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School district: 'No' on RESA millage

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the end, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education decided the best way to deal with Wayne RESA's proposed 1.9-mill school enhancement millage was to do nothing at all.

Trustees, who tabled a motion to support RESA's plan a couple of weeks ago so they could seek public input, offered no motion to take it off the table at Tuesday's board meeting, allowing instead for the supporting motion to die on the table.

In effect, the move signals the

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NANCY EGGENBERGER, board secretary

same lack of support that a "no" vote would have meant.

"A month ago, I said unless the community was willing to support it, we shouldn't do it," board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger said Tuesday. "I didn't hear any support for it."

The five-year millage plan was developed by Wayne RESA to help struggling school districts unable to raise more money in tough economic times. With 1994's Proposal A restricting most districts from raising money any other way, RESA officials felt the enhancement millage was necessary.

RESA needs support from enough school districts to represent 51 percent of the county's students and, at a meeting a few weeks ago, officials said they thought they'd need two of three of the county's larger districts — Dearborn, Livonia and Plymouth-

Canton — to give it a chance.

However, Dearborn didn't even take the issue to a vote and Livonia's Board of Education voted not to support it. RESA has heard from 15 smaller districts — including such districts as Wayne-Westland, Crestwood, Allen Park, South Redford, Flat Rock and others — which have supported it, but the state's largest district, Detroit Public Schools, hasn't made a decision.

RESA spokesperson Tracy Wright pointed out it's not really RESA's

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Radio auction

Student radio station 88.1-FM present its 22nd Radio Auction 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

This year's auction will include many unique items including a ride in the legendary Monkee Mobile. The high bidder will receive a half-hour of fun with the Monkee Mobile that includes a ride and a chance to take pictures with the car.

The auction is WSDP's main fundraiser. Items donated by Plymouth-Canton area businesses will be auctioned off every half-hour. The auction will be broadcast on 88.1-FM and listeners can support the station by calling in bids throughout the day. Last year's auction raised \$9,000, the goal this year is \$10,000.

Parade help

The Plymouth Lions Club will once again help sponsor the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade, and Lions are asking others who are interested to join with them to insure that this long standing community activity continues.

The parade and ceremony at Veterans Park will again be chaired by Dr. Steven Monaghan, Commander of Plymouth Township American Legion Post 112. He will be assisted by representatives from American Legion Post 391, Plymouth VFW and the Plymouth Vietnam Veterans Association.

Those individuals and businesses who wish to assist with donations should send a check to the Plymouth Lions Club, C/O Douglas Hincker, PO Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170.

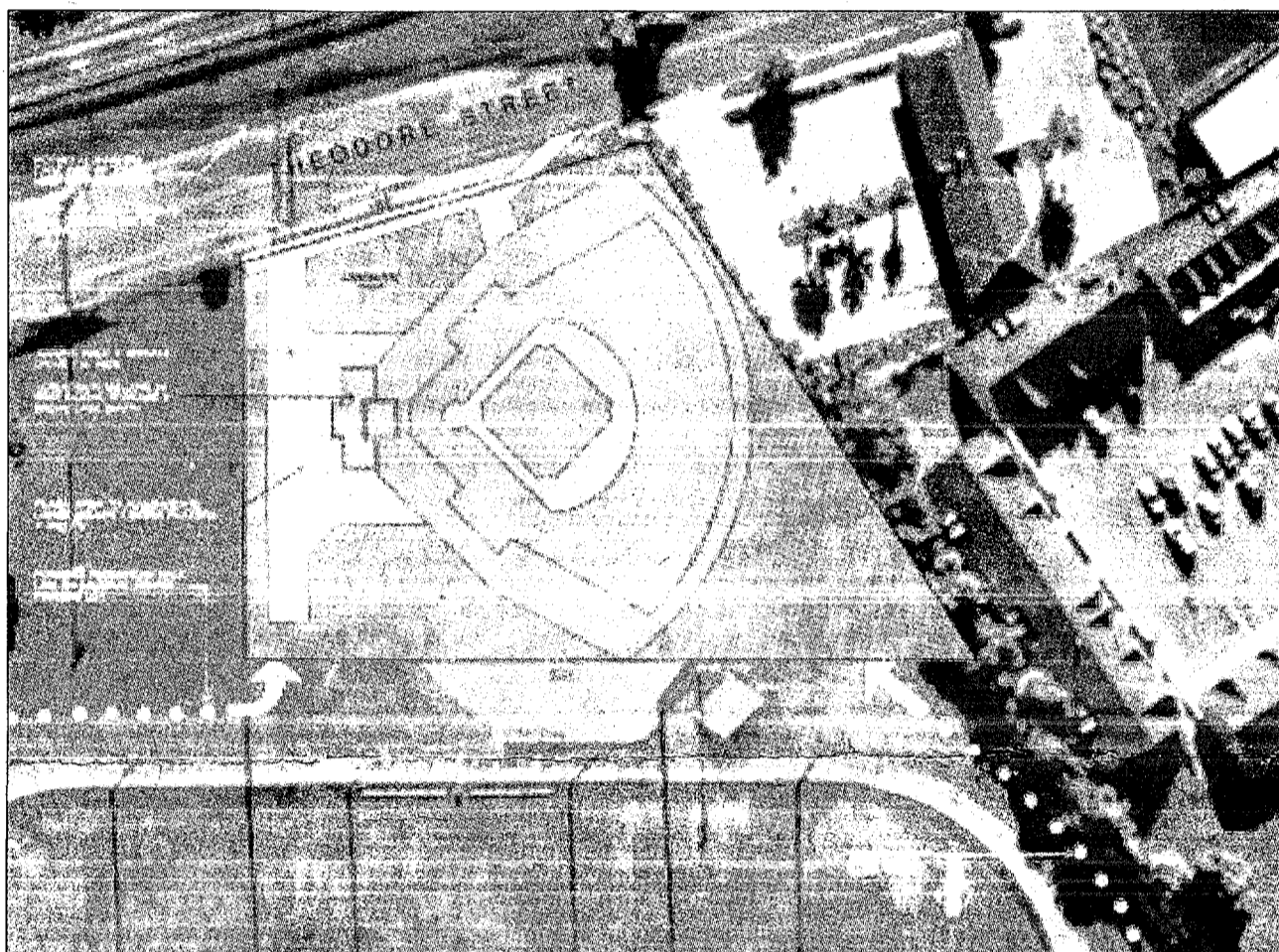
Concert lineup

The line-up for the Friday night "Music in the Air" concert series presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority has been announced.

The 14 concerts will run on consecutive Fridays from May 28 to Sept. 3, except for July 9 when Art in the Park is held in downtown Plymouth. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park. The list of bands and the dates they will play include:

- May 28 - The Sound Alternative
- June 4 - Global Village
- June 11 - Justine Blazer
- June 18 - Paisley Fogg
- June 25 - Steve Moakler/Parker Welling
- July 2 - Steve King & the Dittilies
- July 16 - The Crutches
- July 23 - Gia Warner
- July 30 - Trilogy
- Aug. 6 - Shawn Riley Band
- Aug. 13 - Randy Brock
- Aug. 20 - Bluescasters
- Aug. 27 - Mass Transit Band
- Sept. 3 - Lady Sunshine

All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Plymouth DDA, (734) 455-1453.



The plan for Miracle League of Plymouth's field behind Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

A chance to play Field gives kids a shot they might not get

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

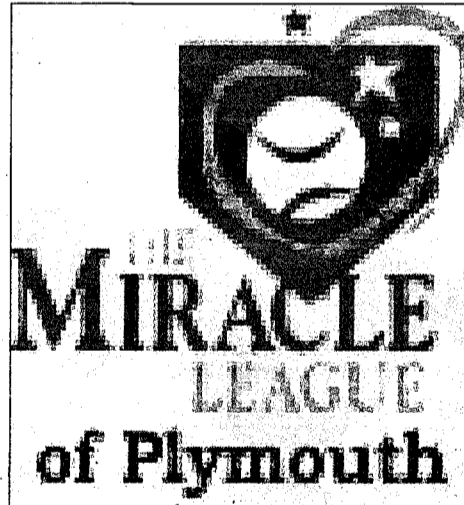
Volunteers associated with The Miracle League are dedicated to one, very simple proposition: "Every child deserves a chance to play baseball."

It's a vision Debra Madonna and Bob Bilkie share, as co-chairs of Miracle League of Plymouth, a group that has forged an agreement to build a baseball field out back of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth with the idea of making that vision a reality for special-needs children in the community.

"It gives kids a chance to play baseball who wouldn't have that chance otherwise," said Madonna, director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council and co-chair (along with Bilkie) of Miracle League of Plymouth, which provides the opportunity to children with special physical and emotional needs. "There are other therapeutic activities, but this one is most visible."

The first Miracle League field opened in Conyers, Ga., in April 2000. By 2002, fields opened in South Carolina, Alabama,

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Race set for House seat

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A deadline-day filing means competition in the Republican primary election for the Plymouth area's seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Steve Boher Jr. of Plymouth Township, a manufacturers representative in the automotive industry, filed candidacy papers for the 20th District race on Tuesday, the last day for primary filings. He will face Kurt Heise, also of Plymouth Township, an attorney and former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, Republican primary.

The deadline to withdraw from the race is Friday.

The 20th District includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Northville (in Wayne County) and Northville Township and part of eastern Canton Township. It is currently represented by Democrat Marc Corriveau, who is running for the state Senate.

Democrat Joan Wadsworth of Northville, who is active in local government and a long-time Northville Public Schools Board of Education member, has no primary competition.

Heise, 44, announced his candidacy in January. He has a background in environmental law and municipal law, teaches at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Wayne State University and is active with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Boher, 34, who also works in information technology, said he has not previously been involved in local politics.

"I thought I'd jump in and

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Snyder: Michigan 'an economic disaster'

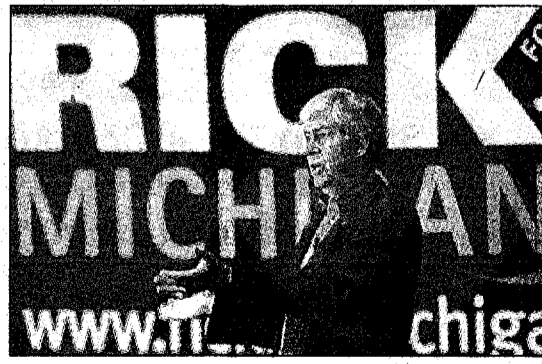
BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Proclaiming Michigan "an economic disaster" that needs tax and budget overhauls, less red tape and a greater emphasis on its strengths, Rick Snyder brought his gubernatorial campaign Monday to Canton Township.

Snyder, an Ann Arbor businessman and the former president and chief operating officer of the computer-maker Gateway, is a Republican whose "one tough nerd" television spots have captured public attention.

He called Michigan's political system "broken," pointing to state lawmakers' annual budget paralysis as an example, and said government needs to encourage business innovation, nurture home-grown talent, better protect and market its natural resources and develop a more results- and customer service-oriented approach to its functions.

"We need a vision. We know Point A is a disaster. Where's Point B?" Snyder said to about 60 people during a campaign-sponsored town hall



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder brought his plan for fixing Michigan's economy to a town hall meeting in Canton.

at Fellows Creek Golf Club. "We don't need happy talk. We need results."

The stop in Canton was one of about 50 town halls the Snyder campaign is holding across the state. Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy introduced

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Health care forum

The 11th District Congressional Democrats, in conjunction with Organizing for America, District 11 Voters for Affordable Health Care and the Michigan Universal Healthcare Access Network, present a District 11 town hall meeting, "How the PPACA and Health Care Reform Benefit You," at noon (registration starts at 11:30 a.m.) Saturday, May 15, at Northwest UAW Local 163, 450 S. Merriman in Westland.

Keynote speaker will be U.S. Congressman John Conyers, who will discuss the bill and what still needs to be done. The expect panel includes District 20 State Rep. Marc Corriveau, who will answer questions on the state health committee initiatives; Garrett Awra, state director of Organizing for America, who will talk about President Obama's status on the health care bill; John Freeman, director of Michigan for Health Care Now, who will talk about the initiative of his organization and what they are hoping to accomplish.

The event allows audience members to bring questions to the panel and find out what it means to them. Audience members will be able to interact with each other and tell their stories and concerns.

YMCA open house

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be holding an

open house for its summer day camp 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Potential campers will get the opportunity to meet counselors, explore the camp site and learn more about our state-licensed camp.

Register at the open house and the registration fee is waived. Also everyone who attends the open house will be entered into a drawing for a free week of camp.

The camp will take place every week of the summer, from June 22 and run through September 3. Each week has a unique theme, such as Close Encounters of the Y Kind, Behind the Scenes and Building a Better Tomorrow. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with drop off between 7-9 a.m. and pick-up between 4-6 p.m., included in the price. There are part time and full week options available.

There is a camp for everyone between the ages of 5-12. For more information, please contact the YMCA office 734-453-2904 or go to www.ymca-detroit.org.

PCAC exhibit

"Music in Art" is the theme of a new exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The show celebrates the first anniversary of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's residence at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, home of the PCAC. The two organizations, while completely separate, have been sharing space as a cost savings measure.

A call for artists brought in an overwhelming number of diverse pieces from artists all over the metro area. Media include watercolor, oil, acrylic, pen and ink, paper painting, collage and others. Themes of the paintings range from classical music, to jazz and rock and roll.

The public is invited to view the exhibit anytime Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 24. Visitors may vote for their favorite piece for the People's Choice Award to be given at an artists' reception (free, open to the public) on Sunday, May 23, from 2-4 p.m.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. at Junction in Plymouth. For further information, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

Diversity walk

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors the Walk2gether Walk-a-thon on Belle Isle beginning at noon Sunday, May 16.

The walk is designed to promote the elimination of bigotry and racism. The Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion will have their own team entered in the walk. Funds raised will be placed toward some upcoming PCCDI programs.

Residents who can't attend the walk, but who still wish to help, can contact plycandi@gmail.com

Home buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite you to attend a free seminar for First Time Home Buyers 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday,



Back to the market

Despite cooler weather and ongoing construction on the downtown Plymouth streetscape, crowds returned to The Gathering last weekend for the annual Farmers Market. The Market is in The Gathering from 7:30-12:30 on Saturdays, with some vendors also located in Kellogg Park, facing Penniman Ave., which is a detour route for downtown traffic during the construction. For more information on the Farmers Market, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

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SNYDER

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Snyder, and several local politicians and officer-seekers were present.

Snyder, 51, is the chief executive officer of Ardesta, a venture capital firm, and the former chairman of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. He announced his candidacy last July.

He calls his vision for the state Michigan 3.0. The state, he said, needs to foster innovation and competition in the economy.

"The role of government is not to create jobs, it's to create an environment where jobs can flourish," he said.

Snyder, a former partner in an accounting firm, called the Michigan Business Tax cumbersome and "the worst tax in the U.S." He called for replacing it with a flat 6-percent corporate tax, which he said would amount to a \$1.5 billion business tax cut.

He also advocated what he called value-for-money budgeting, in which citizens would have a bigger say in setting budget priorities and the government would be held to benchmarks and required to demonstrate what taxpayers are getting for their dollars.

Snyder said principles that have helped him run successful businesses should be applied to government.

"If Lansing was a business, we would've fired them a long time ago," he said.

Snyder called himself "a



Gubernatorial hopeful Rick Snyder came to Canton to spread his message.



Tony Massaro of Canton asked the candidate if he thought people have the will to make sacrifices in order to do what Snyder thinks must be done. Behind him is Madis Maynor, also of Canton, who liked what she heard, but still wanted to know how the candidate stands on abortion.

good green Republican" and said the state should support the development of alternative

energy sources, which, he said, could create jobs in addition to protecting the environment.

RESA

FROM PAGE A1

issue; rather, she said, RESA is willing to put it on the ballot if enough districts request it.

"It's really a local district issue," Wright said. "I'm sure they considered what was in the best interests of their residents."

The plan would raise some \$11 million in the Plymouth-Canton district, but only about \$7 million of that would stay in the district under the plan, which would distribute the rest to other districts. Board members said they believe voters — who turned down local bond issues in 2006 and 2007 — have no interest in being a donor district.

"It's not right for the district, and it's not the right time to ask our voters," board Vice President Barry Simescu said. "It's the bad policy from Lansing that needs to be changed."

Plymouth-Canton Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel warned trustees Tuesday night that RESA officials could still seek the millage, as long as they get support from enough districts, and that, if passed, Plymouth-Canton taxpayers could still be on the hook.

Fiegel told board members RESA is expected to make a decision next week whether to seek the millage.

He said the state should focus more on the businesses and the talented workers already here by sparking innovation, which could lead to new jobs. He also suggested the greater use of mentoring to nurture young talent.

Urged a more positive view of the state rather than what he characterized as a defeatist view that leaves a negative impression on people from other states. Michigan's pluses, such as a skilled work force, abundant natural beauty and good real estate values, should be talked up, he said.

Ron Powell of Canton said he liked Snyder's message of optimism, but said the "elephant in the room" is the power of labor unions and what he sees as the need for a "right to work" law. "Things aren't good, but I think they can get better," Powell said.

Jaren Kuchta of Dearborn, a campaign staffer for Republican state House candidate Lori Levi, said he liked Snyder's talk, but wants more specifics. Levi, his boss, also attended the town hall.

"I definitely think I could support him," said Kuchta, who plans to soon leave the state for a job in Washington, D.C.

Snyder faces U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra of western Michigan, state Sen. Tom George of Kalamazoo, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard and Attorney General Mike Cox in the August Republican primary.

Snyder also:

- Said that restoring the state's ailing cities, such as Detroit, Pontiac and Flint, is important if Michigan is to progress. "We need people to have that view regardless of where they live in the state," he said.

- Said Michigan needs job opportunities, an exciting environment and a successful Detroit in order to get young people to stay in the state.

- Said that tax incentives are overused as a way to attract business, and essentially result in higher taxes for others. "I'm not sure they're giving much value," he said.

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Thieves swipe Lover's Lane truck, merchandise in township

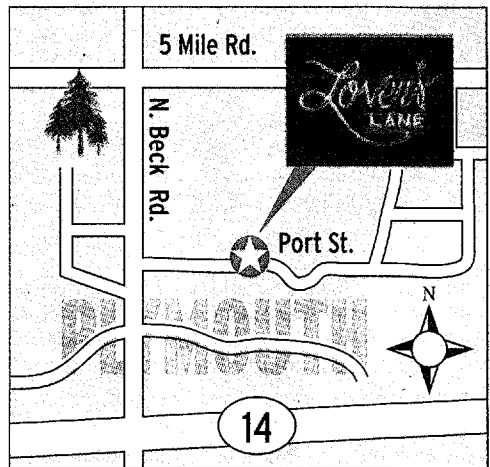
BY MATT JACHMAN
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A Plymouth Township-based chain that specializes in, uh, intimacy items and apparel had about \$250,000 worth of its merchandise go missing on Monday.

A truck, stolen early Monday from outside Lover's Lane & Co. headquarters on Port Street, was packed with lingerie, lotions, massage oils and other "stuff you don't hear about in the news," said Eric Gorde, the company's marketing specialist, on Wednesday.

Gorde estimated the retail value of the goods, which were destined for Lover's Lane stores in Illinois, at about \$250,000.

The heist has received local media coverage and employees have been checking eBay and Craigslist, but "we haven't seen any items turn up in Metro Detroit," Gorde said. Nearly every piece of



Gorde said. Police are checking the company's outdoor security video from around the time of the truck theft. Gorde said the theft occurred between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Gorde said he is uncertain if the thief or thieves knew the truck was loaded.

Lover's Lane is offering a reward for information leading to an arrest in the case. The company can be reached at (734) 414-0010, or call the Plymouth Township Police Department at (734) 354-3232.

Lover's Lane moved to the township in 2007. Gorde said the company had outgrown its headquarters in Westland.

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the merchandise was marked with a Lover's Lane tag, he said.

A tip, Gorde said, did lead to the recovery of the delivery truck in Detroit later Monday. The truck, which had been hot-wired, was empty except for a few "scraps," Gorde said. "Nothing salvagable," he said.

The truck is marked with the Lover's Lane logo and graphics. "It stands out,"

CRIME WATCH

Traffic stop leads to pot bust in township

A 19-year-old Canton Township man was arrested on charges of alcohol and marijuana possession after a traffic stop in the area of Joy and Sheldon roads on the night of May 6.

A patrolling officer had stopped the driver, who was in a Pontiac Bonneville, after seeing him ignore a red light on westbound Joy and pull into a traffic lane on Sheldon, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Upon speaking to the driver, police said, the officer noticed a plastic bag with two cans of beer and a bottle of vodka in it, police said. The driver denied there was any contraband in the car; when asked about the alcohol, police said, he said it belonged to his father.

The driver was again asked if he had anything in the car that he shouldn't have, and the driver said he had marijuana, the report said. Police found suspected marijuana buds in a glass jar; the buds later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

The driver said he was a medical marijuana patient and had applied for a card, but was unable to provide documentation, police said.

Police also found a Florida driver's license, showing the owner was over 21, that the driver admitted he had used to buy the alcohol, the report said.

The Bonneville was turned over to the passenger.

Car stolen

A 1999 Dodge Intrepid was reported stolen from a Johnson Controls facility on Halyard in the township on Tuesday.

The car owner, an employee,

told police he had left the Intrepid in the parking lot shortly before 8 a.m. and found out shortly before noon that it was missing.

Porch raid

Wrought-iron patio furniture — two rocking chairs and a table — was reported stolen from the front porch of a house on Tavistock Drive in the township on Tuesday.

The theft occurred between 10:30 p.m. Monday and 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, the victim told police.

Vehicle burglaries

A designer purse, with a credit card, eyeglasses and sunglasses in it, was reported stolen from a Pontiac G6 after the car was broken into on Sunday.

The incident occurred in the parking lot of Max & Erma's, on Beck Road near Five Mile in the township. The victim, a restaurant employee, told police she had locked the car; police said a window had been broken out.

Two cars were recently burglarized as they sat parked outside a house on Ivywood Lane in the township.

Both vehicles had been left unlocked, a police report said.

A Garmin navigational device was reported stolen from a Ford Flex parked in the driveway, and a pair of high-top athletic shoes was reported stolen from a Ford Focus parked in the street.

The thefts were reported on May 6.

— By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period May 5-11:

• Tuesday, May 11 - Commercial rescue run on

Main; residential rescue runs on Whittlesley Lake, on Plum Tree and on Haggerty; rescue run at Beck and Ann Arbor Road; downed wires on Sheldon north of Beech.

• Monday, May 10 - Residential rescue runs on Pinetree, on Brownell and on Pinewood; special run on Sheridan.

• Sunday, May 9 - Residential rescue runs on Morrison, on Lochness, on Linden, on Berkshire and on Maple; vehicle accident with wash-down at Beck and Clipper.

• Saturday, May 8 - Downed wires on Church; mutual-aid-received residential run on Newport; residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Irvin, on Haggerty and on Mill Race; carbon monoxide detector run on Brooks Lane.

• Friday, May 7 - Mutual-aid-given rescue run on Ladywood; fire run on Hidden Creek; commercial rescue run on Fralick; downed wires on Plymouth Road and on Holbrook; residential rescue runs on Holbrook and on Marguerite; vehicle accident (mutual-aid-received) on eastbound M-14 at Northville Road; vehicle accident on southbound I-275 at M-14.

• Thursday, May 6 - Residential rescue runs on Marguerite, on Shadywood, on Northville and on Karmada; industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks.

• Wednesday, May 5 - Residential rescue runs on Wendover, on Woodgrove, on Ridgewood, on Shadywood, on Breckenridge and on Heritage; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; investigation on southbound I-275 at Five Mile; vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and I-275; commercial rescue run on Beck; industrial rescue run on Sheldon; special run at Joy and Sheldon.

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Races set in area elections

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dian Slavens and Joan Wadsworth can relax. The other 10 candidates, from both parties, vying in local elections for state House and Senate seats, cannot.

Neither Slavens, the incumbent state representative from the 21st District representing Canton, nor Wadsworth, the Northville school board trustee who is seeking the 20th House seat being vacated by Democrat Marc Corriveau, has a challenger in the August primary for those seats.

There will, however, be primaries just about everywhere else.

21ST HOUSE

Slavens, a Democrat from Canton, is finishing her first term since defeating Todd LaJoy and replacing his father, former Rep. Phil LaJoy, in 2006. She'll coast through the primary and await the winner of what could be a spirited race between Lori Levi and Shannon Price, both of Canton.

Levi, a conservative activist, is a strategic partner at MarkerMan Productions, affiliated with AmwayGlobal, which focuses on team development, product sales, business ownership and service to others.

She is an active member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, recently completed a wetlands project for her neighborhood and promotes children's safety programs and personal protection training throughout the community.

"I am running to be a voice of common sense," Levi said. "With experience as an employee, self-employer and small business owner, I understand how legislation affects jobs. I get it. I understand the negative impact government policies and regulations can have on our job providers."

Price is the former Wayne 11th Republican group chairman who cited what he called a lack of leadership in Lansing

as a reason for running.

"My father worked the line at the Ford Livonia transmission plant for over 44 years, and my mother retired from the United States Post Office," Price said. "Together, my parents – like many parents today – fought to ensure that I had the opportunity to be successful in life. However, with the lack of leadership in Lansing over the past eight years, opportunities like mine are becoming harder to come by."

7TH SENATE

This seat drew the most interest, with Corriveau and Gibraltar Democrat Kathleen Law competing in the Democratic primary and four candidates – Patrick Colbeck and Deborah Whyman of Canton, Abe Munfakh of Plymouth and Dan Osterman of Belleville – doing battle in the Republican primary.

Corriveau is completing his second term as the 20th District House representative. A lawyer from Northville, Corriveau was elected in 2002 to replace term-limited Republican John Stewart. Corriveau chairs the House health policy committee and sits on the House judiciary, education and government operations committees. He said he's spent his first two terms building relationships with local leaders, regardless of political party, and hopes to take that bipartisan attitude to the Senate.

"I think I've done what I said I would do when I was elected in 2006, which is go up to Lansing and work hard to represent the people who sent me there," Corriveau said.

Law is a former state representative who served the 23rd House District (which encompasses the southern end of the 7th Senate District) from 2003-08. Law said she's getting back into the political game because she wants to see Michigan reinvigorate its manufacturing base. She said the state "needs to develop real jobs."

"Down here in southeast Michigan, the needs of this

particular region are slightly different than in agricultural or rural areas," Law said.

Munfakh is retired, but still consults on engineering issues. His business, Munfakh & Associates, provides engineering management and consulting services to various villages, townships and cities. A former Plymouth Township board member, Munfakh said too many state legislators are attorneys or career politicians worried about where their next job is going to be.

"I filed because I'm a businessman and what's happening in Lansing is bothering me," said Munfakh, who last served on the Plymouth Township board in 2004.

Colbeck, an entrepreneur and fiscal conservative from Canton, said he is a "strong advocate of our U.S. Constitution and the principles of our Founding Fathers." He said he believes strongly that the re-awakening of America to the values promoted by men like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Ronald Reagan are the keys to the restoration of our prosperity as a state and as a country.

"As a small business owner and as a management consultant to Fortune 500 companies, I understand how Lansing's red tape and tax policies have pushed jobs out of our state," Colbeck said.

Osterman is a Belleville resident affiliated with the Tea Party movement. At a recent Canton gathering, Osterman said he helps coordinate Campaign for Liberty activities in Michigan's 11th Congressional District.

"Our biggest concern is government has no longer become representative of the people," Osterman said. "The rule of law is no longer being followed – by that, I mean the Constitution itself."

According to the Wayne County elections website, Whyman paid her \$100 filing fee Tuesday, the last day to register for elections. She couldn't be reached for comment

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The Miracle League has an aggressive plan to help local communities build Miracle League complexes around the globe. One such complex will be built in Plymouth; Madonna said the group hopes to break ground in April 2011. Miracle League of Plymouth has worked with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials, who agreed to lease district-owned property behind Central Middle School.

The field will be built back there, with parking available off of Theodore and at the Plymouth Cultural Center, with pathways laid for families to get back and forth. Getting involved with it

seemed an easy call for those closest to it.

"I am involved because of my heartfelt desire to serve the meekest in our society combined with my equal desire to share my love for the game of baseball," Bilkie said. "This is my own 'double-play combo!'"

Madonna, also a member of Plymouth Rotary A.M., said the project initially came to Rotary, but "it's too big for the club."

Miracle League of Plymouth is getting help from several places. The school district, which will see final site plans for the project next month, has helped, and so has Dietrich, Bailey & Associates, a Plymouth planning firm. Madonna said she has "been instrumental" in getting the project off the ground.

Now, though, comes the tough part: Raising the \$1.1 million it's going to take to get the field built. Miracle League of Plymouth has to raise \$500,000 to break ground in April, and Madonna hopes to go over that goal.

"We want to make sure we raise enough money to support this after the initial push," she said. "If you walk away with just enough money to get started, that's not a good way to start."

In addition to accepting checks and "beating the bushes for donations," Madonna said, there will be other ways to help. For instance, sponsor signs will be sold on the outfield fence and, for the more industrious potential donors, naming rights to the field will sell for about \$150,000.

Madonna hopes the community responds the way it always seems to.

"Even in tough times, people are still giving," she said. "This is what Plymouth does. We're about solving unique problems."

To find out more or to help with donations, visit the Miracle League of Plymouth website at www.miracleleagueplymouth.org

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RACE

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do my part," he said. Booher said the state's economy and job creation are his priority issues, and he called for smaller government, support for small businesses, and less regulation, which he said has been a hindrance to economic growth.

"I've seen a lot of good companies go under, no fault of their own," he said.

Heise said his top priorities are job creation, state bud-

getting and education. He advocates a two-year budget plan, which, he said, would allow state government to look further ahead and make the reforms needed to cut spending. He also suggests privatizing some state services.

"We've really got to adapt to the new reality," he said. Other states have successfully confronted similar budget problems, he said.

Both men expect to be knocking on doors in the district this summer. Heise said he has been walking door to door since April, and is keeping his focus on the November

general election.

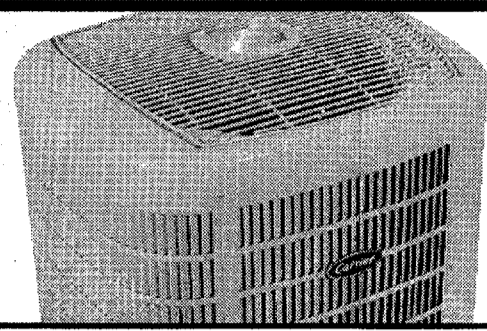
"I've been campaigning hard," Heise said.

Wadsworth also cited jobs and the economy as top issues when she announced her candidacy in February.

"Everyone recognizes that we need to create jobs and diversify the economy. Strengthening education must be a key part of the state's game plan," she said. "We need to focus on using our limited resources wisely and working together to solve the problems facing our state."

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Board did its job on RESA millage

The seven-member Plymouth-Canton Board of Education was elected to represent their constituents in matters concerning the education of their children. Tuesday night, we believe they did just that.

The board finally acted — by not acting on a tabled motion to support, thus allowing it to die — on Wayne RESA's 1.9-mill school enhancement millage, a county-wide tax hike that would raise some \$97 million for county districts. With 1994's Proposal A restricting most districts from raising money any other way, RESA officials feel as though this enhancement millage — which only RESA can put on the ballot — is necessary.

The problem local voters seem to have with it is only some \$7 million of the \$11 million it would raise in Plymouth-Canton would stay in Plymouth-Canton. The rest of it would go into a pot to be divided around the county.

And, while it's true Plymouth-Canton could use the \$7 million — trustees have only cut a couple of million dollars out of a potential \$11 million deficit next year — it's also true voters aren't all that interested in being a donor district.

Board members were initially inclined to support the RESA plan; while they believe Lansing has to solve this problem structurally, they also know it's not going to happen, certainly not in the short run, and the short run is what they've got to worry about it. Lansing certainly has to do something, but that's a fight for another day.

Board members here started hearing from local residents who simply don't want to be a donor district, and subsequently support for the RESA plan waned.

A few weeks ago, RESA officials said at a meeting they thought they needed two of three larger districts — Dearborn, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton — to get on board (RESA needs enough districts representing 51 percent of the county's students to float the plan). Livonia said no, Dearborn didn't even take it to a vote of the board, and now Plymouth-Canton has said no.

RESA officials may still put it on the ballot; after all, the state's largest district (Detroit) gets some \$31 million out of the deal. It wouldn't be fair to hold taxpayers in nonsupporting districts hostage over it — and we don't think RESA should do it — but they may read support in other, smaller districts (Wayne-Westland and Garden City, for instance) as a go-ahead.

Plymouth-Canton has no control over whether RESA goes ahead with the plan (RESA must decide by May 18) but you have to like the board's decision to just say no. Local taxpayers told trustees "no" on bond issues in 2006 and 2007, and they've been pretty loud and clear on this plan. It's to their credit trustees were listening, and did what they were elected to do.

Both sides can feel good about deal

Layoffs in the Plymouth Township Police Department were averted — at least temporarily — when township and police union officials agreed last week to wage and benefit concessions and new contracts for officers and dispatchers.

Negotiators on both sides can feel good about their ability to work together to find a solution — even if you don't feel good about what it took to get there — that saves the seven jobs that were in jeopardy had the union not given concessions.

Neither side wanted to talk much about details of what Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume called a "handshake agreement"; Reaume said concessions "fell short of our target" of some \$400,000 the township was seeking, while Jerry Radovic, the business agent for the Plymouth Township Police Officers Association, said they amounted to between \$8,000 and \$9,000 a year per union member.

The labor peace may be short-lived (it might smooth the road if Reaume and Treasurer Ron Edwards stick to their agreement to take a pay cut if the unions give concessions and are joined by Clerk Joe Bridgman) because the deal expires at the end of 2011, which means sides will be back at the table in less than 18 months. It's true most of the union members in the township are taking it in the teeth; police officers join clerical and public works employees in making concessions; firefighters have yet to reach an agreement.

But for now (pending ratification by union members) peace has arrived, seven officers who thought they may lose their jobs won't, and the department can go about the business for which it's best-suited: Protecting the people.

COMMUNITY VOICE

With the U.S. Postal Service in financial trouble, would dropping home mail delivery on Saturdays in order to save money be something you would favor?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



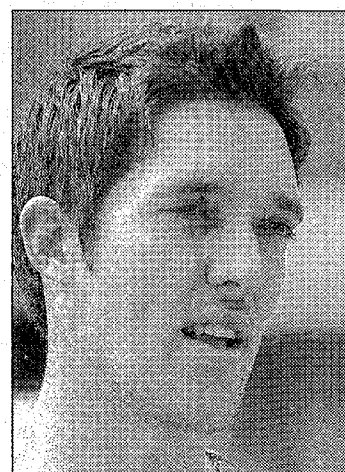
"Yes. I'm a business person. Ultimately, it's got to be a profitable operation. If that's going to be a money-saver."

Carol Eisenstein
Plymouth Township



"I guess so. It's one day. We can get it on Monday."

Robert Tertel
Plymouth



"As far as saving money, the way the economy is now, ... I would."

Clint Walker
Livonia



"It would definitely cause problems. ... I don't use a lot of mail, I'm thinking of everybody else."

Kaitlyn Burns
Plymouth

LETTERS

McCotter misinformation

With the passage of another quarter, the time has come for another self-assessment from Congressman Thad McCotter, self-described fiscal conservative and blatant abuser of the congressional franking privilege. Through a glossy, expensive mailer he is still pushing, among other things, the ridiculous "Government run health care" meme. McCotter, like most of his Republican colleagues, seems determined to allow recently discredited political word-smith Frank Luntz to continue to do his talking for him.

Recent events like mine and offshore rig disasters and revelations of the shenanigans of Goldman Sachs and other Wall Street players that resulted in the economic collapse, along with audacious premium increases by health insurance providers in the face of the passage of a reform bill, have reinforced my belief that regulation ain't so bad, but I guess McCotter does not agree.

On page one, McCotter, in round-about fashion, reiterates some of the biggest health care lies of the year as rationale for his no vote on much-needed health care reform. Quick to cite CBO cost estimates, in a little selective truth-telling, curiously McCotter omits the part about deficit reduction estimates of \$130 billion the first ten years and \$1.2 trillion over two decades. He tries to mislead constituents by characterizing the estimated \$500 billion in Medicare savings from elimination of waste, fraud and abuse as a reduction of services. Never, to my recollection, at least before a black president was in office, has a Republican attempted to marginalize efforts to cut waste, fraud and abuse.

According to the mailer, apparently in order to make some obscure political point, McCotter has introduced legislation (H.R. 4500) to combat something that doesn't even exist, the institutionalization of health care rationing that he alleges the Stimulus bill provides for. This quest to uncover those secret "death panels" that no one else is smart enough to find has been joined by exactly zero cosponsors. In this day of partisan laziness, don't you think that even a Michele Bachman or a Virginia Fox would jump on the "crazy train" if there was anything to this? Is this kind of hapless "witch hunt" what we really want our representative wasting time on?

In light of the intentional inaccuracies on page one, why would any sane person read on? We, the citizens of the 11th district deserve much better.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Show support for our troops

May 15, 2010, is Armed Forces Day. Right now, volunteer men and women are everywhere protecting we civilians here at home. And in honor of the troops who do so much to protect us, hundreds of troop support groups across America ship thousands of care boxes each year to them all over the world.

More than 90 percent of Americans have never served in the military. I am one of them, representative of the rest. And on behalf of all of those they protect, I thank the troops for preserving our liberties, livelihoods and businesses. Even

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though the borders of this country are penned with their blood, and even though we don't keep our national house in order, they go forth each day to protect it and give us more time. Let's hope in the end we can all make them as proud of us as we are of them.

Showings of support means a lot to them, and here is an inkling of their gratitude for the bonds between us:

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I periodically receive e-mails from people in other countries pining that they wished their people did for their military community the way Americans do for theirs. You see, America is a charitable nation, with a majority who believes in the personal responsibility of doing good at the individual level. Hence, a voluntary

military. And hence the voluntary support for its members from us.

Indeed, hundreds of charitable groups have arisen to support the troops' morale and well-being while they are deployed. Are there amazing people in this country or what? You will find these groups listed at www.SupportOurTroops.Org.

So for Armed Force Day this year, go out and find an event to participate in. Or send a care package. Or make a donation. Find the core moral satisfaction in stepping up for those who step up for all of us.

And to all the troops from all of us here at home, I say thank you, and may God bless and keep you safe.

Martin C. Boire
chairman
Support Our Troops

Keep Saturday delivery

A couple of feedbacks ... Those folks who seem to be all for the discontinuance of U.S. mail delivery on Saturdays are opening themselves up to a rude awakening as the "law of unintended consequences" kicks in.

Bills will be late in being received, and bills will be late in being sent. The banks and credit card companies will have a tremendous late fee windfall if such a move is made. I can just see everybody crying about the problems that will be created.

Why can't the U.S. post office start a new two-tiered wage rate for new hires so that postal rates don't escalate out of sight? If it's good for autoworkers, it should be good enough for our civil servants! Guess we can forget about that service slogan, we deliver through rain and snow, but not on Saturdays!

And, the second is about that Proposal A loophole that would allow a county to sock it to taxpayers with increased property taxes. It should be repealed. I hope our representatives in Lansing will do something about that.

Joe Neussendorfer
Livonia

Equal pay for women

April 20 was National Equal Pay Day. Currently, women in Michigan earn 72 cents on the dollar compared to men doing comparable work. That is worse than the national gender wage gap of 80 cents on the dollar. With so many women in Michigan being the chief wage earners, this has a huge impact on the well-being of families in our state.

Federal pay equity legislation was introduced in 1945, around the time my mother went to work to support her two daughters. It is ridiculous to think that so little has changed in more than 60 years.

It has been over three decades since the actual passage of the Equal Pay Act and Title VII. Isn't it time that working women received a full dollar on the dollar?

Please take a moment and urge our state legislators to support SB 486-489 and HB 4851-4854, legislation that supports a woman's right to earn equal pay for equal work.

Karen B. Zyczynski
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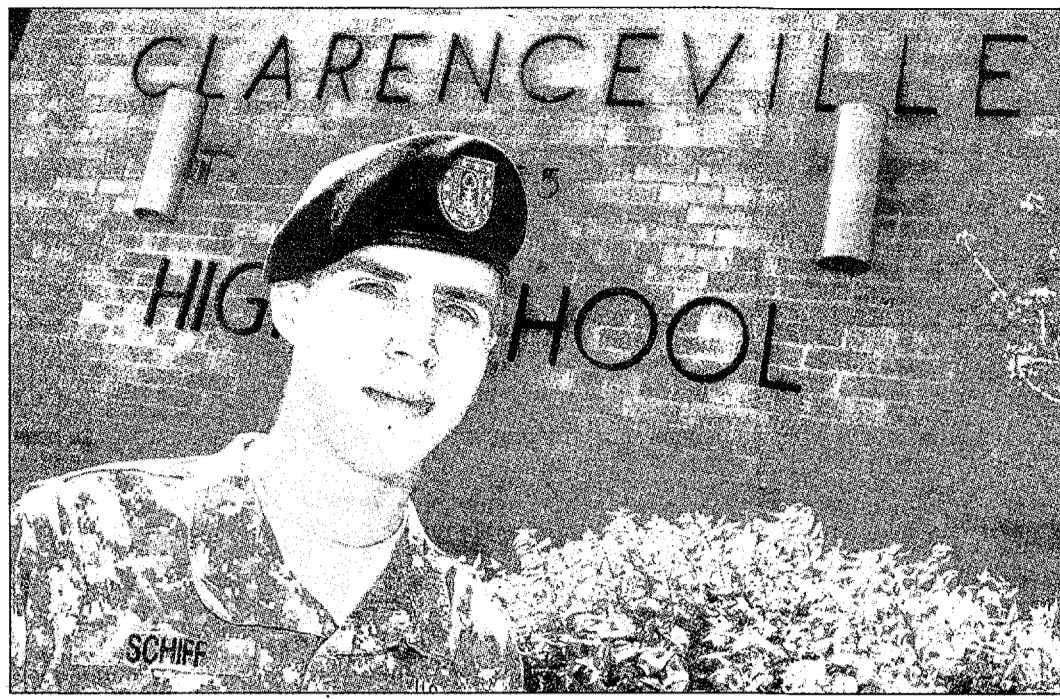
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Ben Schiff is a former foster child who proved to a court referee he could take care of himself at age 16. Few people at Clarenceville High School knew he was legally responsible for himself while he was a student there.

Teen who raised himself heading to West Point

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Benjamin Schiff experienced more upheaval in 14 years than most people experience in a lifetime.

Schiff never knew his biological father. His stepfather assaulted him, his mother was abusive, then his mother and stepfather divorced. His mother was sent to prison on a parole violation for a robbery in Texas.

Schiff was shuffled between foster homes, and eventually lived with a relative. Schiff later moved out after he had had enough of the relative's destructive behavior and moved in with a Farmington Hills contractor. Schiff was 14.

Schiff managed to rise above the turmoil and dysfunction in his family life, joined the U.S. Army Reserves his junior year and graduated with honors from Clarenceville High School in 2009. On June 27, he will enter the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Anthony Saliccioli, a social studies instructor at Clarenceville, calls Schiff's story a Horatio Alger story. "I don't know if I've had a harder working, more moral student than him," Saliccioli said.

Clarenceville Principal Paul Shepich wasn't surprised about Schiff's admission to West Point. "Once you get to know Ben and his character, you learn that when he says he will do something, you know it will be done and it will be done well," Shepich said.

A QUIET STUDENT

During his freshman and sophomore years Schiff didn't talk to many people about his living arrangements. His relative was listed as his legal guardian, but he feared he would be returned to the foster care system if authorities found out he wasn't living with his legal guardian. He feared growing close to people because he felt that he would be moved again. "I was living on my own, and I didn't talk to a lot of people," he said. He dove into his studies and his jobs. Once he turned 16, he proved to a court referee that he could take care of himself and handle adult responsibilities. The state emancipated him, allowing him to legally be responsible for himself.

Schiff became more involved

with school. He participated in Youth in Government, served as his senior class vice president, and helped out the athletic director at Clarenceville and others with several activities.

Schiff notices the flaws in emancipation in what may be considered routine and taken for granted by youths. "We're supposed to have the same rights as an 18-year-old except for voting," he says of emancipated youths who legally can support themselves. "But when you get a driver's license, at 18, you don't need driver's education. If you are 16, you have to pay \$300 for driver's ed."

Since Schiff couldn't afford driver's ed, he rode his bicycle everywhere: to school, then to work at his job to support himself. Of course, that discipline, exercise and regimen helped keep him in shape for when he joined the U.S. Army Reserves at 17.

Schiff also immersed himself in school. He signed up for dual enrollment classes, which allowed him to take classes at Schoolcraft College when he was a senior at Clarenceville, taking introductory classes for computers and engineering as a junior and political science, philosophy and anthropology and another online independent social studies class his senior year. For each class he enrolled at Schoolcraft, he was at Clarenceville for one less hour of class.

FOCUS ON WORK, SCHOOL

Shepich remembers seeing Schiff one morning at school at 6:45 a.m. before classes started and before many of the other students had arrived. "He had mud on his jeans, and he had worked that night and came directly to school," Shepich said. "He helped out on a water main break in Farmington."

Shepich said the staff didn't know about Schiff's living situation until Schiff was older and opened up about it. Shepich gave Schiff a ride to Botsford Elementary so Schiff could judge a science project. Shepich heard some of Schiff's story, then spoke with counselors about him. "They started to learn about his situation, but he really didn't talk to you about that stuff," Shepich said.

Saliccioli taught Schiff while Schiff was in the ninth, 10th and 11th grades in law, sociology and

U.S. history. Saliccioli said he saw something special in Schiff by the questions Schiff asked and the depth in which he pursued ideas. "He has such an interest in the world around him," Saliccioli said. "He is curious and interested in the whole world."

Saliccioli could tell Schiff was tired after working long hours or nights, and told him he needed to modify things and take some time for himself. Saliccioli said Schiff told him: "No, nothing is going to stop me."

"He didn't want the easy route. He did all the hard work," Saliccioli said. "He never had excuses, never complained a lick and had full accountability."

Schiff got involved with Michigan Youth in Government his junior and senior years with the encouragement of social studies instructor and Youth in Government coordinator Josh Green. Middle and high school students went to Lansing for a four-day conference, sitting with lawmakers and getting involved in legislation. Schiff was appointed committee chair his senior year and served as a delegation president.

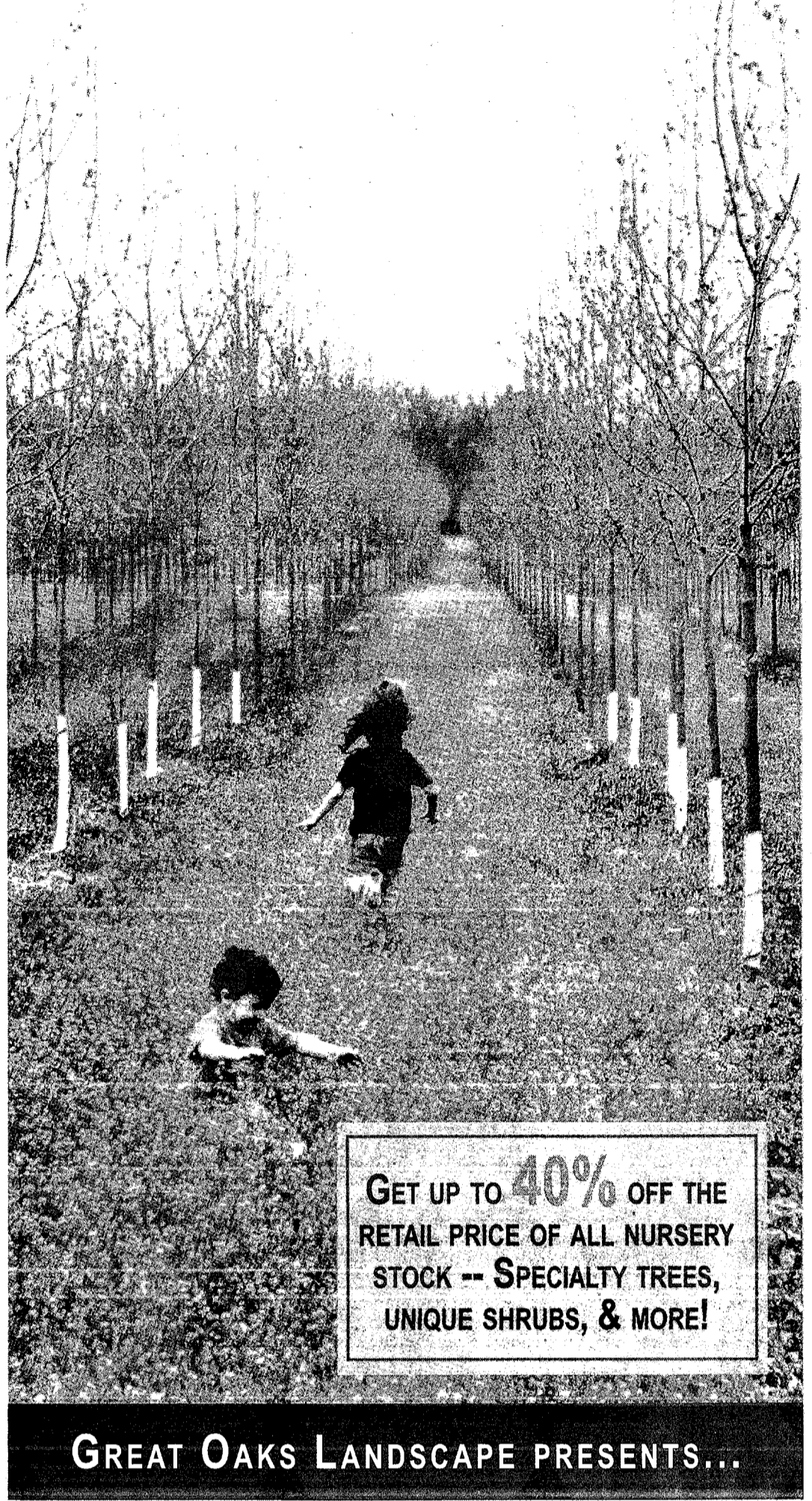
"I love politics and I was able to debate people my age," Schiff said. Later he served as the Michigan student representative at the YMCA Conference on National Affairs, one of only 30 students nationally to be selected. "Youth in Government made me decide what I wanted to do. It really helps students decide what they want to do with their lives," Schiff said.

Shepich said Ben's leadership was exhibited through his work and volunteerism in assisting many school activities. "His leadership was his daily routine, being here, every day and being respectful of others," Shepich said.

'A GREAT KID'

Shepich won't bet against Schiff's success at West Point or in politics. "He has a quiet demeanor, and I can see him as a leader behind the scenes," Shepich said.

"He's just a great kid. We're happy for him and we're proud of him. I hope his story will touch a lot of different people and different kids, that when they run into struggles, that they find the gumption to do things."



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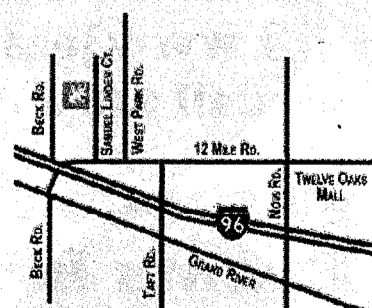
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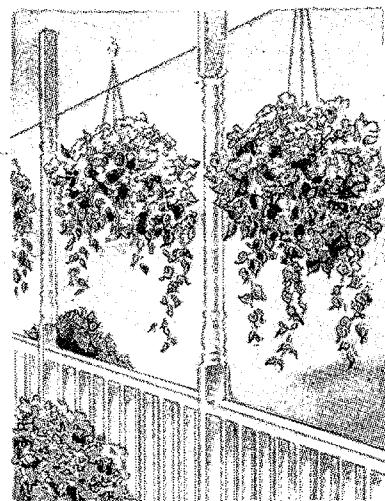
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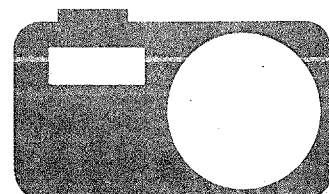


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Effort pays off for Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Over and over again, Plymouth boys golf coach Chris Moore has witnessed the hard work and leadership of his seniors.

Monday, the efforts of seniors James Bryans, Trevor Birdwell and Ryan Bauer were rewarded as the Wildcats captured the Western Wayne Invitational at Walnut Creek Country Club.

BOYS GOLF

Although the eighth-year Plymouth coach said he was proud of his entire team, which won its first invite, he especially praised the trio of seniors.

"They truly lead this team by example with their work ethic and their passion for the game," Moore said. "Many times after practice or a match, these kids are back on the range or the course to get some more practice time."

Moore has seen their dedication for several years, as Bryans and Ryan Bauer are fourth-year varsity players and Birdwell in his third season.

The Wildcats topped the 10-team field with a total of 318 strokes, a comfortable 14 strokes ahead of runner-up Livonia Churchill (332).

Taking third with 334 strokes was Livonia Stevenson (Blue), while Canton (337) and Livonia Franklin (349) rounded out the Top 5.

As for the individual tallies, Plymouth's best showing was by junior Justin Bauer. He registered a 76, good for second overall.

Freshman Kyle Rodes also had a strong showing, finishing with a 79 to tie with Canton's Brendan Muir for third place behind Bauer and overall invite medalist Zach Conrad of the Chiefs (75).

Plymouth's seniors were right behind the leaders. Bryans and Birdwell tallied scores of 81 and 82, respectively, with Ryan Bauer shooting an 86.

Sophomore Josh Heinze finished with an 83.

However, Plymouth won't have much time to savor the triumph with a very busy schedule for the next two weeks.

Entering Wednesday's dual match at Westland John Glenn, the Wildcats are undefeated.

But Plymouth then has three more upcoming matchups, culminating Wednesday, May 19, with a 3 p.m. meeting with Canton at Hilltop Golf Course.

Moore added that the team has made the Top-10 in all invitational so far, entering Saturday's Bedford Invite at the Legacy in Ottawa Lake.

Please see **GOLF, B2**



SUSAN GOLDMAN

The Catholic Central and Trenton hockey teams from 1999 gather around Trojans head coach Mike Turner following the Gatorade 'REPLAY' matchup at Compuware Arena. Turner thanked the players for their efforts.

CC, Trenton play like it's 1999

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In 1999, Trenton defenseman Kurt LaTarte turned blue and nearly died after a hockey skate slashed into his neck during a showdown with Detroit Catholic Central, then based out of Redford Township.

That game — between the defending state champion Trojans and soon-to-be crowned CC — had to be stopped with five minutes remaining in the third period and the score tied 4-4.

Both teams knelt in a circle that night to pray for LaTarte's recovery and amazingly, he pulled through.

On Sunday more than 11 years later, LaTarte and his Trenton teammates again faced the Shamrocks to settle things without any life-and-death drama.

In a well-played game that capped two months of intense training by the players, Trenton rallied in the third period to earn a 4-2 win before a sold-out and enthusiastic crowd

at Plymouth Township's Compuware Arena. It was the latest game in the Gatorade REPLAY series.

Spectacular goalkeeping from Matt Modelski nearly pulled a victory off for the Shamrocks, who were outworked and outshot (41-30). Modelski stopped 37 of 40 shots, with Brad Zancanaro scoring into an empty net with nine seconds to play.

DAZZLING DISPLAY

"I was truly amazed at the effort and the stops these goalies made," said honorary CC coach Scotty Bowman. "... I just can't believe how goalies can get that proficient in such a short time."

Ben Rader started in net for Trenton and stopped 12 of 14 shots and Tony Damiani (16 saves) came in to close the door in the third — diving, sprawling and holding off a furious Shamrocks comeback try in the final minutes.

Please see **REPLAY, B4**



RENA LAVERTY

Trenton defenseman Kurt LaTarte (No. 6) wards off the check of an unidentified Detroit Catholic Central player during Sunday's rematch of a 1999 game. A near-fatal on-ice injury to LaTarte in '99 prompted the Gatorade 'REPLAY' series to feature the Shamrocks and Trojans at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Brad Trublowski dives toward home plate Monday, but the baseball beats him as Westland John Glenn catcher Kevin Karsnick is there to make the tag.

Duo's dynamite in Salem victory

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For all intents and purposes, Monday's baseball game between host Salem and Westland John Glenn could have been called *The Matt and Tate Show* and not been too much of a stretch.

Salem sophomore pitcher Matt Constance gave up just four hits and struck out 13 and provided some timely encouragement to senior first baseman Tate Theisen — just before Theisen broke a scoreless tie with a home run with two outs in the fourth.

Theisen's drive down the right-field line triggered a three-run surge that set the tone for Salem's 7-0 KLA cross-over victory.

"I was standing in the on-deck circle and I just heard Matt in the dugout

say, 'Today's the day, Tate,'" Theisen said with a grin. "He said that to me in Ohio, too."

Theisen homered that time, too, during Salem's spring trip to the Cincinnati area in early April.

Monday's home run against John Glenn pitcher Spencer Dowd got the ball rolling for the Rocks (9-11).

Junior Scott Devine and sophomore Brett Ramirez (2-for-3) followed with singles and senior Ken Novak walked to load the bases.

Then junior Brad Trublowski drove in two runs with a double to right-center, to make it five consecutive batters reaching base.

ON A ROLL

In the meantime, Constance kept mowing down John Glenn batters, striking out six straight from the top of

the fourth until the sixth.

The Rockets (1-13) could only muster four singles, with two coming off the bat of Derrick Ammons and one each for Andrew Benyd and Shane Anderson.

"At the plate, you can see we're struggling," John Glenn assistant coach Dan Danic said. "He (Constance) had a decent fastball; his off-speed stuff I don't see moving too much."

"But he was able to change the velocity on his fastball all day and had our guys guessing."

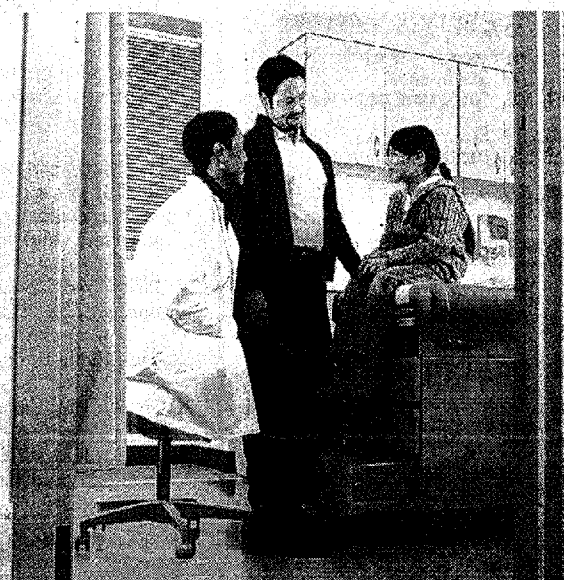
Constance said he had no secret for the 13 strikeouts except to pitch to the glove of catcher Ramirez.

"Hopefully, I'll have more starts like that," Constance said.

For good measure, Salem tacked on

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Wildcats rally to nip Spartans

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth scored runs in the sixth and seventh innings Monday to snag a 4-3 win over host Livonia Stevenson in a KLAAs crossover softball game.

Stevenson had scored in the fifth to go up 3-2, but Plymouth (13-4 overall, 10-3 in the KLAAs) re-tied the game at 3-3 in the sixth. Senior third baseman Amanda Burnard singled, took second on freshman catcher Kayla Rebain's sacrifice bunt and scored on a wild throw.

The rally for the winning run started with two outs and nobody on base. Senior shortstop Stacey Klonowski (2-for-4) tripled and scored on a line-drive single to left by Burnard (3-for-4) to put the Wildcats ahead.

Freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou then took care of the Spartans for the final three outs. Gerou only gave up two runs in the first inning; the third run in the fifth was off senior Lauren Smith (who only pitched one inning before Gerou returned to the circle).

"Our senior leadership stepped up and produced the runs when we needed them," said Plymouth head coach Val Canfield.

The Wildcats rallied earlier in the contest, too. They scored twice in the fourth as Jessica Bondy, Klonowski, Burnard and freshman Bri Giordano bunched singles together — Giordano's hit to left knocked in both runs.

The tight ballgame was in stark contrast from the doubleheader Plymouth played May 5 against Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats easily won both ends, 11-1 and 15-5.

In the opener, Klonowski went 3-for-5, scored twice and drove in two runs to pace the attack. She had plenty of support, however, as Burnard, Bondy, Gerou (the winning pitcher), Heldmeyer and Christy Pattison each collected two hits. Plymouth's 14th hit was by Marissa Blassic.

Game 2 was more of the same, although it ended after six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Klonowski smacked two doubles and a

triple in four at-bats and plated three teammates as she had another huge performance, Canfield said.

Bondy chipped in with three hits and three runs while Gerou also went 3-for-3 and drove in two. Burnard (2-for-4), Giordano (2-for-3, 2 runs), Kayla Rebain (1-for-2, 3 runs) and Smith (1-for-2, 2 runs) were other key contributors.

All that offense made it an easy game for Smith, who earned the victory.

Salem seniors celebrate

A nine-run second inning Monday paved the way for host Salem to rout Westland John Glenn, 13-3. The KLAAs crossover softball game also was Senior Day for the Rocks, who afterward toasted the efforts of Amanda Dewyer and Mary Johnson.

Dewyer had a 3-for-3 afternoon while top-notch outfielder Johnson went 2-for-4, helping the Rocks improve to 11-8 overall.

"She (Dewyer) got a couple hits today which was nice to see," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "Same thing with Mary, she's our lead centerfielder, our go-to centerfielder and she's been on the team for four years and has done a real nice job."

Of course, the underclassmen on the team wanted to make sure Senior Day was one to remember.

At the top of that list was junior pitcher Briana Lee, who singled and ripped a three-run homer while also striking out 10 Rockets in her four innings of work.

Other productive Rocks included Heidi Schmidt (3-for-5, including a double and triple), Alexis Powell (2-for-4) and Jenny First (3 singles).

Katie Kinney and Katie Meade also doubled and the game gave Southerland the chance to play junior varsity callup Elliott Mitchum.

Although Mitchum did not record a hit, she lined out while playing second base.

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Reveling Rocks

Members of the Salem varsity boys golf team celebrate with their plaque after winning the Dearborn Elite Invitational, held May 3 at par-72 Dearborn Country Club. From left are golfers Eric Duprey, Josh Perrin, Aaron Thompson, Brandon Duprey, Pat Doty and head coach Ryan Nimmerguth.

GOLF

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The coach is confident the workload will keep the 'Cats sharp entering conference and state championship tourneys.



Zach Conrad of the Canton Chiefs was the overall medalist at the Western Wayne Invitational.

WESTERN WAYNE INVITATIONAL BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 10 at Walnut Creek C.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 318 strokes; 2. Livonia Churchill, 332; 2. Livonia Stevenson (Blue), 334; 4. Canton, 337; 5. Livonia Franklin, 349; 6. Stevenson (White), 351; 7. Brownstown Woodhaven, 357; 8. Garden City, 363; 9. Redford Union, 410; 10. Redford Thurston, 411.

Individual medalist: Zach Conrad (Canton), 75.

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS

Plymouth (318): 2. Justin Bauer, 76 (2nd Place); 3. Kyle Rodes, 79 (3rd Place-1e); 7. James Bryans, 81; 8. Trevor Birdwell, 82; 12. Josh Heinze, 83; 19. Ryan Bauer, 86.

Churchill (332): 6. Ben Proben, 80;

Andrew Ioanou, 82; 17. (tie) Dominic Dilisi and Adam Varber, 85 each; 42. Nick Proben, 97; 49. Eric Hill, 102.

Stevenson Blue (334): 3. Christian Debay, 79; 8. Dante Cicchelli, 82; 14. Drew Mossolan, 84; 23. Tom Cullum, 89; 27. Adam Giordano, 90; 31. Nick Marsh, 93.

Canton (337): 1. Zach Conrad, 75; 3. Brendan Muir, 79 (3rd Place-1e); 19. Kyle Korte, 86; 42. (tie) Alex Champagne and Marty Peck, 97 each; 48. Frank Parzynski, 101.

Franklin (349): 14. Jimmy Johnson, 84; 22. Tyler Miller, 87; 23. (tie) Jacob Wirgau and Chris Grund, 89 each; 31. Drake Hermann, 93; 38. Doug Nagy, 95.

Stevenson White (351): 12. Nick Collins, 83; 14. Adam LaPorte, 84; 27. Cooper Christie, 90; 36. Tyler Jarosz, 94; 42. Nick Barr, 97; 49. Phil DeSantis, 102.

Woodhaven (357): 8. Jim Breslin, 82; 27. Ryan Decaires, 90; 30. Jeremy Klotz, 92; 31. Alec Grant, 93; 36. Eric Parker, 94; 46. Kyle Page, 99.

Garden City (363): 10. Allen Eizember, 86; 23. Tom Firavich, 89; 31. Jared Cusmano, 93; 38. John Seinski, 95; 41. Matt Wilson, 96; 53. Mike Maiden, 106.

Redford Union (410): 38. Josh Marlow, 95; 51. Jake Kinjorski, 103; 52. Dillon Kenney, 105; 55. Jeremy Stover, 107; 57. John Carey, 114; 58. Kyle Gross, 115.

Thurston (411): 31. Andreas Markellos, 93; 46. Matt Hauer, 99; 53. Mike Clayton, 106; 56. Ryan Bellis, 113; 59. (tie) Zane Thomas and Nick Sasseen, no score available.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

SALEM 150

SOUTH LYON EAST 167

May 10 at Links of Novi (Par 34)

Salem scorers: Aaron Thompson, 39; Brian Patterson, 41; Eric Duprey, 41; Josh Perrin, 36 (medalist); Brandon Duprey, 38; Patrick Doty, 37.

S.L. East scorers: Brian Hawkins, 40; Mike Sadoroki, 41; Matt Sherry, 42; Alec Sturos, 44; James Smith, 45; Jackson Seedorf, 47.

Dual match records: Salem, 3-3 overall.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF CHEMUNG ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 1022/10 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. FOR ASSET-BACKED PASS- THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-WMC1 Plaintiff, vs. ARLENE HESS, Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 138 EASTVIEW DRIVE HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 SBL #: 59.02-2-14 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT. You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). 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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Plymouth grid meeting

Next season's Plymouth Wildcats football players and their parents are invited to attend a mandatory meeting slated from 6:30-to-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School. Head coach Mike Sawchuk and his entire staff will be introduced and parents will receive "all the important paperwork necessary for your student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season." Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth football boosters club, also will speak about getting involved with that program as well as fundraising responsibilities. Sawchuk stated in a letter to parents about the May 25 meeting that the 2010 season is "just around the corner and we are as fired up as ever to continue our excellence on and off of the field." Any questions, please contact Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 or via e-mail at Mike.Sawchuk@pcssmail.net.

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Rain dance

Despite cold rain and whipping winds Tuesday night, Westland John Glenn and Canton got together for a KLAAs South girls soccer tilt at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Going for the ball during the first half are the Rockets' Ashley Bailey (No. 22) and Jessikah McClendon (No. 18) of the Chiefs. McClendon scored two goals and assisted on another to pace Canton's 6-0 victory. Also scoring were Allyson Krause, Christy Balewski, Lindsey Winters and Melanie Pickert. Splitting the shutout were Canton goalies Sam McPartlin and Kayla Bridges. Meanwhile, McPartlin also blanked Salem 3-0 on Saturday, with markers by McClendon, Maddy McLean and Megan Trapp.

Lady Warriors win pair in lacrosse

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors girls lacrosse team knocked off Northville in back-to-back matches last week, by scores of 11-7 and 10-9.

That could be a favorable precursor to the regional tournament later this month, since PCS will face Northville in the opening game.

In the first win, Katie Hill (Plymouth) scored three goals with two each from sophomore Stephanie Bower (Canton) and senior Lauryn Ebersol (Plymouth).

Making 19 stops for the victory was Salem junior Meaghan Eldridge.

Meanwhile junior Lauren Allard (Canton) scored a goal and received the game ball as the game's outstanding player.

The next day, May 5, PCS traveled to Northville and prevailed despite wet and windy weather, 10-9.

Senior Kylie Miller (Canton) scored with a great shot from the right side with just 53 seconds to go to break the tie.

"Both teams played well and the game could have gone either way," said Lady Warriors' head coach Steve Nyquist.

The outstanding player and game ball recipient was junior Taylor Birman (Plymouth)

while Ebersol scored five goals. Chipping in with two was Hill. Top defenders were Birman, seniors Lauren Manner (Plymouth), Jen Herzfeld (Salem), junior Katie Meagher (Salem) and senior Lindsay Schmidt (Salem).

Eldridge played a strong game, making 15 saves including three in the final minute. Nyquist said plans are to reschedule Friday's rained out "Senior Night" game against Waterford, but a date has not been set.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem sophomore pitcher Matt Constance delivers another strike - he struck out 13 batters in Monday's game. In the background is first baseman Tate Theisen, whose home run got the Rocks' offense going.

BASEBALL

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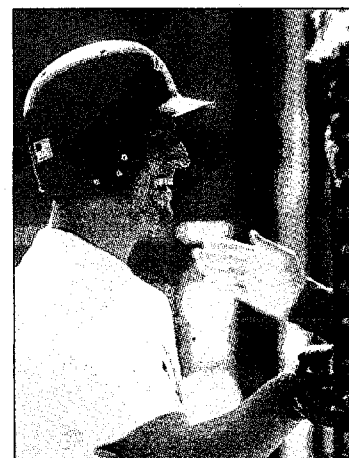
a run in the fifth (on a double by senior Nick Leventis and single by junior Devin Price) and three more in the sixth. King and Leventis (3-for-4) singled in runs during the team's second three-run rally of the game.

Positives for Danic and the young Rockets included hard-nosed defense. Outfielders Caleb Clenney and Colton Lapinski made a leaping and diving catch, respectively.

And catcher Kevin Karsnick pounced on a bunt by Matt Rowland and fired a strike to first base for the out.

"Defensively, I thought we played a pretty solid game and our pitcher had decent stuff," Danic said. "That's what we expect from our guys."

CANTON 8, SOUTH LYON EAST



Teammates mob Salem's Tate Theisen as he returns to the dugout after hitting a home run during Monday's game.

t: Also Monday, Canton rolled out a 14-hit attack and routed South Lyon East.

Pitcher Ryan Bazner gave up a hit to the first batter he faced and that was all he allowed as he earned his fourth win of the

season.

Canton catalysts on offense included Chris Perkovich (2-for-3), Andrew Tidwell (two hits, one RBI) and Seth Tschetter (one hit, two RBI).

STEVENSON 6, PLYMOUTH 0: Once again Jeff Sorenson proved to be a one-man wrecking crew on Monday.

The senior pitcher threw a no-hitter and went 2-for-4 with a homer and four RBI as Livonia Stevenson blanked visiting Plymouth, 6-0, in a Kensington Conference cross-over baseball encounter.

Sorenson faced just 23 batters, walking one and striking out 16 as the Spartans improved to 17-4 overall and 9-3 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Harrison Michels, who went the first 5.1 innings allowing five runs nine hits, took the loss for Plymouth (9-10, 4-9). He struck out eight and walked two.

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REPLAY

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Modelski's efforts, along with goals from Jim Spiewak and Ryan Yost, gave CC a 2-1 edge entering the third.

The Trojans tied it up at 6:03 of the final stanza when Alec Lesko scored.

Exactly three minutes later, Trenton scored the winner off a 3-on-1 rush. Twin forwards Brad (two goals, two assists) and Tony Zancanaro crashed the net, with Lesko finishing for his second of the day.

"Their better players outplayed our better players," said Catholic Central's Keith Rowe, who played several seasons of minor league hockey. "They took it to the net and were relentless. It was only a matter of time before they put it in. "But it was a great experience, more than about winning, although I would have loved to win. Today was about bigger stuff than hockey."

Catholic Central opened the scoring at 6:12 of the first. Rader slid to stop Brad Holland's blast from the left wing, but Spiewak trailed to roof the rebound. Chris Morelli also assisted.

Brad Zancanaro's short-handed breakaway goal with 1:33 to go in the frame evened the match at 1-1.

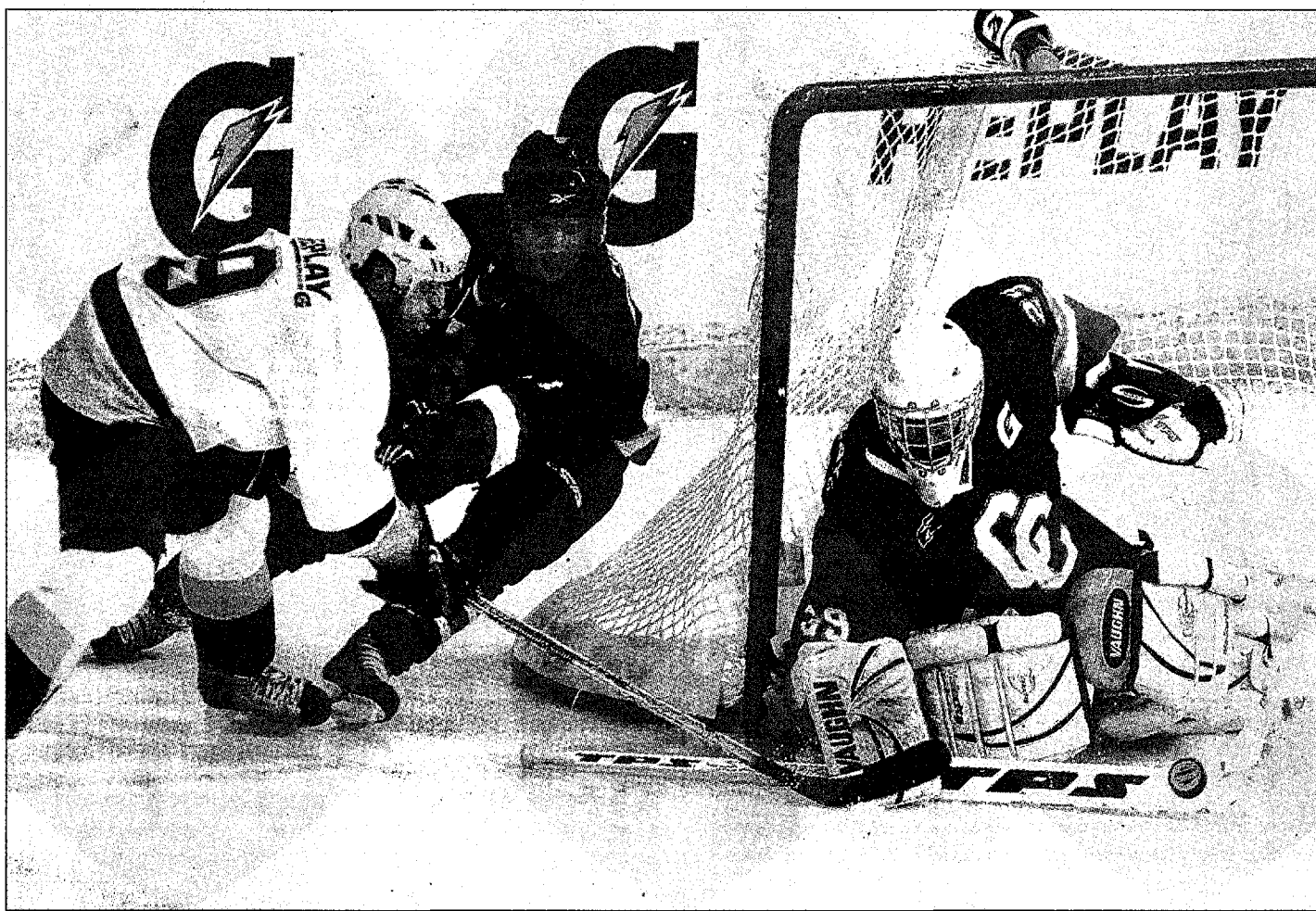
The only marker in the second was scored on the power play by CC's Yost with nine minutes remaining. Rowe and Brandon Kaleniecki drew helpers on the goal.

FULL CIRCLE

When the final buzzer sounded, Trenton players threw their sticks into the air and mobbed each other in a show of cathartic happiness.

Then, as they did in 1999, both teams again knelt in a circle. But this time, smiles replaced tears. Trenton head coach Mike Turner thanked all the players for their strong efforts in making the Gatorade REPLAY game a winner for both sides.

"It was amazing just having everyone there, family and friends supporting us, it was great," said LaTarte, a Beverly



RENA LAVERTY

One of Sunday's standouts, Catholic Central goalie Matt Modelski (No. 29) stops an in-close scoring bid by Trenton's Brad Zancanaro (No. 9). One of the CC blueliners (middle, not identified) also tries to check Zancanaro, who scored two of the Trojans' four goals.

Hills resident who still bears visible scars on the right side of his neck from the horrific experience in '99. "I've never played in an atmosphere like that before.

"... I'll be grateful for the rest of my life for all these guys, on both teams."

Gatorade chose LaTarte's remarkable story out of some 3,000 applications for the REPLAY series and there was no shortage of emotion on Sunday.

The teams were charged up from the opening puck drop.

Meanwhile, fans from Catholic Central and Trenton mixed it up in the friendliest-possible fashion as the hockey game turned into an excuse for a reunion.

"It's hard to explain, it's like old friends or something," said Redford's Rory Alderton of the Catholic Central Dad's Club. "I don't even know how to put it into words."

Alderton, whose son Kevin went to CC, worked as a guard at a set of doors in the concourse at the end of the arena populated by Trenton faithful. "Everybody is coming up to me, they're very friendly, shaking hands and wishing us well," Alderton said. "This thing is nothing but good will here."

WORK PAYS OFF

He and others also said the on-ice action was good considering a number of the players hadn't skated since high school.

One of those was Catholic Central forward Jim Spiewak, who now lives in Florida.

His parents, former Livonians Jim and Sheron Spiewak (also of Florida) and other family members were there to cheer him on.

"Jimmy's been taking it very serious," the elder Jim Spiewak said. "He's been conditioning.

Mentally, physically, it's been a real big part of his life the last couple months.

"They flew him up here a few times from Florida for the skates, the practices, and all the conditioning. He dropped about 30 pounds for the event."

Players came in from 16 states for the game. But they also returned to Michigan for several weekends for team practices and individual off-ice workouts at Velocity Sports Performance in Canton.

Because of that rigorous training, there was a surprisingly fast pace to the action along with plenty of hard hits and blocked shots.

Catholic Central head coach Todd Johnson alluded to both teams' passion and determination.

"Going through the handshake line, the first six Trenton guys I shook hands with had blood on their face," Johnson

said. "And that tells you about this rivalry."

PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT

The 1998-99 season was a key chapter revisited Sunday. The Shamrocks went 25-1-1 that season, with the sole loss and tie at the hands of Trenton.

Turner and the Trojans didn't win the 1999 state title, but they came away from Sunday's rematch with the next best thing — a silver Gatorade Cup that looked an awful lot like Stanley. Trenton players also doused Turner with the cold, green beverage.

Although happy with the trophy and with Gatorade for putting on a "fabulous" hockey showcase, Turner said the win didn't change 1999.

"Today was just a special event for this group and their group," Turner noted. "We hope there'll be more championships to be won."

They won't come with Trenton honorary coach Brendan Shanahan, who jokingly said his career behind the bench started and ended

WHAT THEY SAID

Following are what they were saying at Sunday's Gatorade-hosted REPLAY hockey game at Compuware Arena. Reuniting for the matchup were 1999 teams from Detroit Catholic Central and Trenton.

• **Diana Steele**, mom of a current Catholic Central hockey player: "I think it's terrific, it's fun, it's good for the (school) morale. At CC there's so much school spirit anyways, but the boys were thrilled. They've been talking about it since we heard about this."

• **Geoff Zaleski**, 17, current CC junior: "For about a month or so it's always like, 'Hey, you going to the game?' And now it's here. It's cool that it's on TV, too."

• **Catholic Central Dad's Club member Rory Alderton** of Redford: "I thought the score would be a little more lopsided, a little higher. These guys are playing hockey, quality hockey. I'm surprised."

• **Kip Garza**, whose son Kurt played on the 1998 state championship Trenton team: "He didn't play with him (Kurt LaTarte) but he knew him. I think it's great, we're getting all the people together we used to know back then. It's just like old times."

Sunday. The popular former Red Wing then mentioned an exchange after the game with his longtime boss, Bowman.

"Scotty said the best team won, and I said 'You were outcoached,'" said Shanahan, prompting laughter during the press conference.

Shanahan then perfectly summed up the whole experience.

"I don't think people realize the work that goes into playing a game like that, with the hitting, guys laying down to block shots and sacrificing in order to win," he stressed. "But this is such a great story for these two teams."

"I know we played this game because they wanted a winner, but in my books they're both winners."

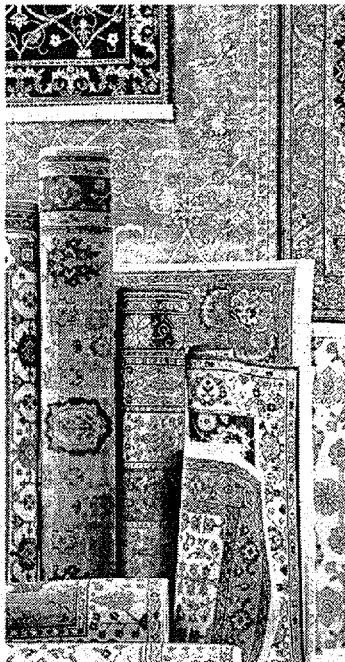
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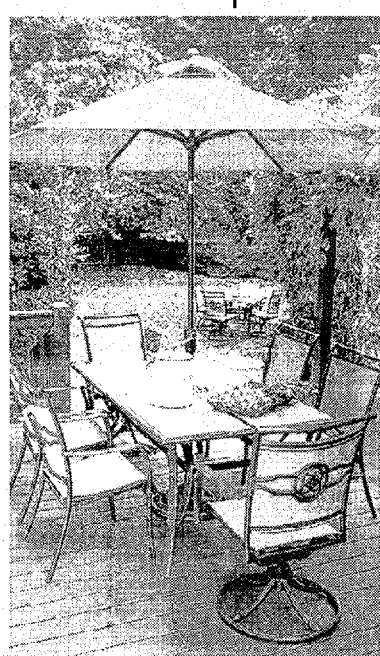
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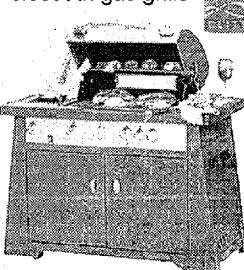
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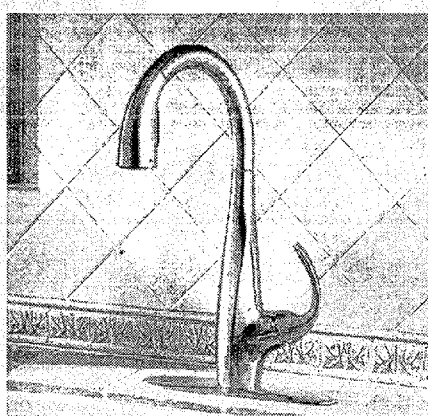


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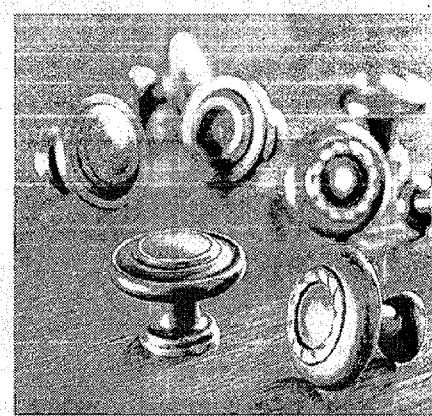


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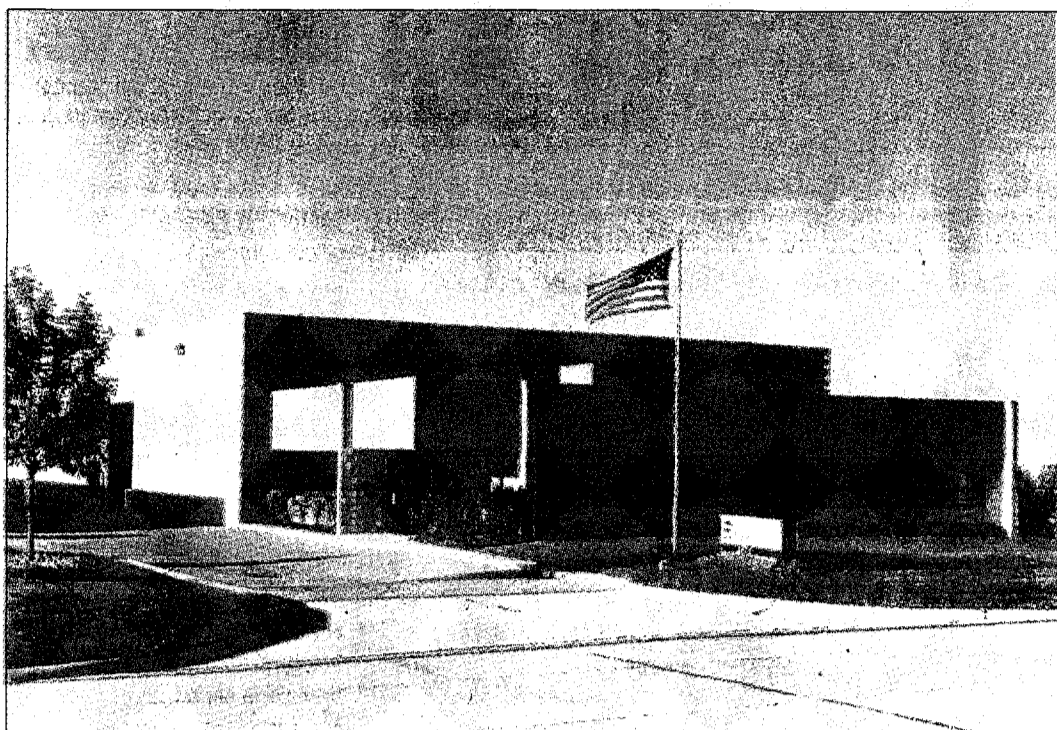
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Sealant Equipment & Engineering Inc. facilities, on Helm in Plymouth Township's Metro West Park, include the company's headquarters and a technical center which houses engineering and manufacturing.

Sealant firm benefits from Plymouth Township location

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nick Schultz, president of Sealant Equipment & Engineering Inc., is pleased his worldwide business is headquartered in Plymouth Township.

"My father started the business in 1967," Plymouth Township resident Schultz said of dad Carl L. Schultz. The company has been based on Helm in Plymouth Township for about 25 years in Metro West Park, a DeMattia development.

The Sealant site includes headquarters and a technical center which houses engineering and manufacturing. The business has about 60 employees.

Its focus is engineering, design and manufacturing its own product line of material handling fluid dispensing systems. Those are for application of applying things like adhesives and sealants. In other words, the equipment, "not the goop."

"Every conceivable industry you could think of," the younger Schultz said. Other businesses formulate things like epoxy and urethane, and Sealant Equipment & Engineering customers select those materials.

Automotive, electronic, military, construction, recreational, energy/solar, medical and aerospace are among industries the local business works with. Some 85 percent of business is North American, but customers are also in



Nick Schultz

Europe, Asia, South America and Australia.

Sealant installs, services and supports their systems, which entails some travel. The

focus is on increasing production, "and then be there to support them for the life of the system. We perceive ourselves as being technically preferred. We're not a follower, we're a leader," Schultz said.

Fifty percent of systems are robot-integrated, he added.

From the fall of 2008 to the summer of 2009, General Motors and Chrysler stopped buying from Sealant, and Ford cut back as well.

"We were on general industry life support," Schultz said of his separate auto and general industry sales forces, which were a help in lean Big Three times. "Now we're seeing all sectors starting to rise."

Their biggest problem now is supply, with suppliers not having replenished inventory. "I guess it's a nice problem to have, but it is a problem," he said with a smile.

Nick Schultz works with his three brothers in the business. Their dad is still active as well, including work in business and as a Kiwanian.

"He does a lot of charitable work," Schultz said, including flying ailing patients with his own helicopter for Angel Flight. Nick, who earned a bachelor of business admin-

WHERE TO GO

Business: Sealant Equipment & Engineering Inc.

Location: 45677 Helm St., P.O. Box 701460, Plymouth, MI 48170

Phone: (734) 459-8600

Fax: (734) 459-8686

Website:

www.sealantequipment.com

Number of employees: about 60

President: Nick Schultz of Plymouth Township

istration degree from Eastern Michigan University, is active in Plymouth A.M. Rotary. Brother Jim is active with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

"We feel very strong about participating in the community, helping where we can," Nick said. Carl L. Schultz also has been involved in Penn Theatre restoration and reopening efforts.

Nick was 12 or 13 when the family moved to Canton. It was heavily cornfields. What's now Plymouth Salem High opened soon, and the four boys went there, being active in wrestling.

"The town of Plymouth has been our roots," Schultz said. "We have the best of all worlds." Easy airport and expressway access have helped as well.

"It's served us well and a lot of other people and families," he said of the family's business, adding the field is competitive.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Healthy eating

Hiller's Markets announces nutritionist Gail Posner, RD, MS, will lead one-hour tours to educate shoppers on healthy eating strategies. Posner will also address sensible and strategic choices for weight loss and various health conditions.

There is a \$25 registration fee and space is limited; interested parties must call 248-855-4558 to reserve a spot. Posner will conduct these guided tours 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Hiller's Plymouth location, 15455 N. Haggerty.

Dance lessons

Registration is now open at Metro Dance Company for the six-week Summer Dance Session. Classes for all ages, preschool - adult begin the week of July 12 and run through Aug. 20. Wedding choreography and private lessons in any style also available. Register now by phone at (734) 207-8970.

Metro Dance Company is a full-service dance studio offer-

ing classes for all ages, 2 1/2 - adult. The studio is located at 541 S Mill (Lilley), just outside downtown Plymouth. All information, including complete class schedules can be found online at www.MetroDanceCompany.com

Hospice Art Dash

The Arbor Hospice Foundation invites art enthusiasts and community members to enjoy an evening of art, wine, food and fun to benefit Arbor Hospice's pediatric hospice care and grief support services. The ninth annual Art Dash event takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, at The Inn at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth.

Throughout the night, guests will enjoy perusing extraordinary visual works, raffle and auction items, all while making note of their favorite pieces. After dinner, attendees kick off their heels and make a dash for the art piece of their choice. Every couple will go home with a work valued at a minimum of

\$250 - the average value of last year's art piece was \$459.

Patron tickets are \$350 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash"), benefactor tickets are \$500 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash" plus recognition at the event) and \$1,600 to reserve a table of eight (entitles eight people to attend and four to "dash").

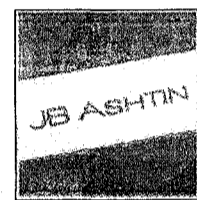
Art Dash also provides a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent to art enthusiasts, while supporting Arbor Hospice's community programs and services. Arbor Hospice is accepting donations of original pieces of art for the event. To purchase tickets or donate art, please contact Arbor Hospice at (734) 794-5122 or visit www.arborhospice.org.

Sponsors of Art Dash include: UPS; Hantz Benefit Services, LLC; Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, P.C.; The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Associates; REI; Community Financial; Michigan Commerce Bank; and OfficeStar.

Plymouth firm shifts corporate identity

The JB Ashtin Group, Inc., a recognized leader in the medical communications industry, today announced the unveiling of the company's new, completely redesigned corporate brand identity. Now known as JB Ashtin, the new name reflects a significant transformation of the company's corporate identity in a forward-looking, fresh design, but with the same client-centric philosophy that has been built on a history of delivering premier scientific strategic solutions to the pharmaceutical industry.

"Our new brand reflects who we are, the markets we serve, and the innovation that differ-



entiates us in our industry. We have expanded our business, created new

processes to meet ever-changing industry guidelines, and acquired new capabilities to ensure we make it more convenient for our clients to work with our team," said Joan K. Bradley, president and founder of the company.

The new logo, now a streamlined treatment of the name - JB Ashtin, is presented in a vibrant red, symbolizing pas-

sion, creativity, energy, and commitment. It embodies JB Ashtin's connections to its clients, partners, and industry.

"Our brand is one of our most prized assets, and the value it brings to our business is immeasurable. Our clients and our employees connect the most with what the brand stands for - quality, personal service, and passion for our business. Today, we're strengthening all of our attributes and giving our brand a contemporary look that is more relevant for business today - a bit less formal, a lot more energy, with links to our heritage and a focus on the future," added Bradley.

CHAMBER CHAT

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 21st annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth on Monday, May 24, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Inn at St. John's, located 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community; it's businesses, restaurants, and the people who live here. This year they are again anticipating this event to be a huge success with over 700 attendees.

Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary food, a cash bar and a chance to win over 70 door prizes. For the first time ever there will be a live Chef's Cooking Challenge with three judges and an announcer describing the action.

Also, as part of this event, they are recognizing outstanding citizens from our local service clubs and presenting scholarships to local students.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Community Financial.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

E-mail power

The chamber presents a "Power of E-mail Marketing Workshop" 9-11 a.m. Friday, May 21.

According to research conducted by the Direct Marketing Association, email marketing generated a ROI of \$43.62 for every dollar spent in 2009. No business in Southeast Michigan can afford to be without this most powerful resource.

All workshop attendees will receive Constant Contact's Email Marketing workbook (a \$15 value) plus a 60-day trial membership to the Constant Contact email marketing service, including full use of training, toll-free customer support, and interactive website. No credit card



Plymouth's Barefoot Productions presents its final show of the season, 'Steel Magnolias,' through May 23 at the former Walker-Buzenberg building in Plymouth.

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The workshop will be presented by Derek Freund, a multi media marketing expert and one of Constant Contact's top Business Partners. Derek's recent Power of E-mail Marketing workshop surpassed the local event attendance record by a whopping 300 percent.

There is no charge to attend this workshop and only 35 seats are available. The workshop will be at the Chamber office at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. To register, please email teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Barefoot presentation

Barefoot Productions' final show of the season, Steel Magnolias, runs through May 23, featuring an all female cast. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.justgobarefoot.com and clicking on the Ticketleap link, or by calling the box office at 734-560-1493. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and students.

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Time/Date: May
Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
Details: Exhibit of figurative works, from minimalist and abstract to detailed
Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll-free) or (734) 453-5400

Northville Arts House
Time/Date: Through May 15
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JD's House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m.



Dave Coulier's performance May 15 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, in Detroit, will benefit Forgotten Harvest.

Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Ian Bagg and Nathan Timmel, May 12-15; Marc Ryan and Johnny Beehner, May 19-22; Elliot Branch and Mary Ann Demoss, May 26-29

Coming up: Comedy for a Cause sponsored by Zonta Club of Western Wayne County, 8 p.m., May 17. Tickets are \$15. Call Sally Randall at (734) 464-3728
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Ian Bagg plays through May 15 at Joey's Comedy Club, in Livonia.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Jeff Jena, May 13-15; Rocky LaPorte, May 21-22; Mike Green, May 27-29
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, May 15
Location: 350 Madison Street, Detroit
Details: Dave Coulier and Ken Brown perform, with proceeds benefitting Forgotten Harvest; tickets start at \$25
Contact: Tickets available through Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or the Detroit Music Hall box office at (313) 887-8501



Open Land plays Saturday, May 22, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

CONCERTS

The Ark
Time/Date: The Spring Standards, May 13; Vincent York's Jazzistry, featuring Marcus and Joan Belgrave Experience, May 14; Ralph's World, 11 a.m. May 15; Josh White, Jr., 8 p.m., May 15; Natalia Zukerman, May 16; Sue Foley and Peter Karp, May 17; Dan Bern, May 18; Crash Test Dummies, May 19; May Erlewine and Samuel Seth Bernard, May 20; Suzy Bogguss, May 21; Eilen Jewell, May 22; Dala, May 23; Matt Andersen, May 25; Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May 29
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
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Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts
Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May
Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjm-mullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag
Time/Dates: The English Beat, May 20; The Mega 90's, May 21 and June 5; The High Strung CD release party, May 22; Members of Morphine, May 28; MacPodz, June 6; The Original Waiters, June 9
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Memphis Smoke
Time/Date: Sunday, May 16
Location: Corner of 11 Mile and Main in downtown Royal Oak
Details: The Alligators, a blues band with members from Livonia and Farmington, release its new CD, "Down at Big Katies"
Contact: (248) 543-4300

Music Hall
Time/Date: Discovery Series with Judy Adams, May 18 and 25; High Profile, May 19 and 26; Hatian Benefit CD release party, May 20; Tim Reeves, May 21-22, \$5; Music Hall Star Search Finals, May 27
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Jazz Cafe performances
Contact: (313) 887-8500

Seligman Performing Arts Center
Time/Date: 8 p.m., May 15
Location: 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills
Details: Pianist Yuja Wang performs at this Chamber Music Society of Detroit concert; tickets are \$43-75
Coming up: Parker Quartet, 8 p.m. May 22
Contact: Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070 or online at www.comehearcm-sd.org

Trinity House Theater
Time/Date: Bill Mallonee, May 21; Open Land with Jessica Ripka, May 22; Sweethearts of the Yellowroom Gang featuring Kitty Donohoe, Annie Capps, Jill Jack and Allison Downey, June 4; Wayward Roots, June 5; Jennie DeVoe, June 11; Chris Trapper with Billy King, June 12
Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia



Yuja Wang performs at the Chamber Music Society of Detroit concert series on May 15.

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.
Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Penn Theatre
Time/Date: "Shutter Island," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 14-15; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, May 16
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: \$3 admission
Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre
Time/Date: 8 p.m., May 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 15
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "Singin' in the Rain." Admission is \$4
Coming up: "The Music Man," 8 p.m. May 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 29
Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Institute of Science
Time/Date: "Artology: The Fusion of Art and Science at Cranbrook" showcases the work of artists whose creations intersect with science; through June 4
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum
Time/Dates: "Show and Tell Collectibles" exhibit, through June 13
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Coming up: "Show and Tell" takes on a new dimension at the Plymouth Historical Museum when collectors display their collections and possibly sell an item or two. "Show and Tell... and Sell" Showcase will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 15.
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Maureen Miles (at the piano) rehearses her musical story of Job with singers Brian Dalling, Russ Bettridge, and Eugene Cottle.

Church presents contemporary musical about Bible's Job

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

A musical story about the biblical Book of Job premieres at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bloomfield Hills Friday, with encore performances set for Grand Rapids on Saturday and Westland on Sunday.

"You don't think about the Book of Job being a real finger-snapper," said Susan Mendenhall, public relations coordinator for the Westland Stake. But Mendenhall listened to a CD recording of the musical, written by Maureen Miles of Melvindale and performed by the Michigan Concert Choir and found "delightful music" and a story "everyone can relate to."

"This is in concert form. There is no scenery or special effects. It's a straight musical experience," Mendenhall said. "They have soloists, groups, individuals playing parts, with wonderful voices and all ages."

The debut performance starts at 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center, 37425 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

The local encore performance is 6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16, at the Westland Stake Center, 7575 N. Hix, between Warren and Joy, Newburgh and I-275.

The concert is free.

LABOR OF LOVE

Miles, a Latter-day Saints member in Dearborn, started working on the musical 20 years ago.

"I've written a lot of regular songs, Christian and country and I've written other musicals, but this is my masterpiece. It's probably my favorite Bible story. It's almost like a Cinderella story — they lose everything but get everything back in the end. God blesses you if you make it through the hard times," said Miles, a single mother of four grown children.

"I've been through a lot of heartache in my own life. In the Detroit area, with so much

heartache going on, it's the perfect time for this."

Miles started piano lessons when she was 8, began writing songs at age 12, and studied music at the University of South Dakota. She currently teaches music in Lincoln Park Schools, and as a motivational speaker gives workshops on "staying positive even though everything is falling apart around you."

FROM A SONG

The Job musical grew from a song she penned two decades ago.

"How would Job feel at the moment he lost everything he had? I thought that would make a good song. I wrote it and put it away for about 10 years."

But Miles, who loves writing about "positive attitudes" brought it out again and began rewriting, revising and expanding it.

Along the way, she used a little poetic license to create comic relief, adding characters, narration and a style that she says is more Broadway than sacred hymn.

"There are angels and devils. Job has crazy friends and they sing a comic song. His wife has friends who gossip. At the end of their song you have four melodies going at the same time and they sound like gossips. It's entertaining and funny to watch."

She said the levity makes Job seem more authentic.

"We tend to think of Job as a bent-over old man. Brian Dalling, who plays Job, is a relatively young man, tall and good looking. He makes the part of Job come alive."

Mendenhall's brother, Jim Jackson of Troy, plays Satan and adds a touch of humor to his character, Miles said.

Piano, organ and other instruments will accompany the 50-voice choir, which sings four to seven-part harmony on Miles' compositions.

For more information about the concerts call (734) 266-0533.

CALENDAR

FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine — a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith.

Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

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Contact: (734) 261-1455

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday

Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Bible study

Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

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Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

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Where can kids hand-dip a candle, raise a barn, watch eggs hatch and roll a straw bale? Kensington Metropark Farm Center's "Farm Camp" will offer them the chance to meet farm animals, play old-fashioned games, do some gardening and enjoy life on the farm.

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The one-week "Farm Camp" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, June 22-25. The fee is \$175 per child, ages 8 to 13. Children must be pre-registered; a limited number of spaces are still available.

Highlights of the camp include:

- Experiencing outdoor adventures, including rock climbing, nature hikes and a scavenger hunt.
- Doing a variety of craft projects, including candle dipping and printing T-shirts.
- Participating in pioneer life

activities, including an old-fashioned barn raising, learning rope skills and teamwork.

- Exploring animals and their life cycles: watching eggs hatch and hand-milking a cow.
- Playing old-fashioned games, such as sack races, eggs toss, straw-bale rolling and needle in the haystack.
- Discovering how to groom and care for the farm's draft horses, taking a horse-drawn hayride and hand-plowing the fields.

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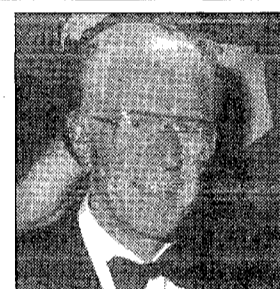
A long time resident of Redford Township and Livonia, passed away on March 24, 2010 in Boise Idaho. She was born September 21, 1928 in Detroit. She grew up mostly in Flint, Michigan and graduated from Flint Junior College. She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in English from Wayne State University and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. She worked for 25 years in Detroit area libraries and was the head librarian in Dearborn Heights and Redford Township. She was preceded in death by her son David. She is survived by son Steve, daughter in law Lisa, sisters Susan Hammond and Carol Vargo, and brothers Herb Shubick and Bill Shubick. A memorial service will be held on May 15 at 1PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 30650 Six Mile Road in Livonia. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, make donations to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

RICHARD C. MEACHAM

On Sunday, May 9, 2010. Dear father of Richard (Pamela) Meacham, Katherine Etherington, Jennifer (Lynne Getz) Cohen-Jordan, Jeffrey Meacham, John Meacham, Lucas Meacham and Kimberly Meacham; dear brother of Terry Fischer and Susan Wright; dear grandfather of 10 Susan Wright; dear grandfather of 11; dear uncle to several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Kutis South County Chapel, St. Louis, MO.

PATRICIA M. WEBBER

Age 42, of Canton, MI, died May 7, 2010. Born March 21, 1968 in Wayne to Richard Fulner and Evah (Tatman) Seiber. Survived by her loving husband, Edward, children, Mandi Reitenga of Canton, Christopher Reitenga and Ryan Reitenga, Edward (Jami) Webber III, all of Belleville, Sarah Webber of Chelsea, Joseph Webber of Canton, Thomas Webber of Belleville, Elizabeth Rose, 3 grandchildren, Brice Webber, Luke Thompson and Louis McCary, her parents Harry and Eve Sieber, 2 brothers, Jon Seiber of Ypsilanti and Brian Seiber of Clarkston, also a sister, Diane Romas of Wayne. Patti loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She believed in continuing her education and was studying for her Master's Degree in Nursing while working as the manager of the HIC Department at William Beaumont Hospital, Detroit. Funeral Service held at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, Tues May 11. Memorials to Susan G. Koman for the Cure. www.davidcbrownfh.com



J. KENNETH SCHENDEN

Age 93 of Rochester Hills, May 10, 2010. Loving Husband of Wilma. Dear Father of James M. (Carolyn) Schenden, John J. (Kathryn) Schenden, Marilyn (Leo) Perazza, Dr. Michael J. Schenden and Kathryn M. (James) Nihls. Survived by 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Kenneth retired from GM after 40 years of service, was a life member of the K of C and Elks and a WWII Veteran. Funeral Mass Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 9:00 AM with an instate time of 8:30 AM at St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish 3665 Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 to 8 PM at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home 339 Walnut, Rochester. Memorials to Sister Jane Frances Miller, Memorial Endowment, C/O Congregation of St. Joseph, PO Box 29, Nazareth, MI 49074-0029.

Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

ROBERT EUGENE UTLEY

Age 97, May 7, 2010 of Ocala, Florida formerly of Farmington, Michigan. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (McClure) Utley. Dear father of Robert (Carol) Utley and Sheryl (Jon) Hartman. 4 Grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Pre-deceased by a brother Carlton Utley. Mr. Utley was a life member of the Farmington Masonic Lodge #151 in Farmington, Michigan. He retired from General Motors after 35 years as a machinist. He enjoyed golf, hunting, watching sports and telling a good story. In state Thursday 9:00am until funeral service 10:00am in the Chapel of Flowers-White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Arrangements by Price Funeral Home, Troy. (248) 689-0700. Memorials to the Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, Florida. 34478-4860. Share memories at: www.pricerfuneralhome.net



DOUGLAS D. WAACK

Age 63 of Canton Michigan passed away Monday May 10th at Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor. Beloved husband of Kay for 32 years. Dear father of Ken (Meg) Guinn, Jim (Denise) Guinn, Doug Guinn, Ken Waack and Doug Williams. Son of Russell Waack (deceased), Ruth Waack (deceased) and Grace Waack. Loving grandfather of Jeremy, Rachel, Yoshi and Christopher. Brother of Russell (Rettia), Ruthann, Judy, Joan (deceased) John (Dawn), Mike (deceased), Tim (Crystal), Jeff (Mark), Annie (Liz). Survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family. Services to be held Friday May 14th at Generations Funeral Home, 29550 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI. Visitation 11:00-12:00. Services at 12:30.



GLORIA "MARGARET" HULL

Age 95, May 11, 2010. Beloved wife of the late William Carl. Loving mother of Michael (Paulette) and Hillaree (William) Coseo. Dear grandmother of William and Chloe Coseo. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 1-9 PM and Saturday from 10 AM until Funeral Service at 11 AM. Memorials may be directed to St. Mary Mercy Palliative Care Fund or Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at: www.rgharris.com

SCOTT ALLEN KAUFMAN

Age 49 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Dawn. Loving father of Cory & Curtis. Also survived by many other loving family & friends. Memorial Gathering at Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 5 Mile Rd. (E. of Levan) Tuesday 5-9pm Wednesday 1-9pm Funeral Mass at St. Priscilla Catholic Church 19120 Pulingbrook Rd. Livonia 48152 Thursday Instate at church 10:00am Mass 10:30am. Burial immediately following Mass at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



HAZEL FAYNE LOVELAND (Nee McCoy)

Age 75, of Canton, formerly of Lincoln Park. Beloved wife of 54 years to David. Loving mother of Dr. Jeffrey (Kathryn) Loveland, Dr. Robert (Michelle) Loveland, and Cheryl (Dr. Miles) Hammond. Cherished Grandmother of Joshua, Sarah, Brian, Alexander, and Robert. Decendant of the McCoy family of Pikeville, KY. She will also be missed by the many who she brought pleasure to through her culinary skills. Visitation, Wednesday 4-8pm; Thursday 1-5pm at J.L. Peters Funeral Home 3880 Fort Lincoln Park. Mi. (313)-928-6500. In state Friday 10am until time of service at 11am at First United Methodist Church in Lincoln Park, Rev. Mary Tame officiating. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or The National Exchange Club. You can sign the register and print a memorial: www.jlpetersfuneralhome.com

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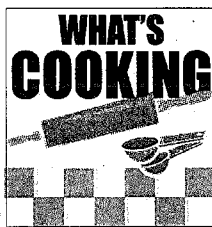
What's a Kiwano?

This strange-looking fruit has some serious spunk, according to Frieda's Specialty Produce Company that supplies exotic fruits and vegetables to

Also known as the African Horned Melon, the Kiwano is in the melon family, but is often described as a combination of kiwifruit and cucumber. It has a jelly-like texture and unique citrusy flavor. Native to the southern Africa, Kiwanos are grown commercially in New Zealand and Australia.

The Kiwano's signature spiky yellow shape and orange-yellow color makes it a popular ornamental fruit, but it has a delightfully unique flavor that is worth tasting.

With the Kiwano reaching its height of season in May, shoppers will find it in stock at Kroger stores throughout southeastern Michigan, including at 1905 N. Canton Center Road, Canton; 45540 Michigan Ave., Canton; 25780 Middlebelt,



Farmington; 37550 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills; 30935 5 Mile, Livonia; 44525 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; 9369 Telegraph, Redford; and 7350 N. Middlebelt, Westland.

Kroger stores at 5866 Middlebelt, Garden City and 36430 Ford Road, Westland,

also can order the fruit.

Once you get a few of these glowing jewels home, slice and squeeze out the edible jelly and seeds, eating it straight from the shell, or use in a salad, dessert or as a delicious garnish for meats. Scoop out the spiky shell and use it as a natural bowl to serve a salad or mousse.

GRILLED BEEF WITH HORNED MELON SAUCE

Also try this dish with grilled lamb or pork instead of beef.

- 1 Frieda's Kiwano
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- 4 cups shredded lettuce

1/2 cups julienne cut cucumber

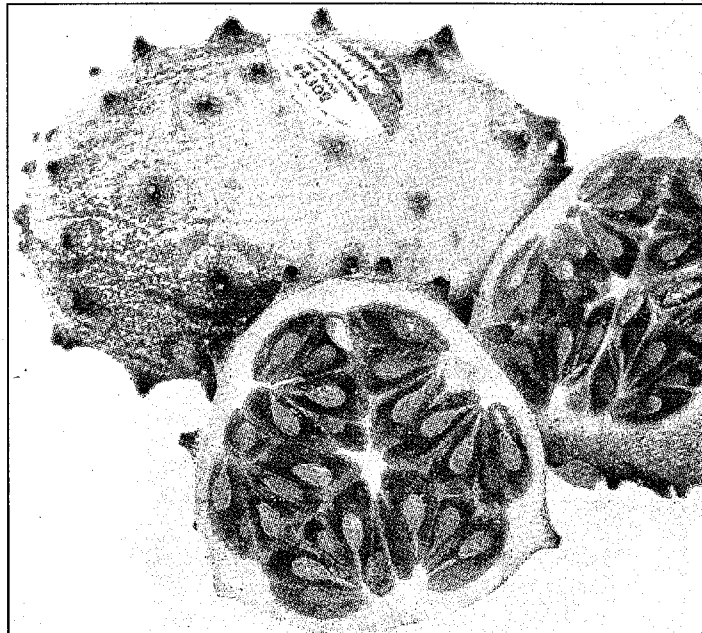
Horned Melon Sauce

Cut the melon into halves. Cut crosswise into thin slices. Cut off the outside skin. Cut the beef into thin slices. Grill or broil the beef to desired doneness. Arrange the lettuce on a large salad platter. Top with the grilled beef, melon slices and cucumber sticks. Spoon the sauce over the top. Makes 4 servings.

HORNED MELON SAUCE:

- 1 Frieda's Kiwano
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 green onion, minced
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 clove garlic, minced

Cut the melon into halves lengthwise. Use a grapefruit knife or small sharp knife to scoop out the pulp. Combine the melon pulp, lime juice, green onion, oil, cumin and garlic in a blender or food processor container. Cover and process until well blended. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.



Kiwano melon

CITY BITES



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Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers are located in Livonia, Royal Oak, Warren, Clarkston and Woodhaven. For more information call (888) KURTIS-1 (587-8471) or visit www.KurtisKitchen.com.

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Northville - The third Thursday of each month, beginning at 9 a.m., a local chef tours the Northville Farmer's Market, selecting fresh produce, preparing/demonstrating a recipe and offering samples and recipe cards. No fee or registration is necessary to watch them prepare foods. The chef schedule is:

- The Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern on May 20
 - Pasta e' Pasta on May 27
 - The Lark European Country Inn, June 17
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