, 8.5; 15. Redford Union, 4; 16. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 0.

FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet)

Discus: 1. Zach Bozigan (WJG), 153 feet, 9 inches; 2. James Kelly (WJG), 144-4; 3. Brendan Bringham (DF), 144-1; 4. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 143-6; 5. Andrew DeFelice (Dn), 142-11; 6. Abdullah Homayed (DF), 140-7; 7. Bilal Baydoun (DF), 138-9; 8. Austin Hassen (WM), 138-1.

High jump: 1. Jace Beardon (Salem), 6-5; 2. Pat York (LS), 6-5; 3. Mitchell White (LS), 6-5; 4. Zack Gaskell (Salem), 6-3 (sq); 5. Yusuf Naser (DF), 6-3 (sq); 6. Isaiiah Williams (DF), 6-3 (sq); 7. Michael Hatcher (Dn), 6-1; 8. Keith Zech (Canton), 5-11.

Long jump: 1. Keshawn Martin (WJG), 22-3; 2. Myles White (LS), 22-2.5; 3. Dominique Williams (Salem), 20-9.5; 4. Evido Edwards (WM), 20-9; 5. Hassen Amen (DF), 20-7; 6. Nate Saraginos (LS), 20-4.5; 7. Ocie Lewis (Canton), 20-0.5; 8. Isaac Cadel (LF), 19-9.5.

Pole vault: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 14-7; 2. Joe Tesner (LC), 13-0; 3. (tie) Christopher McGinnis (Canton) and Brandon Larsen (GC), 12-9 each (sq); 5. Gary Lawrence (WJG), 12-9 (sq); 6. Ben Ambrose (Ply), 12-9 (sq); 7. Nick Fenner (LF), 11-1; 8. Kevin Beadle (LF), 11-0.

Shot put: 1. Abdullah Homayed (DF), 47-6.5; 2. Chris Golonka (LS), 47-5; 3. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 46-7.5; 4. Ed Mehri (Salem), 46-1.5; 5. Andrew DeFelice (Dn), 45-8.75; 6. William Campbell (Cass), 45-8.5; 7. Matt Broome (LS), 45-4; 8. Deon Clemens (LC), 45-4.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill (Michael Schmidt, Nathan Wise, Paul Folk, Brandon Grysko), 8:08.5; 2. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Matt Lewandowski, Justin Huey, Warren Buzzard), 8:11.5; 2. Canton, 8:16.63; 4. Cass Tech, 8:21.99; 5. Dearborn, 8:25.48; 6. Stevenson, 8:30.53; 7. Salem, 8:32.9; 8. Garden City, 8:47.04.

110 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 14:11; 2. Samer Naser (DF), 14:52; 3. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14:61 (sq); 4. Thomas Gordon (Cass), 15:48; 5. Dennis Dillard (WJG), 15:66; 6. Michael Giles (Salem), 15:72; 7. Cameron Wudyyka (LF), 15:82; 8. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 15:9.

100 dash: 1. DeShawn Williams (Cody), 10:38; 2. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 10:42; 3. Dior Mathis (Cass), 10:55 (sq); 4. Brandon Hall (DF), 10:69 (sq); 5. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 10:7 (sq); 6. Cortez Smith (Cass), 10:75 (sq); 7. Javon

Washington (Cass), 11.0 (sq); 8. Christian Jefferson (Cass), 11.0 (sq).

800 relay: 1. Cody (Williams, Pierre West, Darryl Murphy, Foley Mitchell), 1:29.92; 2. John Glenn (Juan Marks, Martin, Corey Davis, Dawkins), 1:30.31; 3. Stevenson (Derek Buskey, Mitchell White, Sergison, Myles White), 1:31.02; 4. Fordson, 1:31.99; 5. Canton, 1:33.51; 6. Churchill, 1:33.6; 7. Cass Tech, 1:33.8; 8. RU, 1:36.79.

1,600: 1. Timothy Harris (Cass), 4:31.75; 2. Jacob Schofield (WM), 4:33.68; 3. Mark Waterbury (LC), 4:35.63; 4. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 4:36.33; 5. Joshua Hurst (Canton), 4:36.33; 6. Daniel Martin (Salem), 4:39.18; 7. Nasser Suleiman (Dn), 4:44.86; 8. Adham Aljhami (DF), 4:47.26.

400 relay: 1. Cass Tech (Gordan, Teric Jones, Cortez Smith, Dior Mathis), 42.02; 2. Franklin (Darell Myree, Cadet, Mike Baumgardner, Paule Voegel), 43.02; 3. Stevenson (Austin White, Jacob Gudeman, Mitchell White, Anagnostou), 43.09 (sq); 4. Cody (West, Williams, Murphy, Mitchell), 43.23 (sq); 5. John Glenn (Marks, Martin, Davis, Dawkins), 43.41 (sq); 6. Churchill (Emmanuel Dixon, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey, Daran Carey), 43.83 (sq); 7. Fordson, 44.05; 8. Edsel Ford, 44.47.

400: 1. Buskey (LS), 50.49; 2. Julian Domiano (DF), 50.6; 3. Sergison (LS), 51.75; 4. Mike Hanchett (Ply), 51.46; 5. Denzel Wells (Cass), 52.67; 6. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 52.94; 7. Billy Gutowski (LC), 53.08; 8. Christopher Jahoda (Canton), 53.1.

300 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 39.07; 2. Tim Belcher (Canton), 39.23; 3. Naser (DF), 39.38 (sq); 4. Powell (WM), 40.8; 5. Stuart Gregory (LF), 41.78; 6. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 41.85; 7. Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 41.92; 8. Dennis Swift (LF), 42.06.

800: 1. Grysko (LC), 1:58.65; 2. Mike Gibbons (LS), 1:59.23; 3. Wallath (Ply), 2:00.53; 4. Chonsey Poque (Cass), 2:02.03; 5. Schofield (WM), 2:03.52; 6. Schmidt (LC), 2:03.82; 7. Brian Chambers (GC), 2:04.6; 8. Evan Sirena (LF), 2:05.72.

200: 1. Williams (Cody), 22.13; 2. Julian Easterley (Cass), 22.19; 3. Martin (WJG), 22.29 (sq); 4. Dawkins (WJG), 22.53; 5. Jefferson (Cass), 22.89; 6. Connor McKinney (Ply), 22.9; 7. Washington (Cass), 23.0.

3,200: 1. Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:51.61; 2. Saeed Saleh (DF), 9:56.36; 3. Matt Vevey (Salem), 10:02.1; 4. Craig Cowing (Salem), 10:05.32; 5. Duncan Spitz (Canton), 10:06.0; 6. Joe Varilone (LC), 10:06.38; 7. Michael Charara (Salem), 10:12.12; 8. Oais Alkirsh (DF), 10:14.97.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Hassanien, Jordan Wisniewski, Belcher, Eric Piowar), 3:28.93; 2. Stevenson (Sergison, Pollard, Gibbons, Buskey), 3:30.58; 3. Plymouth, 3:31.61; 4. Fordson, 3:33.32; 5. Churchill, 3:34.29; 6. RU, 3:35.16; 7. Cass, 3:35.56; 8. Dearborn, 3:36.77 (sq); additional state qualifier.

BOYS TRACK LEADERS

OBSERVERLAD BOYS TRACK LEADERS

(THRU MAY 16)

SHOT PUT

Ed Mehri (Salem), 47-10.5

Chris Golonka (Stevenson), 47-5

Dana Baltazar (Salem), 47-1.5

David Fortin (Franklin), 46-3.5

Matt Broome (Stevenson), 46-2.5

Deon Clemens (Churchill), 45-4

Mark Tucker (Thurston), 45-1

Frankie Cain (Luth. Westland), 44-8

James Kelly (John Glenn), 44-6

Adam Love (Garden City), 44-5

DISCUS

Zach Bozigan (John Glenn), 154-3

Chris Golonka (Stevenson), 150-9

James Kelly (John Glenn), 144-4

T.J. Arancibia (John Glenn), 144-4

Adam Love (Garden City), 140-10

Matt Broome (Stevenson), 139-5

Austin Hassen (Wayne), 138-1

Duane Najarian (Churchill), 135-0

Mark Tucker (Thurston), 134-9

Nick Habbert (Garden City), 134-7

LONG JUMP

Keshawn Martin (John Glenn), 22-3

Myles White (Stevenson), 22-2.5

Dave Simor (Stevenson), 22-0

Billy Gutowski (Churchill), 21-7

Isaac Cadet (Franklin), 21-2

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 21-1

Ocie Lewis (Canton), 21-0

Nate Sergison (Stevenson), 20-10.5

Dominique Williams (Salem), 20-9.5

Jace Beardon (Salem), 20-8

HIGH JUMP

Mitchell White (Stevenson), 6-8

Jace Beardon (Salem), 6-5

Pat York (Stevenson), 6-5

Zack Gaskell (Salem), 6-3

Joey King (Clarenceville), 6-0

Keith Zech (Canton), 6-0

D'Juan Cooks (Churchill), 6-0

Kyle Kempf (Luth. Westland), 6-0

Kevin Beadle (Franklin), 5-11

Jordan Allen (PCA), 5-11

Keith Zech (Canton), 5-11

POLE VAULT

Derik Peterman (Churchill), 15-2

Joseph Tesner (Churchill), 14-6

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 14-0

Chris McGinnis (Canton), 13-6

Ben Ambrose (Plymouth), 13-6

Brandon Larsen (Garden City), 13-0

Gary Lawrence (John Glenn), 13-0

Kevin Beadle (Franklin), 12-6

Nick Fenner (Franklin), 12-6

John Gudeman (Stevenson), 12-6

100-METER DASH

Larry Dawkins (John Glenn), 10.5

Nick Anagnostou (Stevenson), 10.6

Eric Piowar (Canton), 11.0

Jeremy Gainer (Clarenceville), 11.0

Daran Carey (Churchill), 11.1

Austin White (Stevenson), 11.1

Paul Voegel (Franklin), 11.2

Darell Myree (Franklin), 11.2

Emmanuel Dixon (Churchill), 11.2

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 11.2

200-METER DASH

Keshawn Martin (John Glenn), 22.3

Devon Easterling (Churchill), 22.5

Larry Dawkins (John Glenn), 22.6

Derek Buskey (Stevenson), 22.7

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 22.8

Myles White (Stevenson), 22.8

Darell Myree (Franklin), 22.8

Austin White (Stevenson), 22.9

Mitchell White (Stevenson), 23.0

Nick Anagnostou (Stevenson), 23.0

Eric Piowar (Canton), 23.0

JaJuan Marks (John Glenn), 23.0

400-METER DASH

Derek Buskey (Stevenson), 49.7

Billy Gutowski (Churchill), 50.7

Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 51.3

Nate Sergison (Stevenson), 51.4

Mike Hanchett (Plymouth), 52.0

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 52.1

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 52.3

John Stoddart (Garden City), 52.6

Stephen Telenko (Salem), 52.9

Nelson Kenne (John Glenn), 52.9

Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 52.9

800-METER RUN

Brandon Grysko (Churchill), 1:58.7

Mike Gibbons (Stevenson), 1:59.3

Kyle Wallath (Churchill), 2:00.6

Michael Schmidt (Plymouth), 2:02.1

Evan Sirena (Franklin), 2:02.6

Keith Zech (Canton), 2:03.0

Spencer Lyle (Luth. Westland), 2:03.0

Nathan Wise (Churchill), 2:03.1

Jacob Schofield (Wayne), 2:03.6

Mike Krcatovich (Franklin), 2:03.9

Paul Rockrohr (Luth. Westland), 2:03.9

1,600-METER RUN

Kevin deBear (Salem), 4:33.0

Mark Waterbury (Churchill), 4:33.0

Jacob Schofield (Wayne), 4:33.7

Spencer Lyle (Luth. Westland), 4:35.1

Mike Krcatovich (Franklin), 4:36.4

Mike Gibbons (Stevenson), 4:36.5

Derek Hoerman (Canton), 4:36.9

Josh Hurst (Franklin), 4:39.2

Dan Martin (Salem), 4:39.2

Duncan Spitz (Canton), 4:39.4

3,200-METER RUN

Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:51.6

Matt Vevey (Salem), 10:02.1

Duncan Spitz (Canton), 10:03.1

Craig Cowing (Salem), 10:05.4

Joe Varilone (Churchill), 10:06.4

Mike Charara (Salem), 10:07.0

Shawn Howse (Stevenson), 10:09.0

Jason Smith (Salem), 10:13.9

Kyle Clinton (Canton), 10:20.3

Evan Sirena (Franklin), 10:24.8

110-METER HIGH HURDLES

Myles White (Stevenson), 13.9

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 14.6

Vanier Joseph (Thurston), 14.6

Renaldo Powell (Wayne), 14.7

Derik Peterman (Churchill), 15.2

Mike Giles (Salem), 15.5

Dennis Dillard (John Glenn), 15.6

Stuart Gregory (Franklin), 15.8

Sergio Pavan (John Glenn), 15.9

Cameron Wudyyka (Franklin), 15.9

Scott O'Connor (Salem), 15.9

300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Myles White (Stevenson), 39.1

Tim Belcher (Canton), 39.3

Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 39.9

Renaldo Powell (Wayne), 40.8

Scott O'Connor (Salem), 40.8

Dennis Swift (Stevenson), 41.7

Stuart Gregory (Franklin), 41.8

Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 42.1

Will Burek (Stevenson), 42.2

Mike Giles (Salem), 42.8

400-METER RELAY

Livonia Franklin, 43.1

Livonia Stevenson, 43.1

Plymouth, 43.1

Westland John Glenn, 43.1

Livonia Churchill, 43.9

800-METER RELAY

Westland John Glenn, 1:30.3

Livonia Stevenson, 1:30.8

Livonia Churchill, 1:32.1

Livonia Franklin, 1:32.6

Livonia Canton, 1:32.9

1,600-METER RELAY

Canton, 3:27.8

Livonia Churchill, 3:28.0

Livonia Stevenson, 3:30.6

Plymouth, 3:31.6

Redford Union, 3:35.2

3,200-METER RELAY

Livonia Churchill, 8:08.8

Plymouth, 8:11.5

Canton, 8:16.7

Garden City, 8:24.6

Livonia Stevenson, 8:30.6

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White lightning

Brothers lead Spartans to Regional track and field crown

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Stevenson was expected to win Friday's Division 1 boys track regional at Canton.

But even more impressive was the way the Spartans turned in some unexpected performances in the process.

Stevenson repeated as champion by topping the century mark with 107 points followed by runner-up Westland John Glenn with 75.

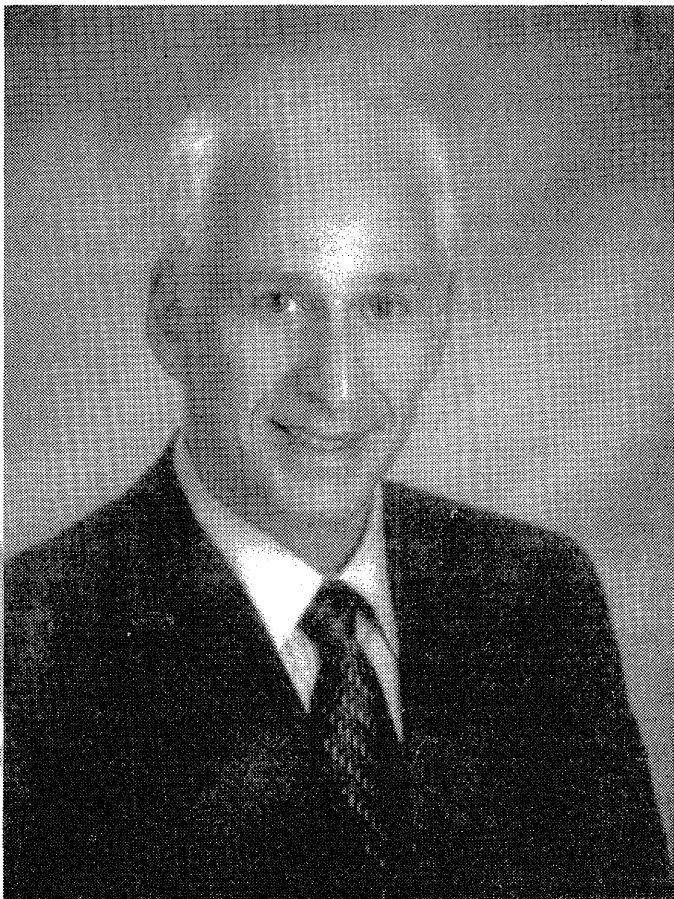
Rounding out the top ten was Detroit Cass Tech (72), Salem (67), Dearborn Fordson (67), Livonia Churchill (63), Canton (47.5), Detroit Cody (35), Plymouth (31) and Wayne Memorial (29).

"It was a good day for us and the kids obviously ran very well," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "This meet is for them. We did not load up like we would have in the league meet. We want them to qualify for the state meet (May 31

at East Kentwood) and we did well by qualifying 10 guys."

Senior Myles White, headed for Michigan State on a football scholarship, led the way for the Spartans with firsts in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with times of 14.11 and 39.07, respectively. He was also runner-up in the long jump (22 feet, 2.5 inches).





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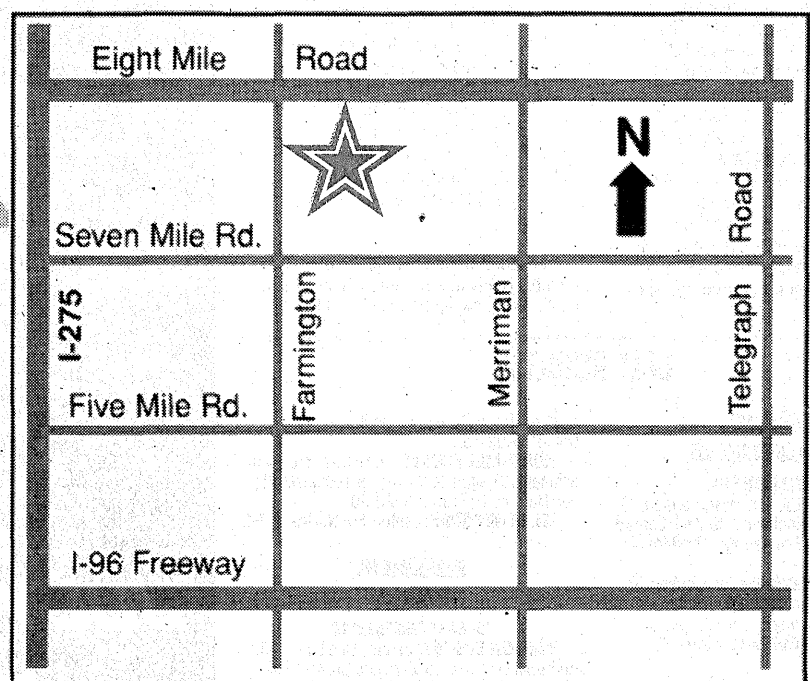
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## When picking gym check its plan for emergency

Bill from Warren e-mails that he is trying to choose a new gym. He has a heart condition and wants to know what to look for.

Bill, the gym might be one of the last places you would want to have a stroke or heart attack! Studies show that most health clubs are not equipped to handle the most basic medical emergencies! Some 20 percent of clubs have had a member with a cardiac episode in the last five years, but 33 percent of instructors are not even certified in basic CPR! About 30 percent of clubs don't screen members for a history of heart disease. Only two clubs surveyed had a written emergency plan, even though 95 percent of clubs said such a plan is very important. What can you do to protect yourself? You can start with your homework! Check out the club's emergency procedures, especially if you are over the age of 35 or have an existing heart condition.

Elaine from Redford wants to know all the natural ways to reduce her risk of coming down with Alzheimer's.

Elaine, when it comes to cutting your chances for this debilitating disease, the answer may be in the tea leaves. New research shows that both black and green tea help combat the activity of two key enzymes linked to Alzheimer's disease.

One of those enzymes interferes with a chemical messenger in the brain. The other has been traced to protein deposits in the brains of Alzheimer's victims. Both black and green tea come from the same plant, but green seems to hold the edge over black when it comes to Alzheimer's fighting properties. Black tea is also fermented. The anti-Alzheimer's benefits of green tea seem to last for about a week, while black tea's benefits only last for a day. Another important thing to note here is that green tea's antioxidants may be able to help mend some of the cellular damage linked to Alzheimer's.

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Peter's Principles

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# Sports nutrition

## No substitute for a healthy diet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jon Pierret always tries to stay away from junk food, but didn't know much else about good sports nutrition until registered dietician Beverly Price spoke to the Farmington Hills boy's Honeybaked Hockey Team out of Hazel Park Ice Area.

A lack of calcium in the diet can lead to fractures, especially in youth. Carbohydrates and protein are needed to maintain energy levels for all ages.

"I learned not to put a lot of protein shakes and energy drinks into your body and milk is very good for you after a game. It helps replenish," said Pierret, a student at St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills. The 13-year-old has been playing eight years in the Midwest Elite Hockey League against teams from Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit. "She said to stick to a lot of protein and carbs before a game to give you energy, and fruits are very good."

Last Sunday when the team was in Toronto for a training camp, Pierret started the day with a breakfast of scrambled eggs and pancakes. Lunch was lasagna and a salad. The team played in the afternoon and on the drive home stopped at Arby's for a sub.

"With playing hockey over the years, my parents told me too to stay away from junk food. I can tell when I eat junk food it really slows you down," said Pierret, who wants to play professional hockey some day. "You don't have the same energy."

Price regularly counsels serious as well as casual athletes. Her advice varies depending on the sport, age, gender, body type and size, and how often they compete or if they just run in the neighborhood.

"Some athletes may need to lose a little bit of weight, some may battle to keep it on but if somebody is exercising for at least an hour, they definitely need to have some sort of a snack. It might be fruit, could be sport bars or gels, or eating an extra half a sandwich or sandwich," said Price, who counsels individual clients on high school teams and casual athletes as part of her nutrition practice in Huntingwood Woods. She recently released the DVD *Reconnect with Food* and is co-author of the book, *Nutritional Secrets for Optimal Health*. "If somebody has a practice after school make sure they pack some extra food. If they're working out, make sure they eat within a half hour after and focus on carbohydrates like whole grains, fruits, pasta, rice or potato, bread to replace energy they might need for the next day. Muscles can utilize energy from the food more efficiently if they eat within a half hour."

Price says there's very little data to support the need for supplements. She recommends taking a vitamin and mineral made from natural ingredients or whole foods daily but not a one a day because of chemicals such as dyes.

"People think a little is good, a lot is better," said Price. "Some things contain ephedrine. A woman in a friend's



office, her son died of an ephedrine overdose."

### HYDRATION

Athletes should avoid high caffeine drinks as well. Sports drinks can put on weight.

"The high caffeine drinks are kind of like sugar in a way. It gets in your system quickly and leaves quickly and can really stimulate the heart rate for people with a low tolerance and impede performance," said Price. "Some people might need iron. You lose some iron in sweat. If you're feeling tired all the time and not overtraining and getting a lot of rest go to the doctor and have it checked. Sodium and potassium can be replaced by a well-balanced diet. There is some evidence to show that having a teaspoon of Celtic salt a day can be helpful for replacing some of the losses causing energy depletion."

Athletic performance can be impaired even when your body's slightly dehydrated. The average person needs two liters of water a day. Price recommends those competing should drink a lot of water the night before, two hours before and during the event. For those exercising, she suggests drinking two cups two hours before exercise, another two cups 15 to 20 minutes before exercise, four to six ounces every 10 to 15 minutes while exercising and as much as you need after. Price was a competitive swimmer for years and cautions athletes not to forget to drink water because you sweat while swimming. "If urine is light in color you're well hydrated, if dark you're dehydrated," said Price.

### PROTEIN AND CARBS

Athletes in general don't need extra protein unless they're weight lifting and body building because it can be dehydrating. Price says carbohydrates and

fats are more important than protein for long distance or cross country running.

"Carbs are for bursts of energy. Long term you're drawing on a lot of fat for energy," said Price. "Pregame they need high carbohydrate like pasta, rice, and a lot of rest. Postgame meals should still be high in carbohydrates and eaten 15 to 30 minutes after."

All in all there's no substitute for a healthy nutritious diet.

"Everyday eating should be whole grains, fruits, vegetables, healthy protein sources, at least three meals a day. Some people like elite athletes may need to eat six times a day or more," said Price. "Over half of the calories should come from carbohydrates, no more than a third from fat and the rest protein. The role of protein, carbohydrate and fat is to absorb certain vitamins: A, D, E, K."

Price recommends fats such as olive and canola oils, raw nuts and butters, and flax seed oil.

"They need antioxidants because athletes breathe in more oxygen and pollution to make sure cells stay healthy and nutrients such as calcium, sodium, iron and zinc."

Price is concerned about the number of girls she's seeing with fractures due to lack of good nutrition.

"They're drinking too much pop and not getting enough calcium and phosphorus robs your bones of calcium," said Price. "Calcium is more absorbable in leafy green vegetables, beans and legumes. Even almonds are a good source of calcium. Soy products have a lot of absorbable calcium, calcium-enriched orange juice. Boys have a higher bone density so they may not be as prone to bone fractures."

Meghan Steingold fractured the same foot twice in the last three years. The Huntingwood Woods girl is a com-

petitive figure skater with the Berkley Royal Blades club. She's been on the ice since second grade. An eighth-grade student at Norup Middle School in Oak Park, she is in the process of qualifying for the National Showcase, the theatrical skating competition of the U.S. Figure Skating Club Aug. 6-10, at the Rochester Figure Skating Club in Minnesota.

"I'm trying to take in more calcium. My mom gives me vitamins in the morning," said Steingold, who drinks only soy not cow's milk. "Before I go skating or if I'm competing later in day, I have a piece of fruit or yogurt, eggs in the morning for a big competition. I have to watch my weight as a figure skater. If you weigh more it's more difficult to do required jumps. I don't normally do sugar because it gets me hyper. I work off all the hyper and get tired."

Janice Steingold believes good sports nutrition is essential for Meghan whether practicing or competing statewide. Janice has taken many of Price's classes on nutrition. She also consulted Meghan's former coach Christa Berger.

"It's especially important not to eat too heavy before competition and to have protein for energy to get through the competition. Bev suggested a yogurt before she skates," said Janice Steingold. "The first fracture was a bunch of kids messing around a trampoline. I'm concerned about re-injury."

"Sports nutrition is very important especially for these girls in a competition. They're on edge. There's a lot of emotion going on. A lot of girls get stressed out and are not eating properly. It's important to eat some kind of protein to deal with the stress not just the competition. Competitions tend to be really stressful."

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### MAY

**Nutrition for Life**  
Led by St. Mary Mercy's Tamara Lark, RD, 7-8 p.m. each month in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy's Marian Professional Building, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Early registration required (\$15 per class). Call (734) 655-8950. The next topic is Carbohydrates: 101 Wednesday, May 21.

**Living to 100**  
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at Gateway Wellness Center, 5600 W. Maple, Suite A 110, West Bloomfield. Registration is \$10. Call (248) 737-9494.

**Hearing loss event**  
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 ngjbent@hhs.org. A bus registration form may be obtained from the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 4808, Troy, MI 48099.

**Tai Chi classes**  
Began May 5, at 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and

Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Rd. (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursdays). Presented by the nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

**Divorce support group**  
Financial fitness with Jeanne Gonyer Baldwin, CFP, includes basics of several financial issues and strategies to deal with them 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

**Race for the cure**  
17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® presented by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute - 5K Run/Walk and One-Mile Walk 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Comerica Park, Detroit. Organizations can get involved through sponsorship opportunities or by hosting a team. For information on sponsoring the race, call (248) 351-1862. Online team registration runs to May 13, individual registration through May 29, at www.karmanos.org/racefortheuredetroit. Cost is \$12-\$40. On-site registration will be available at May 30 Expo or Race day beginning at 7 a.m. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May

30, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. The free event offers entertainment, merchandise, pink ribbons to honor loved ones and other surprises. Visit www.karmanos.org or call (800) KARMANOS.

**Volunteers needed**  
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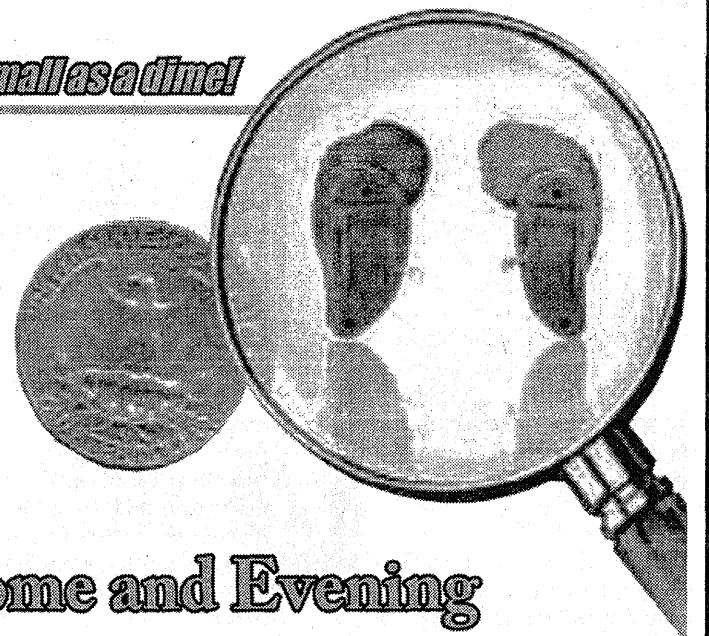
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# GRRR RUGBY



The Redford rugby team members give a yell for the other team after being defeated in their game.

## Girls tackle tough game

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

G rowling might not be ladylike, but the tactic gets Nadine Hawthorne's message across for the opposition to stay away from the Blue Ducks goal. The Redford Rugby Football Club is only two years old and already the girls' team has earned a reputation for being tough even for high school.

Hawthorne stays in shape by doing crunches and lifting weights in addition to tap dancing to stay quick on her feet as the Ducks' kicker. As fullback she uses the menacing vocals to protect her team's turf.

Rugby is no game for pansies. It's a full tackle sport played without pads. The only protection is a mouth guard.

"I like to growl. It gives me more power," said Hawthorne, a junior at Thurston High School in Redford. "I like football. This is tougher. I like the contact."

Deonna Hawthorne thinks she speaks for the majority of players' parents who worry about their girls. Deonna spends plenty of time watching the tackling drills whenever she chauffeurs Nadine to practices on Mondays and Wednesdays. Games as far away as Traverse City on Saturdays can get even rougher.

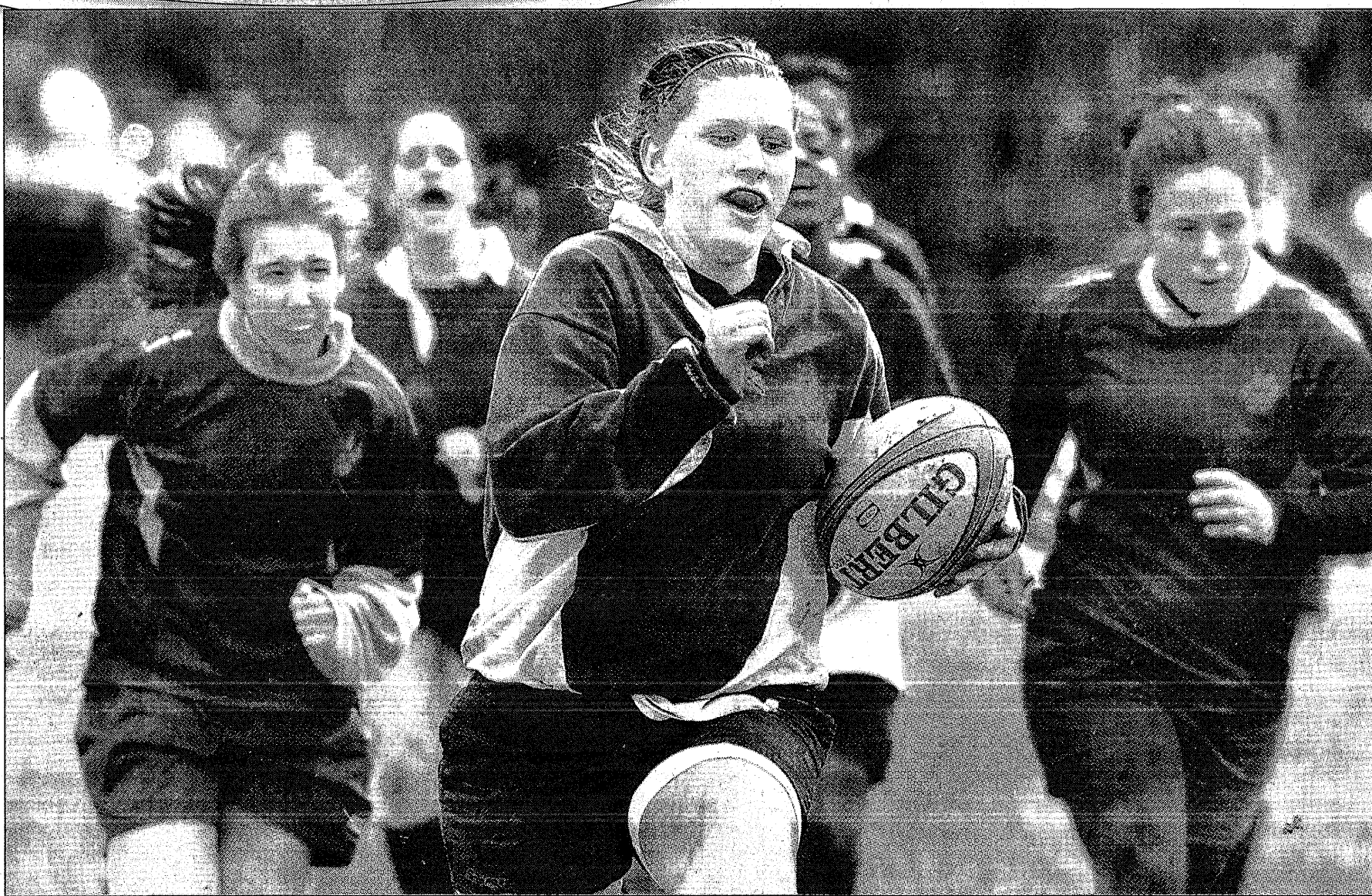
Drills help prepare the girls to pass the ball only backwards or lateral not forward. Dexterity is going to be especially important during the playoffs May 24-25.

"I'm a rugby mom. It's more of an all girls football game, but it's scary," said Deonna Hawthorne. "For the girls I think it relieves a lot of stress. It's a physical thing."

Assistant coach Lisa Risch puts the players through the paces, running them around the field behind Thurston High School. The Blue Ducks attract girls from Thurston and Stevenson High School in Livonia. Risch and Holly Hereau, the coach who started the Redford club, both play for the Detroit Rugby Football Club.

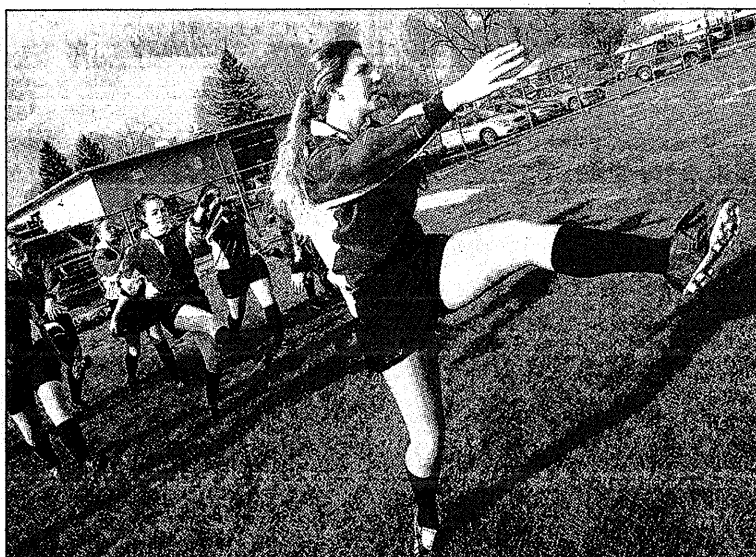
"It's continuous play. We only stop for injuries and penalties," said Risch who went to Thurston and graduated from Stevenson. "You have to be tough to play."

"If you don't think tough you can get laid out," said Megan McMann, a Thurston junior who's playing for a second year as inside center receiving and passing the ball. Hereau is her



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Redford Rugby Football Club's Megan McMann off and running before being tackle by Berkley players.



Thurston's Nadine Hawthorne leads calisthenics before rugby practice.

Thurston's Ashley Ryan rests with her teammates on a time out.



Sarah Beaman of Livonia Stevenson has the ball tossed to her on a line out of the rugby game, lifting her is Jaigredrian McCoy of Thurston.

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ANNIVERSARY

Lintons celebrate 50th

A ceremony will be held May 31, 2008, at the home of Duane and Arlene Linton of Imlay City, Mich., to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Duane retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1996 after 25 years of service. Arlene continues in her business of 37 years as a tax preparer.

The couple lived most of their married life in Wayne. They have lived in Imlay City for two years.

Duane enjoyed building and flying model airplanes. Arlene enjoys collecting antiques.

An open house and barbecue will be held May 31, coordinated by their children: Chris Linton of Florida, Karen Linton of Howell, Brenda Czubaj of Wayne and Sandra Yetter of Romulus. The Lintons have seven grandchildren.

Duane's mother, Bonnie, also plans to attend.



Survivors race for a cure for breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It had been only two weeks since Toni Bailey-Lay had a partial mastectomy, but she was determined to take part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Comerica Park. The annual event raises money for research and programs to stop breast cancer, a deadly killer of women and men.

Diagnosed in April 2007 after a mammogram, the 45-year-old Westland woman had gone through screenings since her late 30s.

"I also did the Relay for Life," said Bailey-Lay, an art teacher at Madison and Jefferson/Barns elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland District. "We had a colleague in the building and we did it for her as a school. She battled cancer 3 1/2 years and died in 2005. Janet King was at Madison for years."

Bailey-Lay will be wearing a photo of King on her T-shirt when she walks in the downtown event. She considers herself fortunate because the cancer was caught early. Bailey-Lay only required radiation afterwards because her lymph nodes were negative.

"Last year I was bowled over by how many people there were," said Bailey-Lay. "There were ladies with no hair and all of us holding hands and walking across the pink carpet. I was surprised by how many people were there, men with their wives, young children walking with parents, men with breast cancer, every age, every race."

This year Bailey-Lay is excited about having the young cheerleader she coaches, the Westland Stars, by her side as she walks the route for the race. One of her girls, Jill Wehrheim, has been with her since she was 11. Wehrheim is now



Karen Rosinski (right) of Garden City ran with her niece Jana and her niece's cousin Joshua Pike in the 2006 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. This year's race will be Karen Rosinski's sixth. She is a four-year survivor of breast cancer.

Scholarships honor mom, sons killed in '05 crash

The Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund will begin accepting scholarship applications for area youth interested in pursuing performing arts.

"Through these scholarships, it is our hope that more area youth are able to experience a variety of performing arts and develop an appreciation and love for them just as Judy, Sam and Alex Weinstein did," said Lisa Muscio, president of the WTFund. "In these tough economic times, a scholarship from

the Fund could be the deciding factor as to whether a child goes to a performing arts camp, takes acting or sing lessons or not."

The WTFund was established after the tragic deaths of Judy Weinstein and her sons Alex and Sam, of Farmington Hills, by a drunk driver in Farmington Hills in May 2005. Together with surviving husband and father Gary, they were a family that loved to support and perform in community theatre.

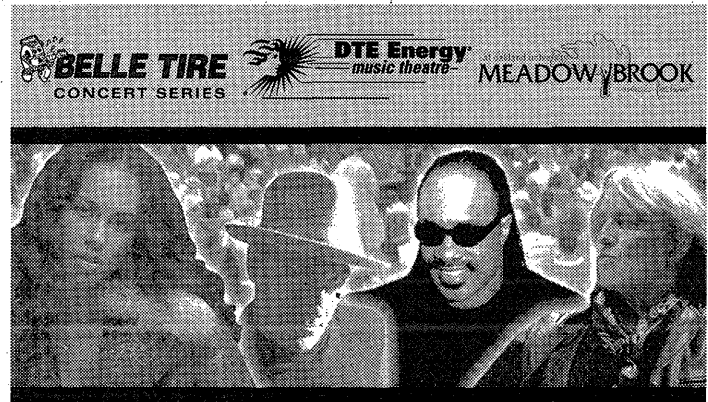
The goal of the Fund is to honor the memory of Judy, Alex and Sam Weinstein by sharing their love of the theatre with as many people as possible.

The scholarships will provide positive exposure to live theatre and the arts. The funds will enable children, ages 7-18, to learn, attend and perform in all aspects of performance theatre. The fund will continue to encourage and inspire children to take a step into the arts just as Alex and Sam were inspired to do.

Scholarships will be awarded in three different categories: enrichment, financial and college.

The WTFund plans to award scholarships three times per year with the first application deadline for 2008 set for May 23. A reception announcing the recipients will be held on June 25. Funds for the scholarships have been raised through several benefit events held since the May 3, 2005 tragedy.

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**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 individual registration through May 29, at [www.karmanos.org/raceforthecuredetroit](http://www.karmanos.org/raceforthecuredetroit). \$12-\$40. On-site registration at May 30 Expo or race day starting 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)

Rosinski underwent a lumpectomy and removal of 11 lymph nodes which tested positive for cancer. She had a recurrence in a lymph node in December 2005 and underwent radiation and then six months of chemotherapy at Henry Ford Hospital. Rosinski, who works in the corporate offices of the Henry Ford Health System, has always been physically active. She doesn't drink or smoke that's why she was surprised when she found a lump under her arm.

"I always try to do everything right," said Rosinski who was All Area on her swim team at Garden City East High School in 1979. Today she is a member of L.A.L.A. (Livonia and Larger Area Aquatics) as well as a triathlon club so running is nothing new for Rosinski, a fledgling triathlete who swims 4-days and runs and bikes 3-days a week. She's signed up for three local triathlon races.

"This is just one race of many this summer, but it's the race of all the races I do. It's just huge in terms of the number of people who come out," said Rosinski who competed in Michigan Masters Swimming Championships last month. "There's definitely a lot of support."

in college and the Stars' assistant coach.

"Having my girls there will help give me the strength," said Bailey-Lay. "I try to set the best example I can for young women."

Karen Rosinski's 21-year old niece Jana will be joining her when the 45-year-old Garden City woman runs the race for a sixth year, her fourth as a survivor. Diagnosed in August 2004,

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Another way the physician can respond is to challenge the health insurance company's decision to place the drug in tier 3. That challenge rarely works as the corporate rules and structure require adherence to the insurance company's policies.

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**RUGBY**  
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biology teacher. "I love it. It's just fun, the adrenalin. I can be rugged." Sarah Beaman is already enjoying the rugged contact sport which provides a good workout two to three times a week for 1 1/2 to two hours. The 15-year old Stevenson High School sophomore just joined the team at the beginning of April when the season started.

"It's really exciting to watch. It's fast paced," said Beaman of Livonia. "It makes me feel tough and we do a lot of running and tackling drills."

Jaiqedrian McCoy is in her second year as a prop, an enforcer who is normally the largest player on the field.

"I play because I like hitting people," said McCoy, a Thurston student. "It's a fun way to get all your stress out. You get to hit people."

Hereau wishes she would have been able to play Rugby in high school. The Royal Oak woman first learned about the sport in her senior year at Grand Valley State University about 10 years ago. She continued to play as a graduate student at Michigan State University.

"A lot of the girls are getting confidence," said Hereau who also coaches the Rebels, the Redford club's boys team. "Half have never played anything. They say, this is cool. I'm kind of tough."

"The field is similar to a soccer field. There are teams in Berkley, Troy, Grosse Pointe, Livingston County, Traverse City, Toledo. I just love the sport. On the team are dancers, cheerleaders, a figure skater. Rugby takes the highest level of fitness. There's never a rest. It's a lot of running, hitting and getting back up again. The first year they complain. The second year it's nothing."

For more information, visit [freewebs.com/redfordrugby-club](http://freewebs.com/redfordrugby-club).



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Redford Rugby Football Club: front row from left; Stevenson Arielle Burton, Thurston Jacqui Powell, Thurston Ashley Maynard, Stevenson Sarah Beaman, Thurston Kelley Kiefer, Thurston Leigh Horne, Stevenson Bridget Ranta, and Stevenson Mary Schwartz. Back row from left; co-coach Lisa Risch of Livonia, Stevenson Jess Giesler, Thurston Tomia McKinney, Thurston Jessica Parsons, Stevenson Hailey McCulley, Thurston Nadine Hawthorne, Thurston Megan McMann and Thurston Kala Charles. Not pictured; co-coaches Holly Hereau, Erie Rospeirski and players Thurston's Jaiqedrian McCoy and Ashley Ryan.



Hailey McCulley of Livonia Stevenson and Jacqui Powell of Thurston attempt to bring down a Berkley player.

**'...There's never a rest. It's a lot of running, hitting and getting back up again. The first year they complain. The second year it's nothing.'**

HOLLY HEREAU



Redford rugby team gets ready to scrum down with the Berkley team.

# Garden party to raise money for Livonia Symphony Orchestra

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rose Kachnowski says the Spring Garden Party to raise money for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra "should be real colorful with lots of flowers both fresh and fake."

The May 31 luncheon takes place at Laurel Manor in Livonia and features entertainment by the Livonia Symphony Chamber Ensemble, a garden theme auction and raffle, and sweet treats galore from the Moonstruck Chocolate Cafe at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

"They're fabulous. Their chocolate coffee is incredible, their chocolates," said Kachnowski, an LSO board member and chairwoman of the Garden Party.

"We'll have a smaller garden theme auction and a Chinese raffle with flowery jewelry, grape vine angels, cute little ceramic houses with floral themes, flats of flowers and things. The string ensemble performs during the luncheon of fresh fruit, pineapple, chicken salad. We're trying to do new and interesting things to keep things alive and there's always a desperate need to raise money for the symphony. This is an experiment this year, but next year we hope to expand it."

Seating is limited to only 160 tickets as the event was organized only recently and rooms were already booked for wedding receptions at Laurel Manor. Table sponsorships are available at a \$100 each for any business or organization interested in passing out literature on their group at the Garden Party.

"We're just holding our own. We keep our heads above water

**SPRING GARDEN PARTY**

**What:** A luncheon, auction and raffle to raise money for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra

**When:** 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31

**Where:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

**Tickets:** \$25. Call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111. Visa and MasterCard accepted

but that's not enough. We have to draw bigger crowds, have to get the community involved or the symphony will have to cut concerts and the community outreach programs in the schools," said Kachnowski. "I hate to see us cut concerts that's why I came up with the idea for the garden party. We hope to do something alive and expand on it for the coming years."

"We've been getting a lot of support from Greenmead (Historical Park). They're going to be there promoting the June 21 garden walk. We're appealing to garden lovers or symphony lovers in general. Men are coming. It's not just a ladies luncheon."

Kachnowski is very busy these days trying to keep the music alive. She just returned from a meeting for the annual golf outing to raise money for the LSO June 11 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia. For details, call (248) 474-0905 or (734) 522-0721. Cost is \$125 individuals, \$400 for foursome.

"People who don't golf can come just for lunch for \$25 so they can still support the symphony," said Kachnowski.

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# Mind, body, spirit

## Yoga workout combines movement, Christian meditation and nature

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beth Duncan of Troy feels "close to God" as she stretches into a series of postures during her Monday night yoga class.

Susan Raymond of Birmingham calls the experience "therapeutic."

And Karen Brown of Troy says the physically-limbering exercises also touch her heart.

"It's so wonderful. No matter how bad your day has been, you can just forget it," Brown said. "I love the spiritual part of this."

With a focus on movement and breathing, meditation and scriptural references — all set in a heavenly landscape — their weekly yoga class goes beyond mere physical routine.

"It's a wonderful program," Duncan said. "You feel good physically and you feel good inside, too."

Grace Seroka, a Catholic who grew up on a Minnesota farm, gives her 90-minute yoga classes a Christian spin, leading students through warm-ups, postures and meditation on the banks of the Rouge River at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills. Seroka has practiced yoga for 25 years, and became a certified teacher eight years ago. After taking an internship in Ignatian spirituality at Manresa, followed by a year of spiritual exercises based on the writings of St.

Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, the Bloomfield Hills woman fused Christian teachings with yoga poses. She started teaching Christian yoga, taking her classes outdoors in good weather, about four years ago.

### MUSIC OF NATURE

"The environment you're in can make such a difference," said Seroka, who is married and the mother of two grown children. "Usually we're upstairs in the (retreat house) lounge." But in spring and summer the classes head outdoors.

"There is a real beauty to being outside. It's a real connection with nature, which is one of God's beautiful creations. We're down by the river, it comes gurgling over the rocks. I don't play much music there because nature is our music. The birds are up there twirping away and the water is gurgling over rocks."

But at a recent session, after a 20-minute warm-up, Seroka led class members into a series of established yoga postures — cobra, warrior, sun salute, among others — to the song, *Take Lord, Receive*. Set to sacred music, the postures become a form of prayer.

"I don't relate to Hinduism or Hindu teachings, because that's not my faith. But I'm very grateful for the postures and for what the culture has given us. I think as we become more

global it's important for us to look at the gifts of the cultures and to receive those gifts and find out how they can weave into our culture. I'm doing that with Christian yoga. I'm taking the postures of the Hindu culture, but I'm adding sacred music. I'm adding prayer to it. I'm adding Scripture from our Bible, so that it becomes meaningful for my beliefs, my values and my way of living."

### BECOMING SILENT

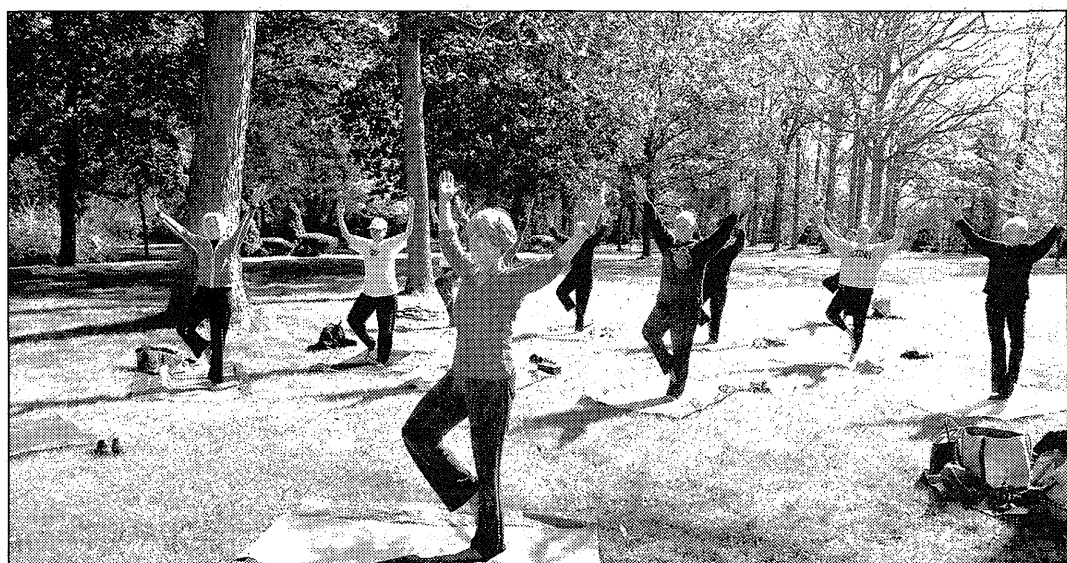
Seroka infuses each session with brief readings from Scripture, writings from saints and theologians, giving each class a theme based on the liturgical year. A recent session focused on "spirit" looking ahead to Pentecost Sunday, which Christians celebrated on May 11.

During the final 15 minutes of each session, class members meditate, quieting mind and stilling their bodies "to be with God," Seroka noted.

"We all need to learn how to become silent in order for God to be present with us. Otherwise, all of the distractions, all of the noise, everything is more present than God. But as we become more aware of our breath, it also increases our awareness of God."

"Yoga is such a complement to meditation. Yoga is body, mind and spirit. What connects it all is breath. We are always aware of breath as we go into postures. The more quiet we become, the more meditative, the more we're able to be centered with God."

Seroka, who is a member of the campus ministry at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac,



Grace Seroka leads her Christian yoga group through poses on the grounds at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, in Bloomfield Hills.

## Outdoor yoga with a spiritual twist

experienced a desire to deepen her faith after two major turning points in her life. One was being at her father's side in a hospice, holding his hand as he died. The other was her two-year Ignatian internship.

She and her husband, George, are members of St. Thomas More Parish in Troy and Sacred Heart in Auburn Hills.

Seroka, who holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree from Michigan State University in adult education, has taught in parochial schools and at the Bloomfield Hills school district's Bowers Farm.

She envisions teaching yoga, with its many applications for "prayer, healing, focus and stretching," to the grieving, cancer patients, and athletic teams.

"I love it, because I know I'm going to do this all of my life, God willing. It's amazing what yoga does for us. I hope I can always teach it as a form of prayer."

### NEAR OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

Brian Granader, owner of Red Lotus Yoga Studio in Rochester Hills, has given weekend summer yoga retreats for the past three years at the Capuchin Retreat Center, 62460 Mt. Vernon, in Washington. He and owners of four other studios, Updog Yoga in Rochester, Yoga Studio of Shelby, House of Yoga in Berkley and Practice Yoga in Grosse Pointe Woods, team up to present three days of yoga and meditation.

The session will run from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the retreat center. Tickets for the seminar only are \$20 and available through Red Lotus Yoga Studio by calling (248) 884-9642.

The yoga retreat starts with the seminar and runs through noon on Sunday, June 8. Cost is \$275. Sign up through one of the sponsoring yoga studios or call Granader at (248) 376-1239.

### IN ROYAL OAK

The First United Methodist Church of Royal Oak will take its yoga classes outdoors, to Meininger Park on Wednesdays, this summer.

Jessica Beaubien, a church member who is trained in YogaFit Level 1, Level 2 and Pre/post-natal, will lead classes from 6-7 p.m. June 11, 18, 25, July 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6 and 13, at the park, located just south of Catalpa (1 1/2 Mile) at Maxwell, about a half mile west of Main.

Participants can buy a full summer pass for \$64, a half-summer pass for \$40 or walk-in for \$12 per class. Bug spray and citronella will be provided.

Register at [www.soulstretch.org](http://www.soulstretch.org). Soul Stretch also offers weekend Christian yoga retreats for small groups, at a bed and breakfast in Plymouth.

-By Sharon Dargay

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## Italian classes are starting in June

The Italian American Club of Livonia is offering a six week Italian Language Class this spring and summer.

The adult session runs 6:30-8 p.m. and 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4, to July 9. The cost is \$37.50 plus books.

Children can learn Italian 11 a.m. to noon Saturdays, June 7 to July 12. The cost is \$25 plus books. For more information, call (734) 421-3460 No. 2.

## ENGAGEMENTS

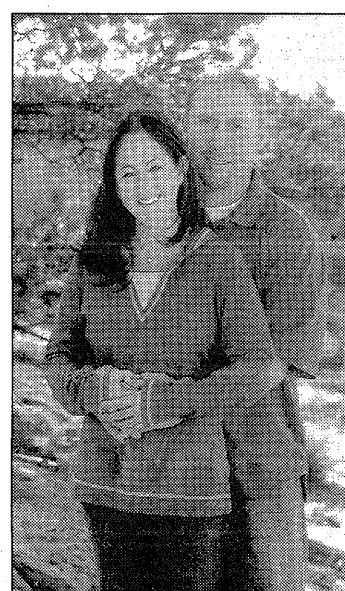
### Settle-Killian

Bill and Angela Settle of Grand Junction, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Ann, to Brian Killian, son of Clarice and Michael Killian of Canton.

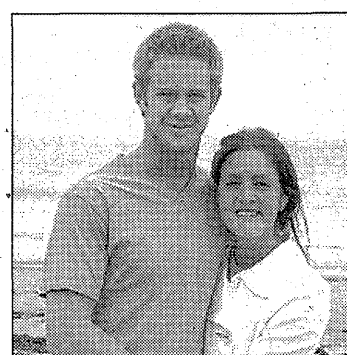
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grand Junction High School and graduated from Mesa State College with a bachelor's degree in business. She is currently general manager of Holiday Inn in Grand Junction.

The future groom graduated from Plymouth High School in 1993 and graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in geology. He is currently employed by the Colorado Department of Transportation as a geologist.

A May wedding is planned



in Grand Junction in an outdoor setting. The couple plans a honeymoon cruise to the western Caribbean.



### Brooks-Johnson

Mrs. Philip Brooks of Canton announces the engagement of her daughter, Kristin Kelly Walsh, to Jonathan Michael Johnson, son of Stephen Johnson and Margaret Johnson of Plymouth. Kristin is also the daughter of Gregory Walsh of Howell.

Kristin is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in business administration.

Stephen also holds a degree in business administration from Madonna University.

A winter wedding in February 2009 has been planned.

Kristin, originally from Canton and Jonathan, originally from Plymouth, currently reside in South Carolina.

### Nizienski-Burkholder

Edward and Francine Nizienski of Livonia and George and Elaine Burkholder of Livonia announce the engagement of their children, Sarah A. Nizienski and Dennis J. Burkholder.

Sarah is an Eastern Michigan University graduate in elementary education. She is currently teaching in Cape Coral, Fla.

Dennis is a Henry Ford Community College graduate



in skilled trades. He is currently working for Dearborn Public Schools in the skilled trades department.

They are to be married in June 2009 in the Livonia area.

### Siebert-Holdeman

Kathryn Ann Siebert of Mantua, N.J., and Seth Forest Holdeman of Itasca, Fla., are planning to be wed in August.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Faith and Evans Neale and Elliott Siebert. She is a 1989 graduate of Clearview High School and is employed as the general manager of Hampton Inn in W. Bridgeport, N.J.

The future groom is the son of Don and Pam Holdeman of



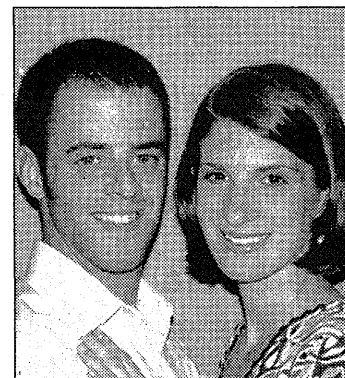
Westland. He is a 2000 graduate of Michigan Technological University and is employed as a mechanical engineer for Power Great Lakes in Illinois.

### Fitzsimmons-Ahern

Joseph and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth, to Ryan Matthew Ahern, son of Timothy and Nancy Ahern of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School and a 2006 graduate of Albion College with bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. She is currently pursuing a cognitive impairment endorsement and masters in autism from Eastern Michigan University.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School. He owns and operates



his own property maintenance company, Professional Ground Maintenance.

A June 2009 wedding is planned for First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

### Loftus-Schlaff

Daniel and Lisa Loftus of Hartland announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Christine Loftus, to Thomas Allan Schlaff, son of Robert Schlaff of Dexter and Tammy Shelhart of Byron.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Hartland High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Elementary Education. She is employed as a sixth grade teacher at Laurus Academy in Southfield. Her parents are originally from Livonia, where her father was a police sergeant and is still employed as a civilian.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Dexter High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in business administration. He is employed as a financial analyst with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An October wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Novi with a reception at Wabek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



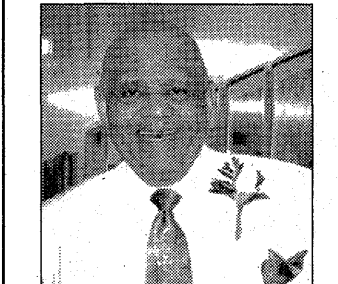
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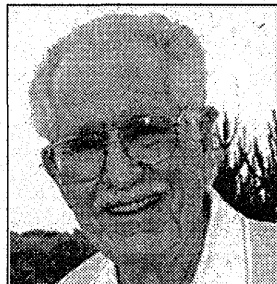
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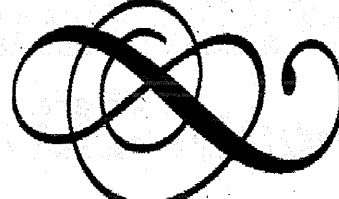
### EILEEN L. LaCHAPELLE

Age 91, formerly of Detroit & Farmington Hills, died May 15, 2008. She is survived by her son, Robert (Sharon) Clark; grandchildren, René (Ed) Campbell and Craig (Alisa) Clark; great-grandchildren, Noah, Emily, Uriah, A.J., Zachary and Gabriella; step-children, Dorothy Graves, George (Barbara) & Doug (Marilyn) LaChapelle; brother, Frank "Clayton" Graves of TX; nephew, Michael and many loving extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, A.G. Leigh LaChapelle and a sister, Carol Guseppi (d.2006). Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Saturday, May 17th, at 12 Noon. Memorials may be made in her name to Apple Blossom Hill. For further information call 248-684-6645 or visit: [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



### HERBERT D. TEWILLAGER

Age 79, a life long resident of Birmingham, died May 14, 2008, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mr. Tewillager was born December 8, 1928, at the family home on Wallace Street in Birmingham and graduated from Birmingham High School in 1947. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Tewillager retired from Detroit Edison where he had been a lineman for 41 years. He was a passionate sportsman. Mr. Tewillager is survived by his children, Gerald (Teresa) Tewillager, Jan Gross, Jeff (Tracy) Tewillager, Joni (Pete) Marshall and Jim (Debbie) Tewillager. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Lauren, Britta, Adam and Emma and siblings, Mary Lovell, Fred (Betty) Tewillager, Jerry (Sally) Tewillager, Anne (Fred) Funke and Dan (Beverly) Tewillager. He is preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, JoAnn, brother, Al Tewillager and sisters, Margaret Haack and Lorraine Wallace. Funeral at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Monday 11am. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to charity of donors choice.



### DICK MATTHEWS

Age 78, of Canton, died Friday, May 9, 2008 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Richard Matthews was born on November 17, 1929 in Dryden, Michigan. He was the son of Frank & Alla (Spencer) Matthews. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Dick lived in Westland for 26 years and later moved to Canton. Dick married Patricia Louise Kaake on July 29, 1953 in Angola, Indiana. He was a Printer/Typesetter. He was employed at the Ypsilanti Press for 25 years and Observer Newspaper in Livonia for five years. Dick was a member of Wayne First Congregational Church. He is survived by his wife Patricia of Canton; daughters Lynn (Thomas) Welch of Muskegon, Carolyn (Stanley) Owens of Plymouth and Renee (Gary) Sopko of Northville; son Rick (Debbie) Matthews of Whitmore Lake; ten grandchildren: Thomas Welch, Stacey Dalen, Brady Owens, Bryan Owens, Nicole Hopman, Lyndsay Schmedel, Gary Sopko, Sara Sopko, Megan Matthews, Allan Matthews; six great-grandchildren: Campbell, Sophia, Zahra, Aynslee, Caleb & William; sister Mary Louise (William) Leslie of Bradenton, FL. Dick is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sisters and two infant siblings. Funeral services were held Monday, May 12, 2008 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Imlay City. Burial followed at Imlay Township Cemetery.

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### NORA MARIE DERBY

Age 91, May 14, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Wayne. Loving mother of Gary, David (Judy), Richard (Judy) and Barbara Derby. Cherished grandmother of five, great-grandmother of six. Funeral Monday 10 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Sunday 1-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

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# Happy Feet to raise money for pediatric brain tumor research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen Cioma-James still misses her daughter Leah every minute of every day but she's more determined than ever not to let her be forgotten. On May 31, the James family holds Happy Feet for Happy Hearts, a 5-k walk to raise money for pediatric brain tumor research at Maybury State Park in Northville.

Leah died from a diffuse pontine brain stem glioma Aug. 3, 2005, a little more than a year after being diagnosed then undergoing radiation treatments at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan. She was 5½-years old. One of her favorite sayings was 'my heart is happy'. "I feel like I have to do something. I feel very helpless," said James. "The walk's like a tribute to her. We want to promote awareness. Along the trails there will be heart signs with photos of Leah and a poster board Wall of Courage

## HAPPY FEET

### FOR HAPPY HEARTS

**What:** 5k walk in memory of Leah James to raise money for pediatric brain tumor research  
**Where:** Maybury State Park, Northville. \$6 park entrance fee required  
**When:** Saturday May 31, 8:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. walk  
**Cost:** \$20 adults, \$10 for children under age 18, 5 and under free. To register, visit [www.leahshappyhearts.org](http://www.leahshappyhearts.org)

of children who have died of brain tumors. I belong to several online support groups so from all over the U.S. parents have been sending me photos of children who have died of brain tumors. To me it's unacceptable. Something has to be done."

James headed up a dinner auction last May to raise money for children dying from brain tumors and their families. She recently gave Mott a

\$10,000 check for pediatric palliative care from proceeds of the first event plus donations. Last Dec. 23, volunteers with Leah's Happy Hearts visited children on three floors of the hospital.

"The walk will help make our next Christmas event at Mott even more special," said James. "Last year was so fun. We purchased gifts and some gifts were donated by people in the area. With help of the Girls Scouts we made fleece blankets and brought all these gifts so the children could pick out gifts for their families. We took photos of the children and put them in a snow globe. We also gave the kids gifts. For me it keeps her memory alive by doing these types of things."

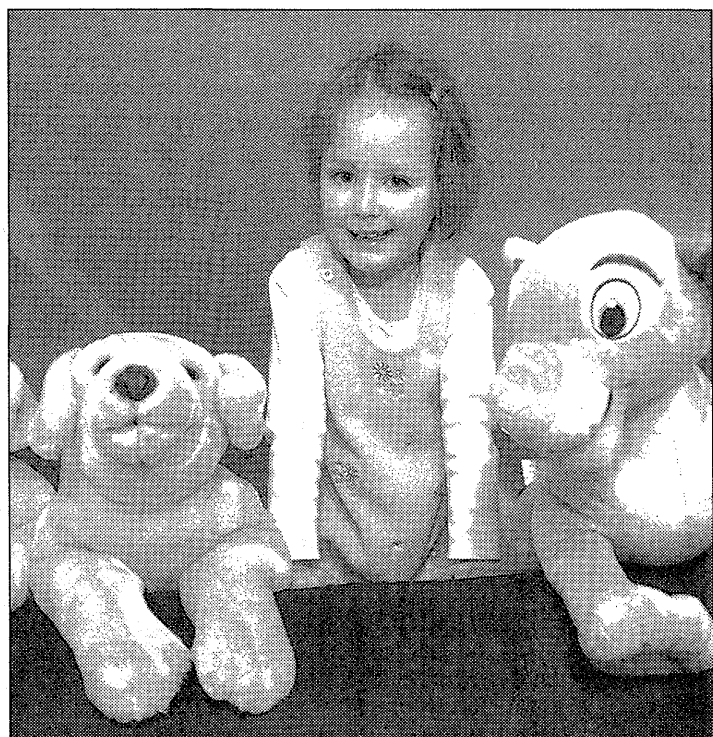
On May 31, James, her husband Phil and their 11-year-old daughter Kylie will be helping at the walk after which a light lunch will be provided. Sponsors include UAW Chrysler, Independent Bank in Livonia, and St. Mary Mercy Hospital where Leah went to

pre-school. Elementary schools are becoming involved as well. Riley in Livonia is promoting the event as is Northville Christian School which Kylie attends.

"There will be a fire-truck, clowns with balloons and tattoos of Leah's (heart shaped) logo that Leah actually drew," said James. "We are encouraging everyone to get pledges of \$100 or more and they will be entered into a drawing for a Nintendo Wii or Tiger tickets. If you pre-register you're guaranteed a T-shirt. Rain or shine we will walk."

"It's a great way to raise money and bring the community together. We have friends, families and the community walking for a purpose. For me that's powerful and supportive. I think the walk promotes awareness, that there is no cure, that this can happen to anyone. Rarely do these children live past a year and it always results in death."

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Leah James died of an inoperable brain tumor in August 2005. Her family is determined to keep her memory alive by creating awareness about the need for a cure. The Happy Feet for Happy Hearts 5-k walk takes place May 31, at Maybury State Park in Northville.

## REUNIONS

### 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 Somersett 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](mailto:csingerbhs58reunion.org) for access to the web site: [www.bhs58reunion.org](http://www.bhs58reunion.org) or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

### Brighton High School

#### Class of 1989

Planning our 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

### 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@gin.org](mailto:resource@gin.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](mailto:CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:judygoerke@yahoo.com) or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, [Shirley.peters@villageford.net](mailto: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.

### Dearborn Fordson

#### Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kaynini@aol.com](mailto:Kaynini@aol.com) or Kathy Shoebridge at [Klvingston@nu-core.com](mailto:Klvingston@nu-core.com).

#### Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008, at Park

Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha (Duzal) 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](mailto:casstech58.com).

### Chadsey High School

#### Class of 1957

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

### 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 [mipoterala@comcast.net](mailto:mipoterala@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](mailto: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](mailto:burnsmary@aol.com).

com for information.

### Detroit High School of Commerce

#### Class of 1958 January, June and August

A 50-year Reunion will be on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

### Detroit Northeastern

#### Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 23, at Farina's Banquet Center, Berkley. Contact Audrey (Bynum) Bibbs at (248) 474-2716 or Dorothy (Rodgers) McCree at (248) 224-7598.

### 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.net](mailto:western1978@att.net).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com) and check out Web site at [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com).

com/gchs20threunion.

The reunion date has not been set yet.

### Grosse Pointe North

#### Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit [www.taylorreunions.com](http://www.taylorreunions.com) or e-mail: [info@taylorreunions.com](mailto:info@taylorreunions.com).

### Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School

#### 60th Anniversary

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](mailto: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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nc6897@sbcglobal.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: [Kaynini@aol.com](mailto:Kaynini@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 [superchargertest@aol.com](mailto:superchargertest@aol.com).

### Milford High School

#### Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail address is: [milford78@gmail.com](mailto: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) 451-0488 or contact [phs40threunion@charter.net](mailto: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](mailto:cepclassof1988@yahoo.com) for more information.

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11:00 a.m. *Line Dancing* lead by Bill Peterson  
11:45 a.m. *Strength Training for Seniors* taught by American Health and Fitness



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Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills is a fee only financial advisor. His column *Money Matters* appears every Thursday and Sunday in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He can be heard Sundays on WTDK1400 radio. Rick is a licensed attorney and Certified Public Accountant and has been named one of the Top 250 Financial Planners by Worth Magazine.

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## City of Plymouth 2008-2009 Budget RESOLUTION 2008-2009 CITY BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the 2008-2009 City Budget was presented by the City Manager on April 7, 2008, and was reviewed by the City Commission with the Administration during four public study sessions; and

WHEREAS, various modifications have been made to the proposed budget, based on a review of projected revenues and expenditures, and the City's priorities for various programs and projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission hereby calls a public hearing to consider the proposed 2008-2009 City Budget, as revised, in accordance with the following notice:

### City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2008-209 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. in the portable band shell in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2008-2009 City Budget.

**PROPOSED 2008 CITY MILLAGE RATES:** The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2008 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

The 2008 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2007 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.

The 2008 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2002 and 2004 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 1.2500 mills, an increase of 0.0200 mills from the 2007 tax rate.

The 2008 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.7200 mills, which is a decrease of .1800 mills from the 2007 tax rate.

The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 14.3534 mills for 2008, which is a decrease of 0.1600 mills from the 2007 total City tax rate of 14.5134 mills.

**EQUALIZATION FACTORS:** Wayne County established a tentative 2008 equalization factors of 0.9152 for the residential class of property, 1.1062 for the commercial class of property and 1.0265 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has decreased assessments for the residential class and increased assessments for the commercial, and industrial classes for 2008 by the proposed factors, all 2008 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

**2008-2009 PROPOSED CITY BUDGETS:** The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2008-2009 as follows:

**GENERAL FUND:**

<u>REVENUES:</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	
Property taxes	\$5,084,720	Administration	\$1,399,100
Licenses & Permits	2,600	Buildings & Grounds	514,420
Federal Grants	0	Police Department	2,900,900
State-shared Rev	889,500	Fire Department	1,015,460
Sales of Service	501,640	Public Works Dept	645,310
Cemetery Revenue	152,500	Other Functions	206,560
Parking Revenue	72,000	Capital Outlay	331,950
Other Revenue	997,400	Debt Service	186,820
Transfers In	22,000	Transfers Out	521,840
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,722,360</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,722,360</b>

**MAJOR STREET FUND:**

Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 359,870		
Contrib & Other	25,000		
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 384,870</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 384,870</b>

**LOCAL STREET FUND:**

Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 145,880		
Contrib & Other	218,270		
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 364,150</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 364,150</b>

**RECREATION FUND:**

Contrib. From G/F	\$ 250,000		
Prog. Fees & Other	885,380		
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,135,380</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,135,380</b>

**WASTE & RECYCLING FUND:**

Property Taxes	\$ 762,610	Operating Expenses	\$1,061,330
Sales of Service	298,720	Debt Expenses	-
<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,061,330</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,061,330</b>

**OTHER CITY FUNDS:**

	<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Plym Community Youth Advisory Comm Fund	\$ 580		\$ 580
Parking Fund	9,000		9,000
DDA Operating Fund	829,990		829,990
Building Fund	411,770		411,770
Neighborhood Services Fund	138,740		138,740
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	497,660		497,660
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	5,500		8,000
OWI Forfeiture Fund	7,000		7,000
2002 GO Bond Debt Fund	188,280		195,600
2003 LTGO Debt Fund	67,100		67,980
2004 GO Debt Fund	398,940		422,260
2006 LTGO Debt Fund	121,830		120,820
2008 GO Debt Fund	0		0
2002 Capital Improvement Bonds Debt Fund	118,420		123,420
Michigan Transportation Fund Debt Fund	600		600
Municipal Bldg Authority Debt Fund	154,880		156,820
Water/Sewer Bond & Interest Debt Fund	280,070		280,070
DDA Debt Fund	386,047		405,070
Public Improvement Fund	18,500		18,500
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	152,500		150,000
2004 GO Bond Construction Fund	0		0
2006 LTGO Bond Construction Fund	0		56,000
2008 GO Bond Construction Fund	5,200,000		1,207,200
MTF Construction Fund	1,500		0
Cemetery Trust Fund	32,000		32,000

Financial plans for the Budget Stabilization Fund, the several Water & Sewer Funds, and the Equipment Fund area also included in the Budget Document.

**TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS:**

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

**COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE:**

A complete copy of the 2008-2009 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**AROUND TOWN**

**Gardeners meet**

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the 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.gardeners-northville-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 day-time 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.pckiwani.org).

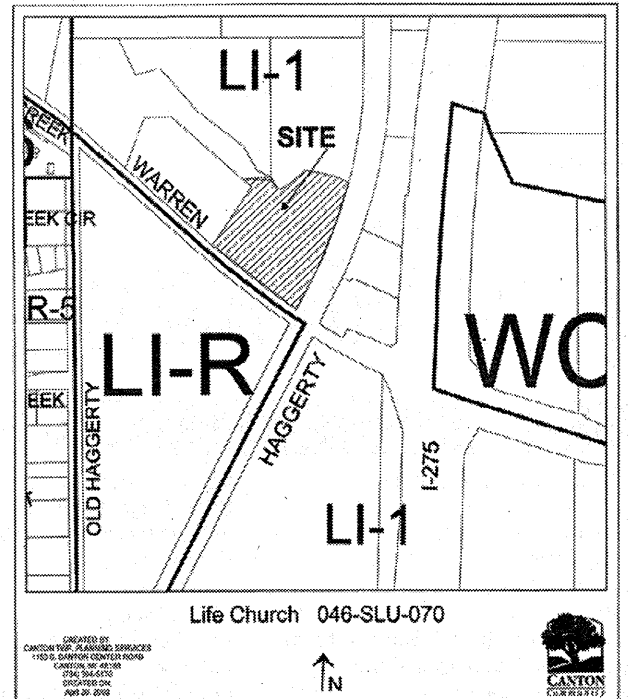
**Plymouth Newcomers**

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.

### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 2, 2008 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance.

**LIFE CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 21.02B.5b FOR PARCEL NO. 046 99 0003 715 (7001 HAGGERTY N.).** Property is located at the northwest corner of Warren and Haggerty Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, May 29, 2008, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman



# COUNTERING THE BUSINESS DILEMMA AFTER A BIG SALE



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

A big sale often creates a show-stopping dilemma for the business that supports it. The new business may be so substantial that you consider emergency responses, such as:

- going into overdrive, scrambling for resources to keep the momentum going;
- dropping part of your existing customer base; or
- analyzing how to counter the complexity that has evolved by "un-marketing."

John Mariotti discusses the last tactic in "The Complexity Crisis: Why Too Many Products, Markets and Customers Are Crippling Your Company" (Platinum, \$19.95). Is there another approach to the solution?

**BOTTLENECKS**  
It's tempting to cut and run. David Fields, managing director of Ascendant Consulting L.L.C., in Ridgfield, Conn., helps organizations of all sizes break through bottlenecks helping growth. He suggests that you stop and think. "The real question," he says, "is why did you land the big fish? If your competitors landed four and you landed one, you might have left a lot on the table."

Harvey Hoffenberg, president of Propulsion L.L.C., in New

Canaan, Conn., helps marketers with strategy and brand positioning through production. He advises you to:

- staff up to meet your existing customer base;
- identify the source of your core customers;
- prioritize; and
- be decisive so that you and your staff aren't questioning what you've decided to do.

Woe is you if you drop existing customers, he adds, because "they're much more difficult to recapture than digging yourself out of a service hole. . . (Meanwhile), set that hook by continuing to market and re-market to that fish you caught." Agreeing with Fields, he also suggests that you pause long enough to ask yourself if the big fish is sending you in a new direction you should continue to pursue.

Fields, while advocating dropping unproductive customers with respect, points out, "Your worst customers are still customers. They buy from you; so they value you. But something in the relationship is not working. De-bottleneck by buffering the bottleneck." For example, if lack of time is the problem, understand that "not every bit of time is as valuable as every other bit of time. Ask yourself which alternative (task) will give the best long-term result."

Mariotti writes that when you've achieved an objective, you can't begin to eliminate problems until you understand their complexity. He advocates taking time out "to consolidate, simplify and measure/manage the complexity. . . (so) the problems start to shrink away. Until then, they just keep growing," draining profits. In fact, he implies that you should

decide in advance whether the new product or service fits into your line-up strategically.

In an interview, Mariotti, who directs The Enterprise Group in Powell, Ohio, cautions against a marketing prize so enormous "that it swamps your boat." A big fish "sucks resources from every place else in the company, including old, loyal, profitable customers" while creating a financial dilemma as you accommodate the prize.

**UN-MARKETING DEPARTMENTS**  
In the midst of the excitement you've created, you must continue to retain your brand's good name or you'll fall back, creating more problems. Hoffenberg points out that you'll be investing either time or money and can't throw one or the other into a black hole. "Do your analysis," he directs. "Give yourself some goals or indicators," such as determining whether the long sales cycle in one group is stretching to infinity. Watch for clues about direction. "Marketing is very fickle," he comments. "Something that sticks connects with your target audience, even if it's something you never thought of. The numbers will give you a smaller place to fish, but that big fish will come because somehow you connected." He illustrates his point with the Ray Charles Diet Pepsi commercial, whose developers hadn't anticipated its runaway success.

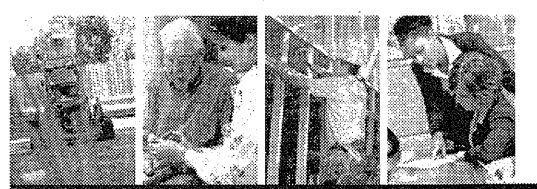
Mariotti says that no one talks about "un-marketing departments," which should be there to accommodate product life cycles. "People have to realize that you eventually have to eliminate the old to get room for the new," he observes. "You're cannibalizing yourself in a negative way by introducing products



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David Fields (right) is consulting with a general manager at a firm experiencing rapid growth. Fields specializes in breaking through bottlenecks to growth in companies of all sizes.

without considering which ones they will replace in the market. Positive cannibalization involves planning your products to replace other products that are older and less effective, such as Apple's iPod, which its company cannibalizes every couple of years.

"(Replace) your own older products with better ones," he adds, "because if you don't, a competitor will."  
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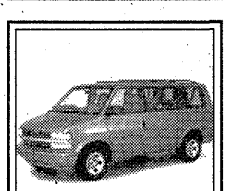
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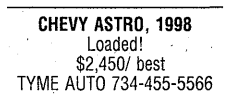
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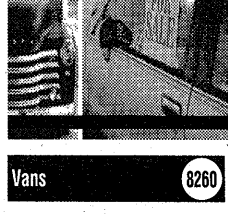
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**FORD EXPEDITION XLT 2005** 4x4, leather, loaded, \$317 per mo. based on 60 months @4.9%  
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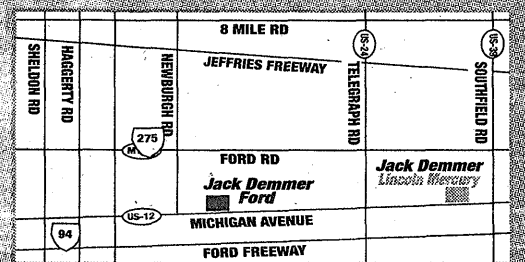
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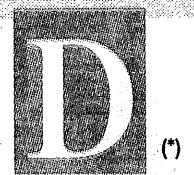
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# New Homes



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## Three-bedroom Paterson has room to grow with family

Brick faced, with a dormer in the center, large windows, and a pillared covered porch complete the façade of the Paterson (D1380). The use of heavy cornice boards around the windows and the porch add a distinct accent to the

home and make the eye appeal from the street great.

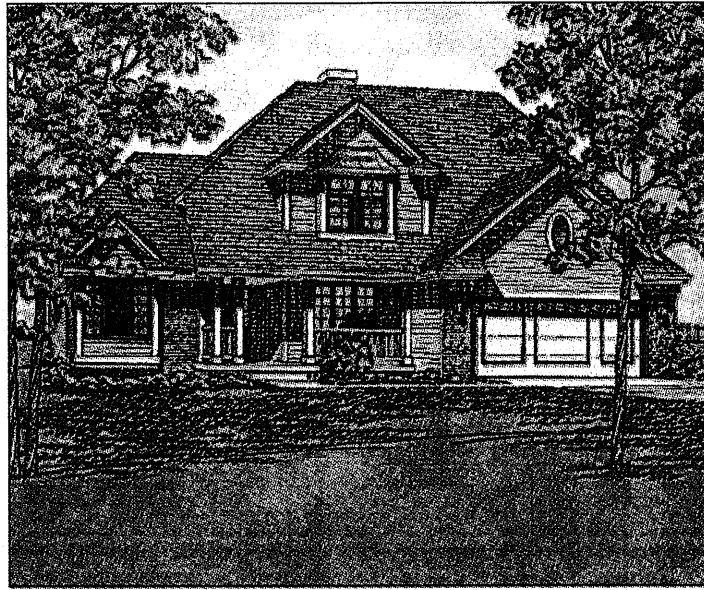
Going into the Paterson brings a guest face-to-face with the great room in front, and the dining room on the right. A built-in hutch is on the right wall of the din-

ing room with large window seat in the front. On the wall between the great room and the dining room is the stairs to the second floor and the optional unfinished basement of 1,421 square feet.

Beyond the stairs are the kitchen, nook, and utility room. The utility room opens into the two-car garage. The C-shaped kitchen is in the rear corner with corner walk-in pantry and an eating bar facing the nook. The nook is lined with windows and a built-in desk opposite.

A beautiful yet warming touch to the nook and the great room is the see-through fireplace. The great room has a 12-foot ceiling and is lined with large windows, bathing this spacious room in light.

The whole left side of the Paterson is devoted to the master suite. It has a window seat in the main suite area and the ceilings are high. The master bath is at the rear with



a large walk-in closet behind sliding doors. His and her sinks are adjacent to a spa tub and shower. The area is open and easily accessible.

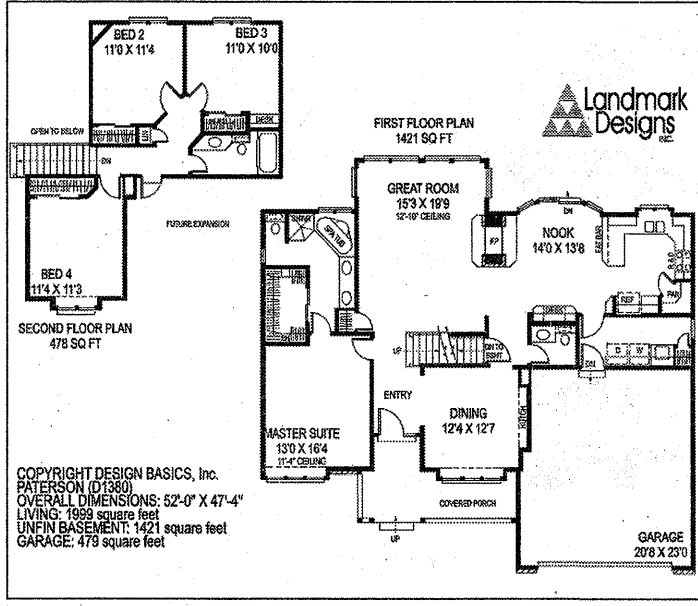
Upstairs are three bedrooms. Each bedroom has a wall closet while bedroom 3

has a built-in desk. The full bath at the end has a single sink and a tub. A door opens into an area that has been designed to be developed at a later date if more bedrooms are needed. It could also be developed as a recreation

room or playroom for kids.

The Paterson has 1,999 square feet of open living space. It also has an optional unfinished basement of 1,421 square feet, and the area that can be expanded at a later date. With the extra square footage available, this home could be expanded easily and could accommodate the family growth.

For a study plan of the PATERSON (D1380), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldpians.com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.



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PATERSON (D1380)  
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 52'-0" X 47'-4"  
LIVING: 1699 square feet  
LIVING BASEMENT: 1421 square feet  
GARAGE: 479 square feet

### BRIEFS

#### BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects.

Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertibility rights to your advantage; developer retained

rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers for the seminar are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman of Freeman Cotton & Gleeson, PLC, Greg J. Gamalski of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, PC, and Phil Seaver of Seaver Title.

Registration fees are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry

Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

Topics in this training include building more energy efficient, more durable and more environmentally sustainable homes.

The training is \$50 per person, or free if you join Green Built within 30 days. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, May 29-30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder

(CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction.

Registration fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management for Building

Professionals" course on Monday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Green Professional (CGP) designations.

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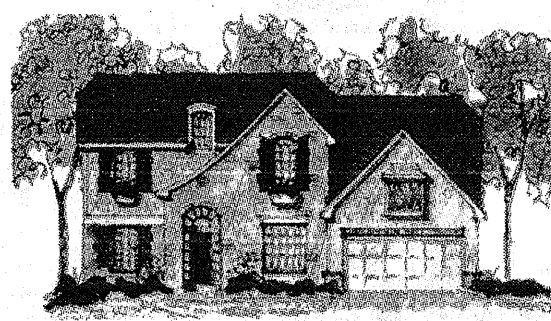


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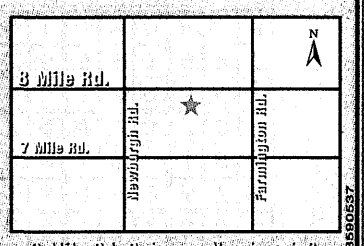
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Karate studio
- 5 Berry product
- 8 Troubadour prop
- 12 Eurasian mountains
- 13 Future fish
- 14 Dry
- 15 Kind of pool
- 16 Take vows
- 17 Motor lodges
- 18 Korean city
- 20 Hearing aid?
- 22 Deep space attire (neph.)
- 24 Queen beater
- 27 Reckless
- 30 Foot pedal
- 32 Not run from
- 33 RR terminal
- 34 Burglar's take
- 35 Curl around
- 37 Like a house cat
- 38 Bad-mouth
- 39 Insect stage
- 41 Wapiti

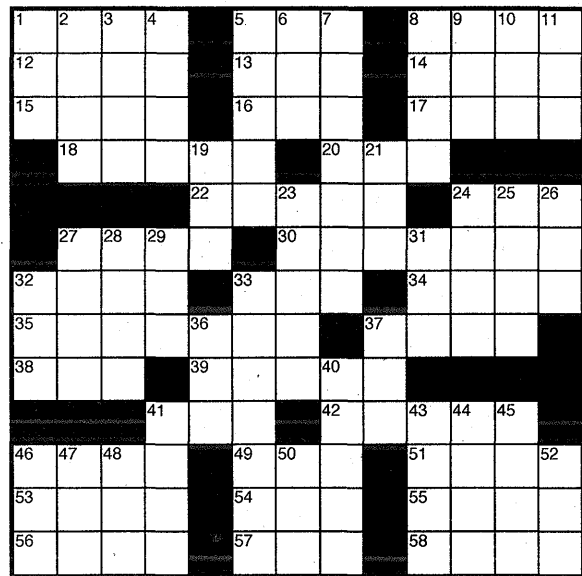
**DOWN**

- 1 Really liked, man!
- 2 Sourdough strikes
- 3 Newscaster - Pauley
- 4 Margarine
- 5 Dewlaps
- 6 Wide st.
- 7 Sweet wine
- 8 Secret base of operations
- 9 Coffee brewer

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

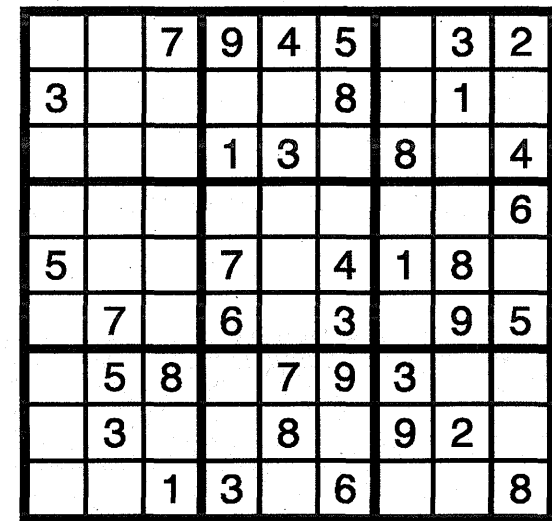
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MIT LADEN LEA

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- 10 Shiny metal
- 11 MS readers
- 19 Yech!
- 21 Brunched
- 23 Sigh or murmur
- 24 "Madam, I'm -"
- 25 Treasure-hunt aid
- 26 Moray
- 27 Rajah's spouse
- 28 Takes steps
- 29 Make a blouse
- 31 Gotcha!
- 32 Not hungry
- 33 Winding
- 36 Feeling lousy
- 37 IRS payment
- 40 Seductive women
- 41 Vast ages
- 43 Get poison ivy
- 44 Longest river
- 45 Transmission part
- 46 Banjo cousin
- 47 San Francisco hill
- 48 Apply makeup
- 50 Moo companion
- 52 Use henna

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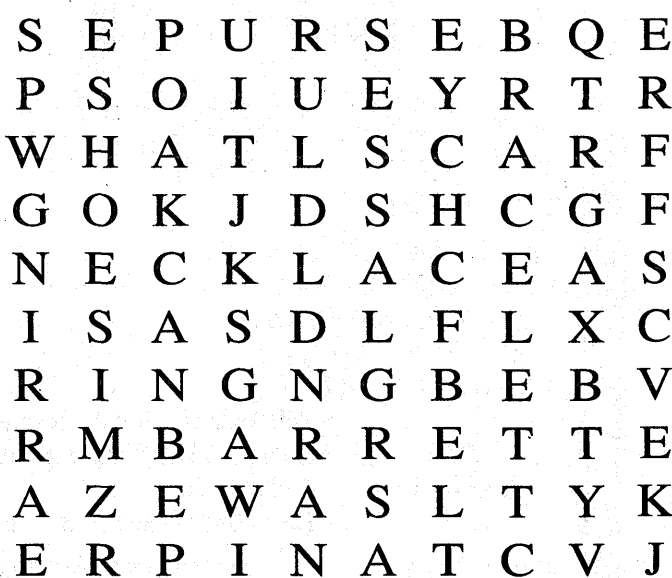
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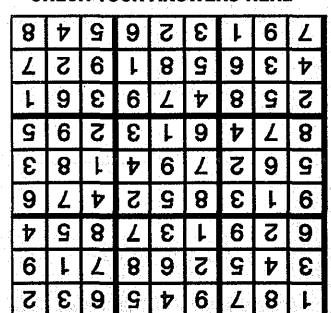
FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

- BARRETTE
- BELT
- BRACELET
- EARRING
- GLASSES
- HAT
- NECKLACE
- PIN
- PURSE
- RING
- SCARF
- SHOES

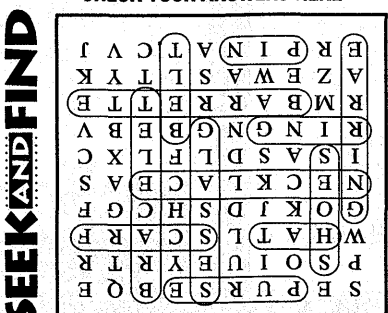
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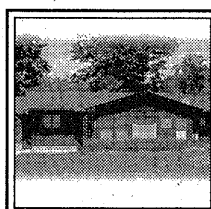




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## The 2009 G8 GXP helps Pontiac become performance-driven again

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For years Pontiac's tagline was that it was General Motors' Performance Division, though in recent years its vehicles have fallen short of that claim. But that began to change when the G8 sedan hit showrooms last year. It gained instant popularity for its rear-wheel drive dynamics.

The 361 horsepower GT version was particularly well-received for those with the belief, "The more power the better."

But for all of its praise, some wanted more power. And they found it elsewhere in its domestic rear-wheel drive competitors, the Dodge Charger and the Chrysler 300. Now with the 402 horsepower 2009 G8 GXP, Pontiac can truly tout its performance lineage again.

Set to hit showrooms in late 2008, Pontiac dropped the '08 Corvette's 6.2-liter LS3 V8 engine into the G8 GXP.

This upgrade will give the G8 GXP a 0-60 mph time of about 4.7 seconds.

To harness all of that power will be a choice of a six-speed automatic transmission or a Tremec six-speed manual transmission. The latter will likely be available on the GT model eventually.

No fuel economy ratings have been given for the GXP, but expect a little less than 15 miles per gallon in the city and 24 mpg on the highway.

Pricing hasn't been announced yet, either, though it is expected to cost around \$35,000. This is notably cheaper than its direct competition, the Dodge Charger SRT-8, which starts at about \$40,000.

A limited-slip differential will be standard on the GXP, as will an aggressively tuned independent suspension developed at Nürburgring racetrack in Germany.

The fully adjustable suspension consists of MacPherson struts up front and a four-link independent system on the rear, while a variable-ratio rack-and-pinion steering assembly keeps the G8 GXP tracking straight on



More than just raw power, the 2009 G8 GXP promises to deliver a driving experience that people expect from a Pontiac. It is this combination that makes the G8 GXP the new flagship of Pontiac's performance series.

its 19-inch 245/40 summer performance tires.

Not much differentiates the GXP from the regular G8 on the outside. Exterior changes include more aggressive front and rear fascias and the same 19-inch polished and machined aluminum wheels that last year's GT version got.

Pontiac interiors have received criticism in recent years for being bland. But the company changed that with the 2008 Pontiac G8's interior and went one step further with the GXP's.

Available in black or red and black, the GXP's leather-trimmed interior features GXP badges embroidered on the high bolstered seats. The center stack is imbued with Pontiac's traditional, racetrack inspired red lighting.

The GXP's cabin is functional as well. There's ample leg- and shoulder room front and back. The rear seats don't fold down, though there is a ski pass-through. The trunk offers a capable 17.5 cubic feet of storage space.

Besides the upgraded hardware, the 2009 Pontiac G8 GXP provides buyers with anti-lock brakes, traction and stability control systems, six airbags, XM satellite radio and OnStar telematics.

For those looking for less power, but the same rear-wheel drive performance of the G8, Pontiac didn't stop at the GXP. A sport truck of the G8 will be available for the 2010 model year.

It's no surprise that Pontiac will produce

another offshoot of the G8. It is doing what any other carmaker would do with a successful model - make tons of variations of it in hopes of selling more units.

However, Pontiac only gets half-credit for the G8. It is based on GM's global Zeta platform, which was developed by its Australian subsidiary, Holden, for that company's Commodore sedan. The same platform will also underpin the 2009 Chevrolet Camaro.

The Commodore and the G8 are virtually twins under the sheet metal, although the Pontiac benefits from meaner exterior styling that hints at the brand's performance-oriented nature. With the G8 GXP, Pontiac has done what it has promised for years -- taken the driving experience of its performance series to a new level.

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2009 Pontiac G8 GXP  
Vehicle class: Sedan  
Power: V8 engine.  
Mileage: N/A.  
Where built: Adelaide, Australia.  
Base price: Around \$35,000.

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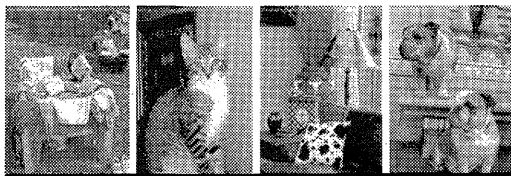
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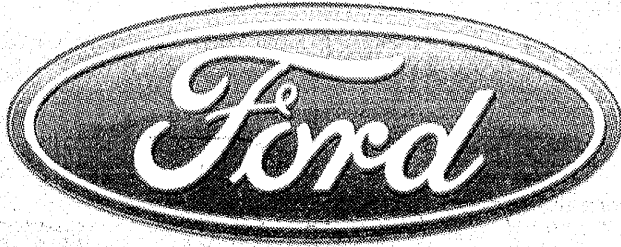
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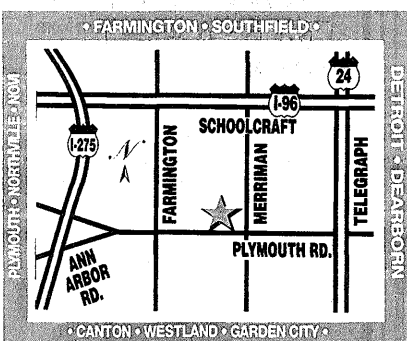
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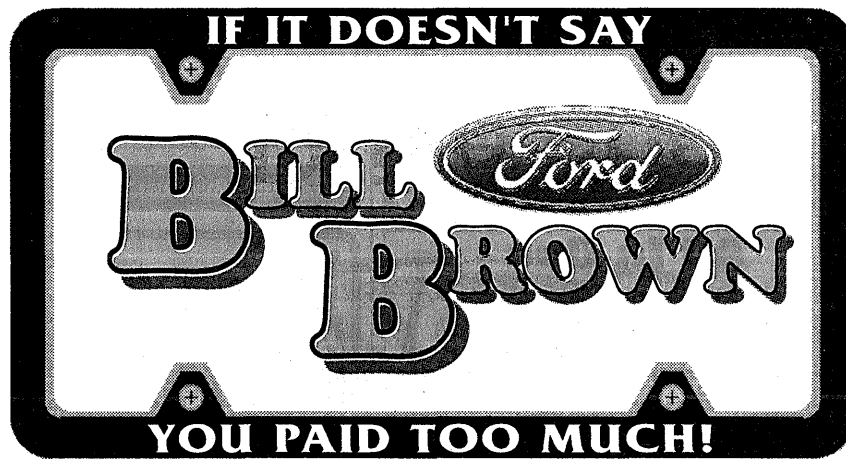
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