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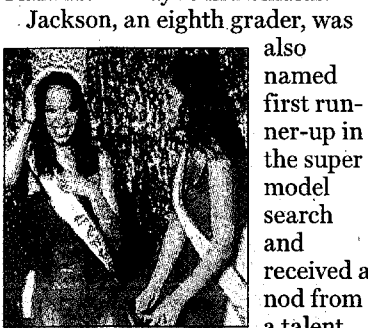
Anyone who has a question they'd like to have asked can e-mail the question directly to, *Plymouth Observer* Editor Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com) and the questions will be used during the interview process.

### Board workshop

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education will hold a special workshop meeting 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the E.J. McClendon Education Center on updating its policy covering school sponsored publications and productions. The public is welcome to attend this session.

### Teen queen

Pioneer Middle School student Lisa Jackson, 14, became Michigan's "Teen Queen" in her age category in the statewide Sunburst Beauty Pageant held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel May 16 in Romulus.



Jackson, an eighth grader, was also named first runner-up in the super model search and received a nod from a talent scout for a Chicago modeling agency. Lisa now goes to Atlanta in July to compete on the national level.

Along with winning the crown, Jackson received paid entry fee for the national competition; another photo shoot with Chicago model photographer George Papadakis; a watch and three-foot trophy; plus her crown, scepter, and state

# Taco Bell holdup suspects bound over



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Suspects in a holdup at Taco Bell include (from left) Joseph Brown, Romalice McDowell, Caleb Johnson, Derek Hubbard and Jerry Townsend. The first four were bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court; a decision on Townsend will be announced Friday.

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A former manager at the Taco Bell in Plymouth, accused of participating in an April 23 holdup that police contend was an inside job, will have to wait until Friday to learn the status of the case against him.

Judge James Plakas, after testimony in a three-hour hearing Friday in 35th District Court, sent four other suspects to trial on charges of armed robbery and using a vehicle during a felony, but postponed a decision on Jerry L. Townsend, the former manager, who was depicted in a security video with a pistol, held by one of the masked robbers, at his back.

Plakas said there was clearly enough evidence to send the other four to Wayne County Circuit Court, but that the evidence presented against Townsend was circumstantial.

"You have to make some, take some leaps, I'll admit," Plakas said after Townsend's attorney, George Dovas, argued the testimony "has no weight" against Townsend. Plakas said he would review his notes before making a decision and announce it Friday.

Townsend, 21, turned himself in May 6 and, like the other four, is charged with armed robbery and using a vehicle during a felony. He remained jailed on a \$100,000 bond; Plakas raised the bond to \$200,000 for each of the other four, citing the seriousness of the crime, and they also remained in custody after the hearing.

The other four — Caleb R. Johnson, 21, Romalice J. McDowell, 32, Derek M. Hubbard, 21, and Joseph D. Brown, 18 — were arrested minutes after the hold-

Please see **SUSPECTS, A5**



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Michael Campanella of Livonia, Tony Noble of Madison Heights, Dustin Bouton of Plymouth and Marc Coseo of Westland patch blacktop in the Compuware Arena parking lot. They were preparing for the opening of drive-in theater season. One of the three theater screens is seen in the background.

## Hockey king, but Compuware year-round facility

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hockey remains at the heart of Plymouth Township's Compuware Arena, but even non-fans — and nonskaters — will find something to do.

Skating classes, figure skating, hockey camps, drive-in movies, boxing and even professional wrestling all have their place on the schedule at Compuware, on Beck Road south of Five Mile. The 171,000-square-foot facility, with two sheets of ice and a restaurant, C.J.'s Brewing Co., that draws regulars from area businesses, opened in 1996. It is the

home of the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League, a developmental league. The Whalers won the OHL championship in 2007.

"Not everybody comes here because they love hockey," said Denise Ronayne, the arena's director of sales and marketing, last week. "Even if you don't love hockey, it's got all the other trappings."

Marketing director Pete Krupsky said the various events at Compuware, be it youth hockey, the three drive-ins or the skating lessons, each have a loyal crowd.

"They're as dedicated to what they do as the Whalers fans are to

the Whalers," said Krupsky, the voice of the Whalers on radio.

In addition to the Whalers, Compuware hosts a youth hockey league, learn-to-skate programs, a series of one-week youth hockey camps in August, with Whalers players as coaches, and the annual Michigan High School Athletic Association hockey finals.

"The state finals are a huge success every year," said Michael Henry, the arena manager.

"We like having the event here," said Krupsky. "Brings a different vibe than, say, the Whalers crowd."

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## MEA rally to decry funding

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Teachers and other union employees working in local school districts believe the state is trying to fund education on their backs, and Monday they plan to send what they believe is a firm message:

"Enough is enough." To deliver the message, the Michigan Education Association plans a variety of rallies Monday, including one in Plymouth that will feature not only employees of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, but also representatives from Livonia, Wayne-Westland, Garden City, South Redford, Van Buren and Gibraltar. Organizers expect representatives from teachers unions to be present, as well as employees from other unions such as custodial and transportation.

The rally will start at 5 p.m. with informational picketing at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, then move down Haggerty to Allen Elementary School, where a variety of speakers, including MEA Vice President Steve Cook, state Sen. Glenn Anderson and state Rep. Richard LeBlanc and other MEA leaders and political candidates, will address the gathering.

"We want to bring everyone together and make people aware of the situation we're in," said Joan Nenninger, president of Livonia Education Association. "Schools can't be funded on the backs of school employees. We've given many concessions. We're very concerned about the quality of education of our children and about class sizes."

Nenninger pointed specifically to the new rules passed last week by state legislators during a session that ended at 4:30 a.m. The measure, among other things, saves money by offering higher-paid teachers incentives to retire and filling most of the open positions with less-experienced, lower-paid teachers.

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# DSO signs on for Salem High School concert

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra were looking for prime locations for a free community concert tour to promote the DSO and bring its music to the masses.

And Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium is one of them. The DSO will perform one of eight free community concerts 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' largest auditorium.

The orchestra will be divided into two ensembles to accommodate two performances on some days of the tour. Music director Leonard Slatkin will share conducting duties with the American guest conductor Kazem Abdullah. Slatkin will conduct the DSO during its Salem High School appearance.

The concerts, which mirror a week of similar performance last fall, are part

of an effort by Slatkin and the DSO to reach new audiences by taking the orchestra directly to the people.

Plymouth-Canton school officials called the selection "an honor."

"We're excited to have Maestro Slatkin and the DSO come to our community," said Frank Ruggirello, PCCS director of community relations. "I think it's a great opportunity for the people in this community, who might not have had the chance to get downtown to see them, to hear some absolutely beautiful music and get to know a little more about the DSO."

Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved by calling (313) 576-5111.

The weeklong tour, which also features DSO performances in Beverly Hills, Detroit, Warren and Flat Rock, culminates with a free open house at the Max M. Fischer Music Center June 12.

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra conductor Leonard Slatkin brings the DSO to Salem High School for a 7 p.m. performance Tuesday, June 8.

# New Plymouth athletic gear shop throws its customers a party



JILL ANDRA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHY

Owners, customers, friends and neighbors joined in on the grand opening ribbon cutting at Sun & Snow, the new sporting goods store at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main in downtown Plymouth.

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new downtown Plymouth specialty sporting goods store rolled out not only the red carpet, but also the dinner wagon, the dessert table and the blues-rock band, for its guests on Thursday.

And the guests? Anyone who happened by the grand opening at Sun & Snow Sports, which sells athletic clothing, swimwear, goggles, skateboards, kayaks and other sports gear, with a

focus on snow and water sports. The store, at nearly 4,000 square feet, opened last month at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

Thursday's grand opening, with catering by E.G. Nick's and live music by the Steve Ponce Band, attracted a varied crowd: young parents with babies in arms, skateboarders, city officials, people from neighboring businesses. They lined up for food at the E.G. Nick's tent, set up on Penniman, and

packed into the store, which was offering 10-percent discounts.

Heidi Parent, one of the co-owners, said Sun & Snow has gotten a warm reception in the few weeks it's been open.

"They are really excited that we're here," said Parent. "It's new, it's fresh, it's something they haven't seen here before."

Sunglasses and fashionable athletic clothing have been selling particularly well in Plymouth, Parent said, and the store's had a demand for certain items, like performance swimwear and shorts and tops designed for triathletes.

Despite the warming weather, winter sports like skiing and snowboarding have been big topics, Parent said. "We've been talking winter with a lot of people," she said. "I think winter's going to be amazing."

Sun & Snow was dedicating 5 percent of its sales dur-

ing the event to the Miracle League of Plymouth, which is raising money to build a baseball field specially designed for disabled children. The store and the Miracle League are planning a "backyard decathlon" fundraiser for Kellogg Park next month.

Katra Stubblefield was browsing the store with friends. Though she lives in South Lyon, Stubblefield owns a business in Plymouth — Intuit Art Studios — and shops in town as much as possible. She's shopped at Sun & Snow several times.

"My husband and I do all our shopping locally," she said. "We were really excited when these guys opened."

The Plymouth location, which formerly houses the Parkside Gallery and Michigan Made & More, is Sun & Snow's second shop. The first store opened in Ann Arbor in 1971.

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### CORRECTION

The hours of operation at Eclectic Attic, a new consignment store, were incomplete in a story in the May 16 *Plymouth Observer*. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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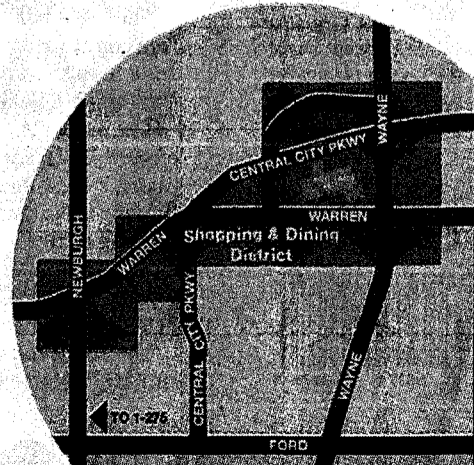
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# Carjacking suspect held on \$1 million bond

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An 18-year-old Detroit man was being held Friday on a \$1 million bond in the carjacking of a man outside a house in Plymouth Township Monday night.

Jamar M. McHenry was arrested after the stolen Mercury Milan crashed at Schoolcraft and Faust in Detroit a short time after the carjacking, which occurred just before midnight. McHenry was arrested after a foot chase, and police were still search-

ing for a second man in connection with the carjacking, said Plymouth Township Sgt. Steve Rapson, the detective in charge of the case.

The 60-year-old victim, of Brighton (not Plymouth Township as originally reported) was unhurt. He told police he was confronted by two men as he arrived at a house on Lilley Road Monday night, forced at gunpoint to lie on the ground, then robbed of his wallet and keys. The thieves then took the Milan, he said.

A pursuit began when a Livonia officer spotted the sto-

len Milan on eastbound I-96 some time after the carjacking. Police followed the car until the crash, in which no one appeared to be seriously hurt.

McHenry was arraigned Thursday on charges of carjacking and armed robbery, each of which carry a sentence of up to life in prison upon conviction. He was also charged with using a gun during a felony.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Friday in 35th District Court.

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## AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

### 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.

### Open house

PLAV Post #166, located at the corner of Amrhein and Eckles in Livonia hosts an open house for veterans and also the general public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, in remembrance of Memorial Day.

Refreshments and grilled food will be available for a donation to the Post welfare fund.

### Senior health

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging together with the Plymouth Community Senior Transportation and the City of Plymouth Recreation Department and Cultural Center will host the annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, May 26.

There will be plenty of vendors with health and wellness information and lots of give-aways. The chef from Heartland Plymouth Court will be on hand preparing healthy food for sampling. Other activities will include a one-mile indoor walk at 9 a.m., Senior Exercise with Ellie from 9-10:30 a.m., blood pressure checks, raffles and refreshments.

Contact Bobbie Pummill at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, or Kim Boyce at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 303.

### Jazz @ the Elks

Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 presents "Jazz @ The Elks," an effort to help keep Jazz, a unique American creation, alive and well in southeastern Michigan.



### Downtown hoedown

Members of the P-CEP Choirs, under the direction of Salem High School teacher Jennifer L. Kopp, did backup duty for country artist Jaron and the Long Road to Love' at the Downtown Hoedown in Detroit. According to Kopp, the choirs performed at the request of Hoedown sponsor WYCD 99.5-FM.

The next program will be the Sven Anderson Trio 7-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. The trio consists of Sven Anderson on piano, John Barron on bass and Rob Emanuel on drums.

There is no cover charge but donations are appreciated. Great music, great times at the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, located on Ann Arbor Road (near Haggerty) in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1780 for more information.

### Tiny Tots open house

The Plymouth Salvation Army's in-house preschool program, Tiny Tots, hosts an open house Tuesday, June 1.

There will be opportunities to attend, one in the morning (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the other in the evening (5-7 p.m.).

Corps officer Capt. Jolene Hull, Tiny Tots director Sheila Johnson and Tiny Tots assistant Lisa Spielman will be on hand to answer questions or concerns regarding the play-based curriculum. The open houses provide parents the chance to visit the facility, meet the preschool staff and learn about program philosophy.

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464. Preschool information is also available at the website, www.misalplymouth.org

### Dignity of Life series

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church hosts its Dignity of Life series, "What Every Parent Needs to Know About His Child's Sexual Health," featuring Dr. Miriam Grossman, author of the best-selling book, "Unprotected," and her latest, "You're Teaching My Child What? A Physician Exposes the Lies of Sex Education and How They Harm Your Child," 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 26.

The evening is for adults, but high school students at least in their junior year are also welcome. Grossman will be available for book signing. There will be a free will offering. An optional buffet dinner is available at 6 p.m. for \$10 each.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is located at 47650 North Territorial in

Plymouth. For more information, please contact Mark Renfer at mark.renfer@gmail.com.

### 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 Winkleman 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.

### 'Sister' charity

Looking for my Sister plans a charity eat-along, "Survivors Helping Survivors One Life at a Time," at Bennigan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, Thursday, 10 a.m. to midnight June 3.

Looking For My Sisters is a leader in the fight against domestic violence, the only domestic violence organization in Wayne County that provides post-emergency assistance and support programs. The group's website is at www.lookingformysister.org.

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Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2010-11 school year. This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 24-June 7, 2010 at Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia 48152 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

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# EDUCATION

## All dressed up

### Duct-tape dress makes prom a sticky situation

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Miranda Madias found herself in a pretty sticky situation at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park prom Friday at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

And it was a situation of her own making.

Madias, an 18-year-old senior at Canton High School, didn't reach into her own closet for a dress to wear, nor did she head to her nearest department store to find just the right thing.

Instead, when Madias and her date, Salem High School senior Michael Skrzynski, outfitted themselves, they did it with material most easily found at a hardware store.

Madias and Skrzynski dressed in a dress and suit made almost entirely of duct tape.

"I've been working with duct tape since my sophomore year," said Madias, the daughter of Heidi Madias of Dexter and Marc and Debbie Madias of Canton. "I've made just about everything else, so I figured my prom dress wouldn't be that much more."

Madias said she started working on the outfits in April and figures she put some 200 hours of work into them. It took some 60 rolls of purple and green duct tape (for those uneducated in the ways of duct tape, it comes in some 20 colors, Madias said).

When she was done, she'd added a prom dress and suit to the more mundane things she's made out of duct tape, including bags, roses, shirts and even a Halloween costume she made a couple of years ago.

"I thought it was going to be a



Michael Skrzynski said his duct-tape suit, created by date Miranda Madias, was very hot. "Sweat was gathering on my shoes from dripping down my legs," he said with a laugh.

lot of work," Heidi Madias said of her daughter's effort. "She's been making duct tape stuff for years. It's a creative thing. It's like art work. She's creating and she enjoys it."

There were a couple of snags with the event. Although the design of her dress left Madias fairly cool, Skrzynski's suit made him extremely hot - "Sweat was gathering on my shoes from running down my legs," he said with a laugh - and they were at least able to dance.

Skrzynski said his suit was fairly tight in most places, but "there was plenty of room in the knees," he said, which made it easy to dance.

That allowed him to have fun in the unusual suit, the idea of which appealed to him from the moment Madias suggested it.

"It just sounded strange and different, and that's me," said Skrzynski, the son of Martin and Elaine Skrzynski of Canton. "I like to dance, and I also like to do things



Miranda Madias created her prom dress and date Michael Skrzynski's suit almost entirely out of duct tape.

that people don't understand. It's why I want to go into physics."

Now it's possible the duct tape clothing could pay off in ways other than surprising friends and family. Duct tape manufacturer Duck Brand is sponsoring its 10th annual Stuck on Prom contest, which will reward the creators of the top duct tape clothing in the country.

Entries - including Madias' - have to be submitted by June 7, and a panel of judges will select the top 10 to be voted on by on-line voters across the country (www.duckbrand.com). Judges will choose the top 10 based on workmanship, originality, use of color, accessories and quantity of duct tape used. During each

week of voting, the two couples with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.

The winners will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship; second place gets \$2,000, third place gets \$1,000 and runners-up each get a \$500 scholarship.

For now, Madias is basking in the success of the outfits.

"I ended up making the suit in about four days, so that was stressful, but beyond that it went really, really well," Madias said. "People were shocked at the amount of work I put into it... they thought it was cool."

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Innovative teacher

Rania Hammoud is innovative.

The Discovery Middle School sixth-grade Social Studies teacher recently submitted one of her school projects, "Black History Month Video by the Diversity Council," to the Public Broadcasting Service 2010 Teacher Innovation competition. She was selected as one of the second-prize winners.

Her prize winnings include teaching materials and supplies along with an engraved plaque and certificate. She will also be invited to partner with PBS and local public television stations as a leader in classroom innovation.

"Rania continues to be a shining example of the district's drive to promote diversity in our schools," Discovery principal Roche LaVictor said.

### History Day winners

East Middle School eighth-graders Madhurima Das, Brianna Lax, Sharanya Jayachandran and Neha Hafeez recently won the state competition for National History Day.

The students won the Junior Performance category and the James Campbell Award for Use of Oral History. They now advance to the national competition, which will be held at the University of Maryland in June where students from all 50 states will compete.

### Graduation tickets

Tickets for the 2010 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools high school graduation commencements are on sale now.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from Eastern Michigan University by phone at (734) 487-2282, on the EMU website or by visiting the university's ticket office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the door on graduation day.

Graduation takes place at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center on Sunday, June 13. All persons over the age of five are required to have a ticket to enter graduation.

### Salve Regina degree

Joshua Anthony Belfiore of Canton was awarded a bachelor of arts in Philosophy during Salve Regina University's 60th commencement last week in Newport, R.I.

Sister Jane Gerety, Salve Regina president, conferred 685 degrees, including 507 bachelor's degrees, 158 master's degrees, 16 certificates of advanced graduate studies, and four doctorates in philosophy.

Malaak Compton-Rock, founder of numerous charitable entities - including The Angelrock Project, an online e-village promoting volunteerism, social responsibility, and sustainable change - presented the commencement address and was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

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# SUSPECTS

FROM PAGE A1

up at Inkster and Schoolcraft roads in Livonia. Two BB pistols and a canvas bag with about \$3,000 in it were found in the car they were in, police said.

Taco Bell fry cook Penny Garcia was the first witness Friday. She said the eatery was robbed before opening that morning by three masked men in dark clothing. One of them pointed a pistol at her, she said.

"He told me to get down on the ground," Garcia said. "I started getting scared at that time and slowly got on the ground." She was face down, she said, and the gunman straddled her and put the pistol to her head.

Garcia testified she recognized one of the masked robbers, by his voice, as Hubbard, saying he was "tucked" behind Townsend, the manager. Hubbard had worked at Taco Bell for a few months, she said, and she also knew him as a friend of Townsend.

But upon cross-examination by Hubbard's attorney, Nicole Castka, Garcia said she was "not 100 percent" certain it was Hubbard. "I'm sure, yes, but part of me's not sure," she said.

Garcia also testified that before the robbery, Townsend had been unusually quiet when talking on his cellular phone, had let a female employee go home sick without replacing her as he said he would, and that, she later found, had let an employee tasked with cleaning the restaurant leave before finishing his duties.

The video shown in court appeared to show Townsend opening a safe for a man holding a gun on him. Police said two of the three robbers carried pistols and that the holdup occurred shortly before 10 a.m.

The cleaner, Isaiah Francis, testified Townsend allowed him leave at 9:40 a.m. to pay a ticket in Westland, despite not having completed pre-



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Derrick Hubbard is a former Taco Bell employee. Jerry Townsend was a manager working at the Taco Bell at the time of the robbery.

opening cleaning. "It was very unusual," Francis said. When he returned to Taco Bell, Francis said, the police were there.

Bethany Link testified that she was on Farmer near Mill Street some time after 9:30 a.m. that day when she saw three men walking toward her from the direction of the Taco Bell. One was carrying a bag, she said, and another was carrying a pistol.

The trio got into a navy blue Chrysler 300, parked in a gravel lot near the corner of Farmer and Mill, and left, Link said. The car had a fourth man in it, she said. She saw the police go by about two minutes later, she said, and later told an officer what she had seen.

Livonia Sgt. Jeff Teeter testified that, after hearing over the police radio about a holdup, he went to monitor traffic on eastbound I-96 near Farmington Road. He followed a speeding Chrysler 300, Teeter said, and pulled it over near Inkster as a possible suspect vehicle, he testified.

Just after asking for the driver's license, Teeter said, he learned the suspected getaway car was a dark blue Chrysler 300. With backup officers, the four men in the car were arrested. Teeter said

Brown was the driver, but indicated Townsend when asked to identify him in court.

Teeter said he looked briefly into the car and, under the driver's seat, saw a canvas bag that, upon tugging on it, appeared to have money inside. There was also a pistol under the seat, he said.

Plymouth Officer Jeff Jones, the detective in charge of the case, said money, two BB pistols, two cellular phones and items of clothing were found in the car.

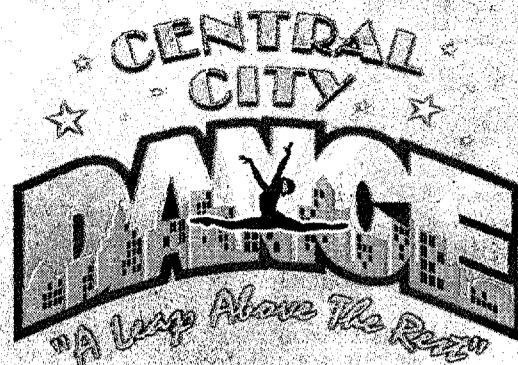
Jones testified that each of the suspects arrested April 23 admitted being present at the robbery, though McDowell said only that he had listened to a conversation planning the holdup and had waited in the car during the event.

"He doesn't show participation in any way. ... It's mere presence, your honor," argued his attorney, Wendy Barnwell.

Plakas, however, disagreed. "I believe there's no other way to argue than that probable cause has been demonstrated," he said of McDowell, Brown, Hubbard and Johnson.

The four will be arraigned in circuit court Friday, June 4.

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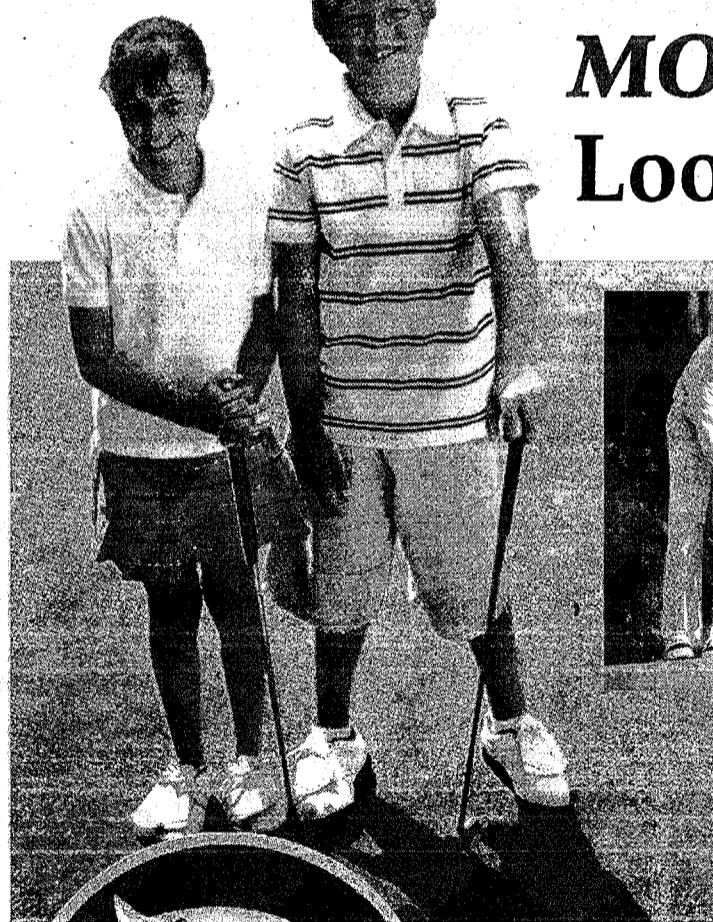
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# Expo offers facts, fun for area seniors

Nearly 1,000 people visited the 60-plus exhibitors and classes at last week's Senior Expo co-sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College.

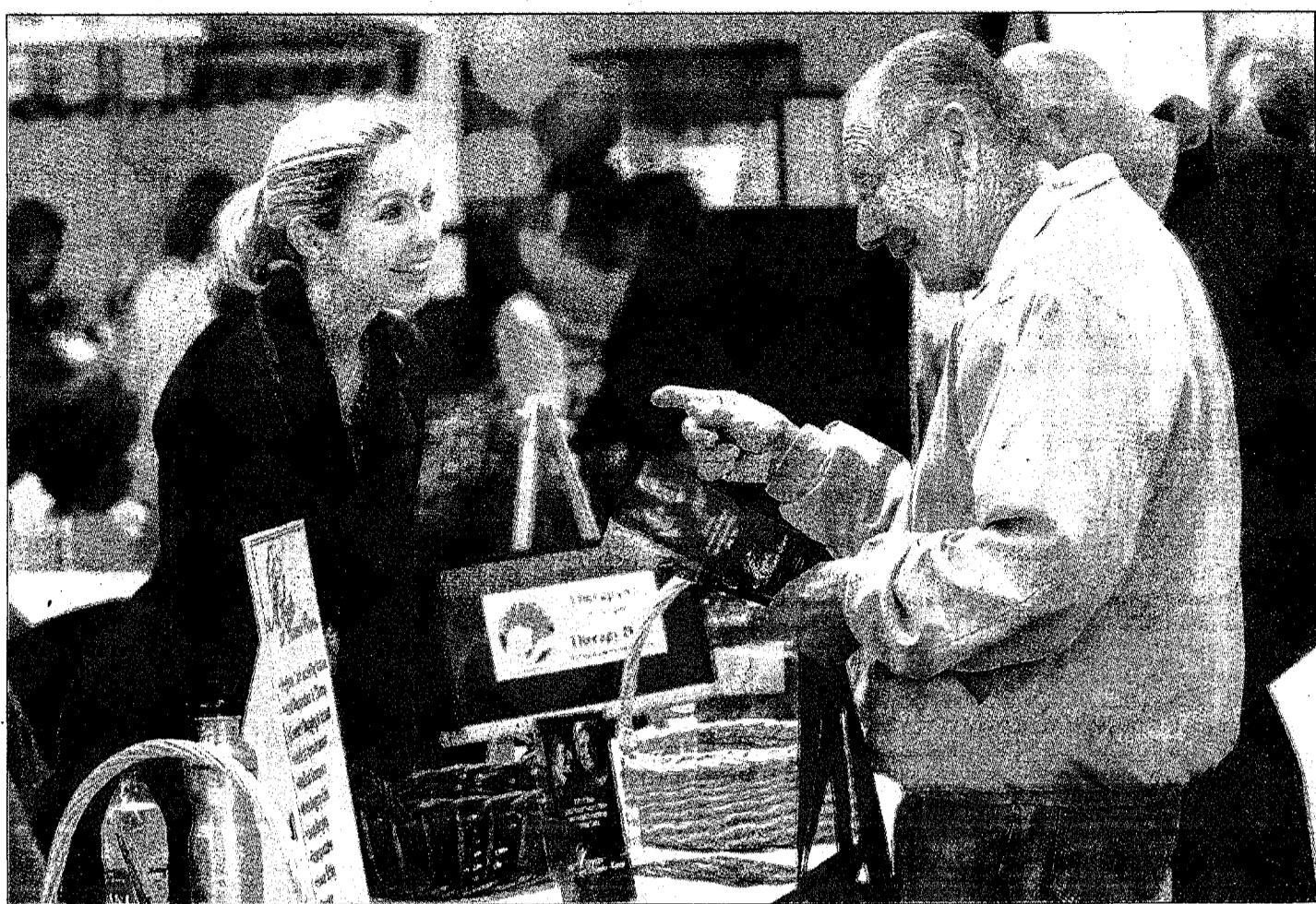
The VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft was packed early in the day with seniors eager to hear about new advances, techniques, information and services to make their lives easier.

Expo exhibitors included dentists, hearing aid providers, senior housing representatives and investment planners, among others. Classes focused on strength training, Medicare, eye health, dental health and home safety.

The crowd enjoyed free coffee courtesy of Solid Grounds Coffee House in Northville and orange juice and cinnamon melts provided by the McDonald's Corp.

"There's a lot of good information here, and you can always find something of interest to you," said one expo goer.

**Save the Date:** A fall Senior Health & Living Expo is planned for Friday, Oct. 15, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The focus is on health and living. Look for new classes, exhibits, demonstrations, health screenings, entertainment, free refreshments and door prizes. For exhibit and/or vendor information, call Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2414 or by e-mail at [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com).



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Anthony Talarek of Livonia speaks with Becky McCartney of Angels At Home Care.

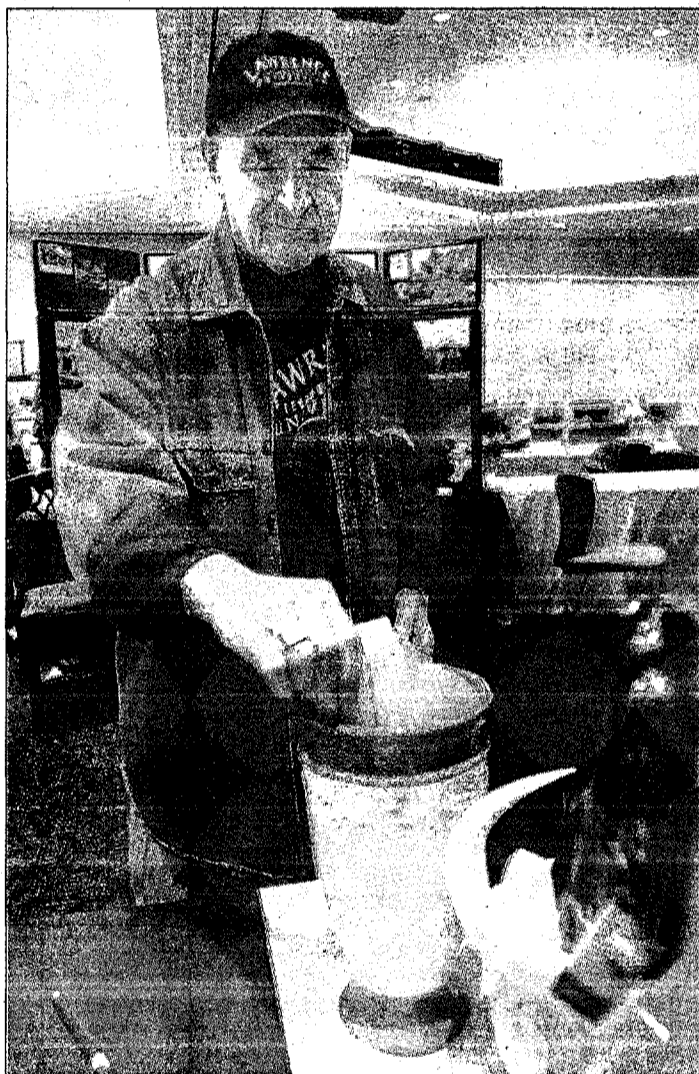


Senior Expo-goers Norm and Virginia Kleiner were married in 1943. They'll hit 67 years of marriage in June. The Kleiners live in Northville.



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Dr. Sheldon Smith, a low vision specialist, discussed how special glasses can improve vision offering seniors greater independence, safety and life satisfaction. Smith is an optometrist with Low Vision of Michigan.



Movses Movsesian of Plymouth Township enters a drawing at last week's Senior Expo.



Volunteers Jo Evans of Farmington Hills, Martha Stopchinski of Westland, and Adrienne Gutowski of Dearborn work the entrance table.



Rudy Horvat of Farmington Hills gets checked out by David Saginaw of HealthQuest.



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Scoop the O&E/Hometown Newshound caught up with Westland resident Leonard Poger for a photo.



Pam Mulliner of Priority Health speaks with Shirley Romeyn of South Lyon.



Mary Lemerand wants to talk with you about The Village of Royal Oak.



Dentist Abir Faraj talks dental care. Faraj, a Novi dentist, discussed dental issues those 65 and older face.

# COMPUWARE

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High schools from Livonia, Farmington Hills, Northville and Hartland all have commencements at Compuware, in addition to Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. The hockey teams at Plymouth High School and Novi Catholic Central High School have their home ice at Compuware.

Compuware began the drive-in movies several years ago through a lease arrangement, and this year bought the needed equipment. The drive-in season started over the weekend; offerings included *Date Night*, *Iron Man 2* and *How to Train Your Dragon*.

Compuware has also hosted wrestling and boxing and one concert, by country star Neal McCoy. Henry said the arena is looking for more concert business.

Compuware also used to host the Detroit Ignition of the former Indoor Soccer League and the Xtreme Soccer League.

C.J.'s Brewing Co. has been at Compuware since December 2008, replacing the original Ginopolis restaurant. The restaurant has six beers on tap, and typically four or five of them are from its eponymous microbrewery in Commerce Township. There is also a full line of bottled beers, including selections from other small Michigan breweries.

C.J.'s menu highlights include burgers, sandwiches, salads and pizzas.

"The pizzas are the star of the show, really," said Dave Doyle, the restaurant manager.

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The lunch crowd from C.J.'s Brewing Company fills the driveway at Compuware Arena.

# MEA

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The MEA used a heavy e-mail campaign to urge members to call legislators to block the plan that would require teachers to contribute 3 percent of their pay to retiree health care while making no assurances they will get that benefit when they retire.

"It's very disturbing to us as educators and as school employees," Nenninger said. "We need to send a message to Lansing that we need to find better ways to fund our schools."

The Plymouth rally is one of more than 40 such events around the state union officials say will call on lawmakers to find what they call "real, balanced solutions to our school funding crisis, rather than continuing the cuts-only mentality that has dominated the past decade."

"Our local communities want to send the message to Lansing that enough is enough," MEA President Iris K. Salters said. "The constant cuts to education are risking the future of our students and the future of the state itself."

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# Cup tourney a boon for business

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton hotels, restaurants and shops are eagerly bracing for an economic uptick during a Memorial Day weekend soccer tournament organizers say could draw as many as 40,000 people.

In its 28th year, the ever-growing Canton Cup is set to lure 670 soccer teams from metro Detroit, the Midwest, Canada and Scotland for a three-day tournament, May 28-30, that attracts youth and teen athletes, parents, coaches, diehard fans and curious spectators.

"It's huge," tournament Director John Vaughn said, estimating the Canton Cup will draw 35,000 to 40,000 people. "It's definitely one of

the largest soccer tournaments in the entire Midwest."

The economic impact, though immeasurable, is certain to have a ripple effect across the township and beyond as players and their supporters seek lodging, restaurants, movie theaters and places to shop, local officials and merchants say.

"We do expect it will have a very great impact on the local economy," Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Kathleen Salla said. "It means a lot to our hotels and, of course, our restaurants will be very busy."

Vicky Hulslander, manager of the Fairfield Inn near Haggerty and Ford Road, said all 117 rooms already have been booked for the Friday and Saturday nights of the

tournament.

"Every year we sell out due to the soccer event," she said. "I love it every year. I love it when the kids come to town. It really kicks off our summer."

Richard Costantino, owner of Rose's Restaurant near Canton Center and Cherry Hill, said local eateries such as his benefit by delivering food to soccer sites and by opening their doors to hungry patrons.

"The families do come out after a game and visit the restaurants," Costantino said. "It's like a real boost with them coming in."

Business from out-of-town customers offsets what otherwise would be a slow Memorial Day weekend when many locals either leave town or have family cookouts, he



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said.

Local officials plan to help businesses and, indeed, the township cash in as much as possible by promoting Canton as a destination — long after the soccer tournament has ended — due to its restaurants, shops, parks and other amenities, along with its geographic location between Ann Arbor and Detroit.

Dianne Cojei, Canton Chamber of Commerce president, is enlisting volunteers to work two-hour shifts at Shop Canton gazebos in Independence and Heritage parks. Materials promoting Canton will be handed out, amid hopes of steering visitors to local businesses.

"I think it's always exciting when there are new people

coming in," Cojei said. "This soccer tournament brings in a lot of people, even from the surrounding area who can easily come back here."

The business community, she said, "can't lose."

Salla, the DDA coordinator, said copies of a brand-new Canton Community Visitors Guide has been sent to local residents, but also will be distributed to visitors during the soccer tournament. The colorful, 40-page magazine is packed with information about Canton's history, recreation amenities, Ford Road art sculptures, shops, restaurants and hotels, plus it includes maps of shopping areas and the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.

In a show of community

pride, Salla said some of the DDA district's colorful banners along Ford Road are being temporarily replaced by banners that sport a soccer ball image and the words "Canton Cup."

Vaughn, the tournament director, said this year's event, a cooperative effort by the Canton Soccer Club, Canton Leisure Services and many others, is expected to be "even more memorable" due to an influx of international players.

For more information, log on to [www.cantonsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsoccerclub.com) or the tournament Web site at [www.cantonsoccer.net](http://www.cantonsoccer.net). The *Canton Observer* will also provide more coverage.

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# Husband-wife showcased at local Gallery exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill showcases the art works of ceramist John Mrozik and photographer Heather Sisto through May 28 in the Gallery at VT. This husband and wife duo has a combined total of 40 years of experience in their areas of interest.

Mrozik, winner of the Best in Show in the 2008 Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, is known across the state for his detailed creations of brightly colored ceramic tea pots, with over 50 percent of his teapots created in bright red.

Currently hailing from Flushing, the couple draws inspiration for each other's work. Mrozik describes his works as both, functional and artistic works.

"The functional would be cups and bowls and casseroles and vases," said Mrozik. "The more artistic works are usually teapots."

John Mrozik started working in this medium at a pottery class at Flint Institute of Arts more than 30 years ago. He was taken in by how sensuous the clay is when it's wet.

"It's the basics: earth, water, fire and air," Mrozik said. "People don't think of air

being a part of it, but you need air to have fire."

Although Sisto has just recently started exhibiting her work, she has been accepted into several juried shows. The textures in her photographs of natural and architectural elements complement the textures and colors used in Mrozik's classic and whimsical teapot creations. Exhibited teapots range from classic sets of 10 inches to massive structures of 50 inches or taller.

This multi-media art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during public performances at the theater. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

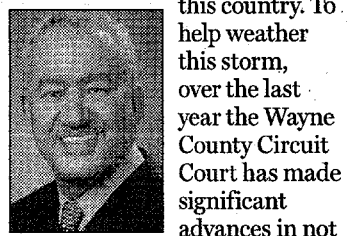
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is a regional center for the arts that offers the magic of live theatre, soul-stirring music, the thrill of the dance, and the enjoyment of fine art exhibitions and events, in addition to providing a home for several cultural organizations and community groups. For more information about this latest exhibition, please call (734) 394-5300 or visit [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org).



The work of ceramist John Mrozik, known for his detailed creations of brightly colored ceramic tea pots, will be featured at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill through May 28.

# \$25 Million savings: Circuit Court and going forward

President Barack Obama acknowledged in his State of the Union address that we, as a people, face "big and difficult challenges" thanks to the economic storm that has rocked this country. To help weather this storm, over the last year the Wayne County Circuit Court has made significant advances in not only reducing its own costs, but also saving



Judge Virgil C. Smith

or earning the State of Michigan and Wayne County significant amounts of money.

How significant? The \$25,288,562.00 is precisely the amount of money that the Wayne County Circuit Court has earned for or saved the citizens of Wayne County and the State of Michigan over the past year. To achieve this, the court has trimmed its own operations through eliminating positions, cutting back on benefits and reducing inefficiencies.

Beyond these traditional cost cutting measures, the court has also accomplished large savings in successfully renegotiating contracts with attorney groups who represent minors in juvenile proceedings, and revising its procedures in its Juvenile Division which resulted in huge multi-million dollar savings for the County's Child Care Fund.

The court has brought about these accomplishments in the face of unique challenges.

First, the court has the largest caseload in the state, as well as one of the largest in the country. In 2009, the court's total caseload was 114,196 cases of all types, out of which were 79,741 new case filings of all types. And these statistics do not take into account approximately 12,000 post trial motions that are filed with the court in domestic relations cases after a case is supposedly closed! Nor do these statistics reflect the 286,674 open cases serviced by the Friend of the Court.

Second, the court lacks much of the technology that has enabled other neighboring courts and indeed, county government to maximize their effectiveness. For example, several of the court's computer systems are based on technology that, while current in the late 20th century, are now obsolete as we move into the second decade of the 21st century. Amazingly, the court still labors under several computerized systems that cannot communicate with each other!

Lastly, unlike virtually any other court in the state, the court's core operations in its four divisions (Criminal, Civil, Domestic Relations and Juvenile) and the Friend of the Court - both judicial and administrative - are spread out over four buildings, spanning a distance of more than 2 1/1 miles! The fact that the court's computer systems are not integrated and modernized only exacerbates the logistical prob-

lems faced by the court's administration in operating out of four buildings.

While staggering caseloads are an immutable fact of life for the court, having obsolete technology and being spread out over multiple sites need not be. Several months ago, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano outed the fact that the county had spent more than \$30 million to acquire and technologically modernize the Guardian Building, and that by moving the county's administrative offices from the old County Building to the Guardian Building, the county would annually save \$2 million (more recent news accounts peg the total acquisition and renovation costs at \$47 million with savings of almost \$3 million per year).

Certainly, by that yardstick the county could use the savings and earnings that the court has already realized and conceivably save up to another \$8 million a year by consolidating all of the court's operations into one suitable building. Further significant efficiencies would be attained by having one building house the court's operations. These would include reduced security costs. Also, considerable savings could be realized from the reduction in the costs of maintaining all these buildings, since three of four buildings (Lincoln Hall of Justice, the Penobscot Building and the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice) need significant rehabilitation given their present dilapidated condition. Relocating the court's operations into a consolidated building would also allow the court to modernize its technology in a cost-effective manner similar to what was achieved by the county's move to the Guardian Building.

Beyond the substantial dollar savings that would surely come from consolidating the court's operations into one building are the immeasurable benefits to the public that would be realized by having all divisions of the court in one building. For example, no longer would a family who had a juvenile matter in the Lincoln Hall of Justice have to travel back into downtown to have a domestic relations matter heard in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center or a Friend of the Court matter heard in the Penobscot Building. Instead, that family could have all matters related to it heard in one building by one judge, and thereby achieving the legislature's goal of "One Family - One Judge."

The only way to improve public service is to move the court into the 21st century. That means technological renovation and consolidation of court operations into one building. Citizens should demand these improvements for the fair, speedy and cost effective administration of justice by contacting their Wayne County commissioners immediately. We need to move forward now.

The Honorable Virgil C. Smith is chief judge of Wayne County Circuit Court.

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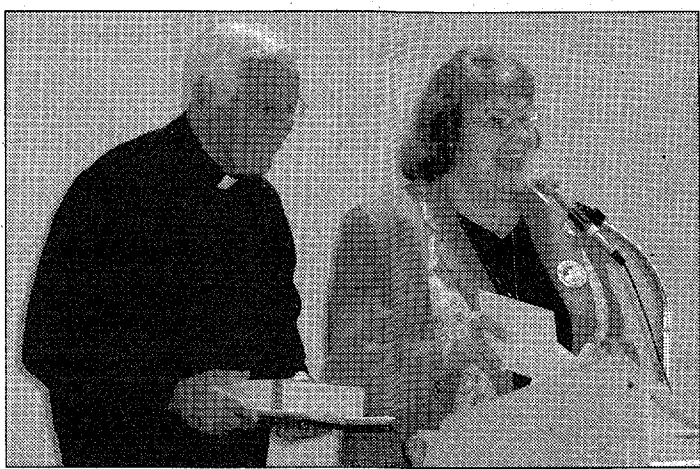
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# Madonna hosts Midwest Peace Conference

More than 100 peace emissaries from five Midwestern states and throughout Michigan attended the Midwest Regional Department of Peace Conference hosted by Citizens for Peace in Livonia May 14-16.

Themed "Making Peace a Priority: Vision; Experience; Practice," the conference featured hands-on activities and useful ideas attendees could take home with them, said organizer Colleen Mills, president of Citizens for Peace. The highlight of the conference, held at Madonna University, was retired Bishop Thomas Gumbleton's analysis of the consequences of war and the history of peaceful overtures in the United States.

A surprise guest was Congressman John Conyers, head of the House Judiciary Committee, who came unannounced Sunday and heard Gumbleton speak. Mills reminded the Congressman of the Citizens for Peace request that he work to get a "Peace and Non-violence" category added to the Library of Congress. He



Colleen Mills (right) presents retired Bishop Thomas Gumbleton with an award for being "An Instrument of Peace."

brought the house down when he promised to have Gumbleton meet with President Obama.

The focus of the opening Friday night activities was the need for legislation to prevent youth violence – The Youth Promise Act. Polly Anna Burnette-Egan, president of the Schoolcraft College Peace Alliance, recognized as the most active group in

the nation, reported on the National Student Peace Alliance Conference in Austin, Texas.

Mills opened Saturday's program with an overview of the Department of Peace legislation. Other activities and topics ranged from "Students Empowering Students" by Northville's Kevin Szawala to "Sharing - Idea Exchange" led by attorney Dennis Mazurek



Attendees of the Midwest Peace Conference gather for a group photo by the pond and fountain at Madonna University.

of Redford, who was responsible for initiating the first City Council endorsements for the Department of Peace, now numbering more than 38 nationwide.

A special video from Congressman Dennis Kucinich, author of the Department of Peace Bill, was viewed.

Restorative Practices, a technique of using peer influence in "Conferencing Circles" with adult facilitators as a means of combating bullying behavior, was demonstrated by Livonia resident Rosemary Doyle and a

group of volunteers who played the roles of involved sixth graders and school personnel.

Chicago-based journalist and Tribune Media Service Editor Robert Koehler led the participants in putting their passion for peace into words. Another Chicagoan, Antony Adolf, author of *Peace: A World History*, discussed how we can prepare for a Department of Peace. Illinois State Coordinator of the Department of Peace Campaign Karen Johnson explained the Peace

Alliance's Strategic Plan.

Meditation teacher Kathy Henning of Livonia closed the main part of the day with a meditative experience.

The presentation of the Upper Peninsula's Sue Belanger supplied all those attending with a 108-piece "Global Peace(s)" Puzzle, a depiction of earth from outer space. Then, working in teams of six to eight members, the audience completed the puzzle as Belanger narrated techniques for peaceful teamwork.

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# Skipping out on taxes is not a sound strategy

**Q:** Dear Rick: I went to a meeting a couple of weeks ago where a person said that income taxes are voluntary. I have attached the section of the Constitution and something from the Federalist Papers that was passed out at the meeting. I hate paying taxes; I think we are overtaxed and I agree with what the speaker said, that if we all stood up for our rights the system would change.



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

**A:** I don't like paying taxes any more than you do. The one thing the great majority of us have in common is that we don't like paying taxes. However, the issue is not whether we like it, but what the law says.

I wish I could tell you that taxes are voluntary. However, it would be irresponsible to do so. Despite reading the information

you provided, I cannot ignore the various court rulings regarding the government's ability to tax citizens. Every opinion has said the same thing — the government does have the right to tax income. Therefore, despite some interesting interpretations of the Constitution, the courts have ruled that you and I are liable for income taxes.

Over the years, I have read and heard about many people who have taken contrary positions when it comes to tax law. Some are nothing more than scam artists attempting to sell a scheme to avoid taxes. Some of these schemes preach ideas such as forming your own religion, or claiming that you are a charitable organization. People who do this are then caught by the IRS. The outcome should not be a surprise to anyone. In the end, they have to pay taxes, penalties and interest. In some cases, there is criminal liability.

Numerous people have been sent to jail for failing to pay taxes. Many have claimed, and honestly

believe, that taxes are unconstitutional. However, it doesn't matter if your beliefs are honestly felt or not.

People who claim taxes are unconstitutional can always point to some court decision here and there that supports their position. However, we should all recognize that while there are anomalies that occur in our legal system, we shouldn't be relying on them.

There is a difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion. Tax avoidance is not against the law.

The tax system allows you to take advantage of every provision of the tax law. After all, it is not more patriotic to pay more taxes than you have to. Therefore, there is no problem with using the tax law to your benefit.

On the other hand, tax evasion, failing to properly and legally

report your income and pay your taxes is something that will cause you problems.

One thing I've learned over the 25 years I've been involved in the financial world is that people who preach tax evasion or try to sell you certain investment products as a way of getting around taxes should be avoided and ignored.

If your main concern is on taxes, you are focusing on the wrong

issue. The focus should be on maximizing wealth. Reducing taxes doesn't necessarily increase your wealth. Therefore, I always tell investors that the key is not what you're paying in taxes but, rather, what ends up in your pocket.

If you focus on that, not only will your wealth increase, but you will also sleep better at night. Good luck!

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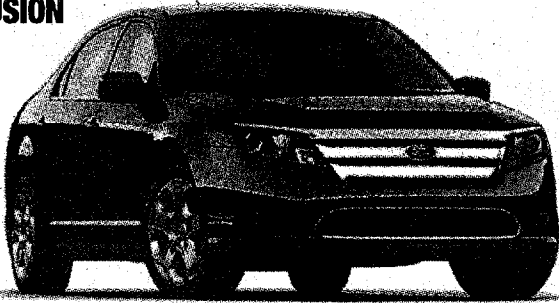


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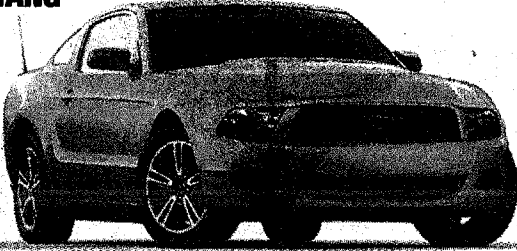
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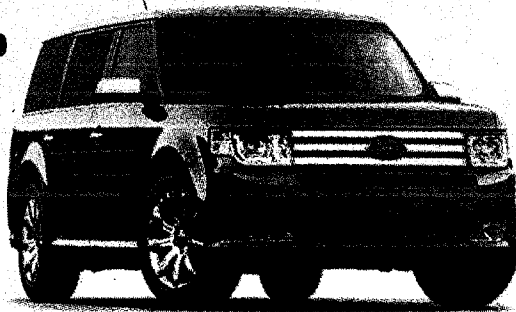


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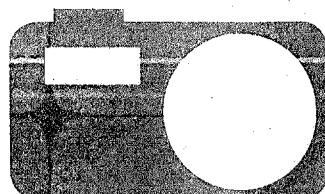
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## Galanty, Tidwell spark conference clincher

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All it took Wednesday for Canton to win its first baseball conference title since 2003 was one big swing by senior Joe Galanty. That blast — a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth against visiting Northville — came in the nick of time, providing the difference in a 2-1 win for the Kensington Conference championship. Galanty's fifth home run of the season helped senior pitcher Andrew Tidwell out-duel Northville's Colin Gerish. Both threw well enough to win.

"I was expecting a fastball. He missed a couple times with the curveball," Galanty said. "He hadn't thrown me one (a fastball) for a strike yet, so I was expecting it. I was ready for it." Galanty's drive sailed over the 355-foot mark in left-center and scored teammate Cody Blakita, who reached on a bloop single. "It took me a couple seconds (to react), because I didn't feel anything off the bat," Galanty said. "Once I saw it was gone, I was excited, it was great. We know how to score runs when we need to." But the KLAA South champion Chiefs (21-4) still needed to bring in senior pitcher Kevin Delapaz to close out the victory.

Northville's Connor Smith singled and moved to third with one out. Delapaz struck out a batter and then retired Greg Cheslik for the final out. Galanty's homer came shortly after the Mustangs (first in the Central) pushed across the first run of the game in the top half against Tidwell. Northville bunched together a walk, seeing-eye hit, bunt single and sacrifice fly (by Dylan Breault). The Mustangs could have added two more runs, but Canton second baseman Bernabe Salinas dove to field a grounder up the middle and shoveled the ball to sec-

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## Chiefs seal 'Legacy'

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Legacy Field is turning out to be the perfect built-in motivator for Canton's softball team, which Wednesday won the Kensington Conference title with a 9-2 victory over South Lyon. The No. 7-ranked Chiefs (22-3, 11-0 in the KLAA South) earned the right to play for the association championship on May 26 against host Lakeland.

"It's great for the girls, they're leaving a legacy and that's the name of our field," said Canton head coach Jim Arnold. "That's one of their goals, to leave a legacy for years to come and they've done that."

"They won their division, and won their conference so they'll get their numbers on the board."

Senior pitcher Amy Dunleavy gave up two runs in the first but then closed the door, allowing five hits and striking out seven — giving the Canton offense time to get going.

In the second, catcher Jessica Lerner blasted a two-run homer to score Katie Mattson (who singled), tying the game at 2-2.

The Chiefs went ahead to stay with six runs in the third, including RBI hits by

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## GAME WRAPS

**Boys golf**  
**PLYMOUTH CLINCHES DIVISION:** The Plymouth Wildcats defeated Canton on back-to-back days to capture the KLAA South Division.

After a 151-164 win Tuesday at Hilltop, the Wildcats clinched with a 143-161 victory Wednesday in a match at Fox Hills.

In the clincher, medalist Plymouth's Ryan Rieckhoff tied a school record with a nine-hole round of 32 strokes. He had plenty of company as far as excellence is concerned, with six other golfers from both teams eclipsing the 40-stroke mark.

In addition to Rieckhoff, Plymouth's Josh Heinze (35), Justin Bauer (37), James Bryans (39) and Kyle Rodes (39) were in that group. Ryan Bauer just missed, shooting 41.

For the Chiefs, Zach Conrad (37) and Brendon Muir (38) also finished under 40. They were followed by Josh Maxam (42), Kyle Korte (44), Travis Hall (44) and Frank Parzynski (46).

Plymouth improved to 8-0 on the season, while Canton dropped to 6-3.

On Tuesday, Bryans earned medalist honors with an even-par 35 as the Wildcats defeated the Chiefs.

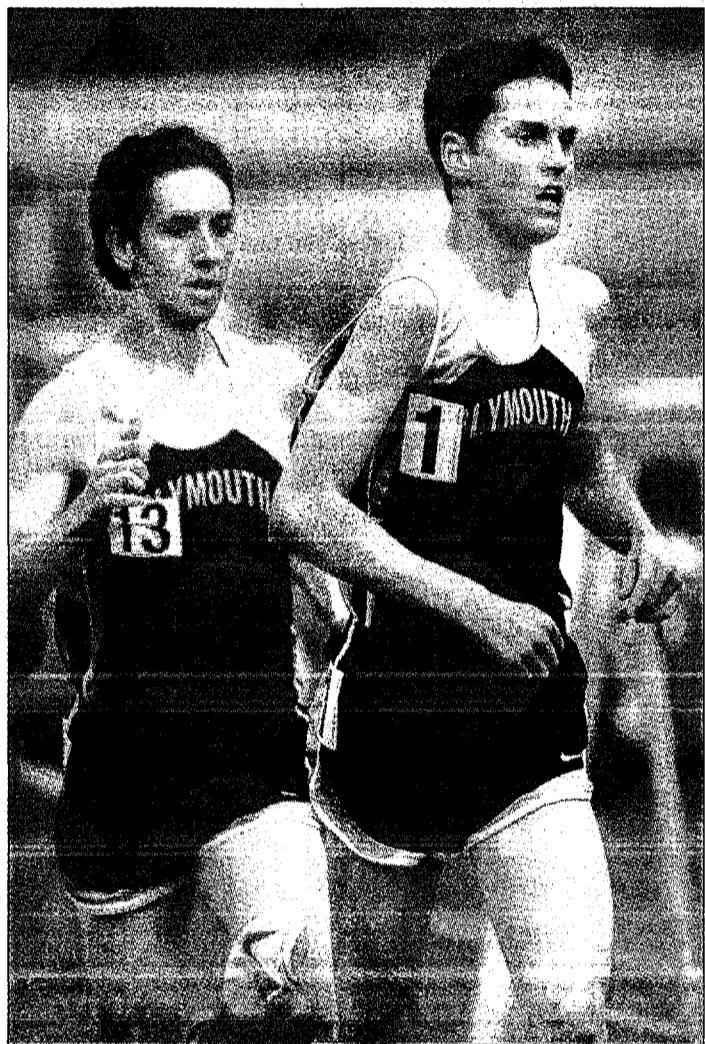
Heinze (38), Rieckhoff (39), Ryan Bauer (39), Justin Bauer (41) and Trevor Birdwell (47) rounded out the Plymouth scorecard.

For Canton, individual scorers were as follows: Muir, 40; Conrad, 41; Hall, 41; Parzynski, 42; Korte, 43 and Maxam 44.

**SALEM 163, NOVI 164:** Wednesday at par-36 Walnut Creek, Salem nipped Novi by a stroke in a KLAA Central dual match.

For the Rocks (4-4),

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The Division 1 boys track & field regional Friday night was suspended due to rain with two events left and was to be completed Saturday. But one of the events that did take place was the 1600-meter run, which Plymouth's duo of Warren Buzzard (left) and Matt Neumann finished 2-3 in.

## Rain check

### Plymouth boys in lead, but D1 regional on soggy hold

BY TIM SMITH  
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Mother Nature threw a curve into Plymouth's party plans.

But Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz and his Wildcats varsity boys track & field team still hoped to celebrate a regional championship before the weekend was all said and done.

Friday night thunderstorms forced suspension of the Division 1 regionals with Plymouth in first with 92.50 points — ahead of campus neighbors Salem (2nd, 79.00) and Canton (3rd, 70.50).

Twice, the meet was stopped 30 minutes because of thunder; another time it was thunder as well as too much standing water on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park track.

On Saturday morning, the 17 schools were to recon-

vene for the final two events, including the 3200-meter run and 4-by-4 relay. "Plymouth's never won a region," said Mikosz during one of several weather delays. "I don't think anybody in any other sport at Plymouth's won a region. It would be a pretty big deal if we could pull it off."

Mikosz emphasized that anything still could happen, noting that Salem's top-rated 4-by-4 relay team could win and creep 10 points closer. (Whoever wins the team regional advances to the team state meet, run by MITCA.)

No matter what happened Saturday morning, Mikosz knew the 4-by-8 relay team of seniors Matt Neumann, Warren Buzzard and juniors Justin Heck and Joe Porcari, broke a Plymouth record with a first-place time of 8:01.90. Since the top-two finish-

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## Chiefs nip 'Cats in division showdown

BY TIM SMITH  
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The usually hot campus rivalry between Canton and Plymouth's girls soccer teams bumped up a few degrees thanks to Thursday's tilt for the KLAA South Division title.

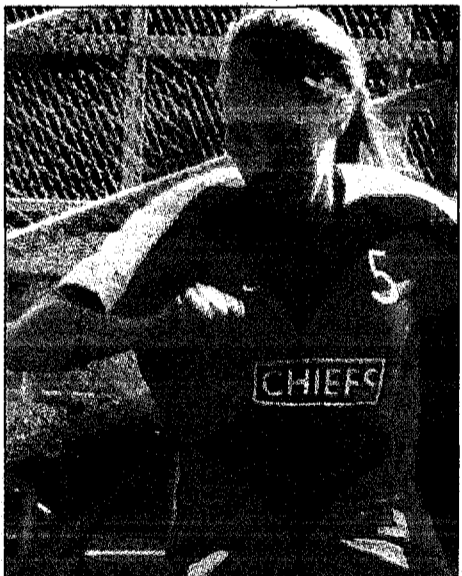
Canton's Megan Trapp scored in the first half and the goal held up for a 1-0 victory over the Wildcats to earn the division championship with a 9-0-1 record. Plymouth needed a win to take the division, but instead fell to 7-1-2 and second place with the defeat.

Weather-wise it was hotter, too, with the starting time moved back from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate an honors program for Canton seniors.

"On a hot day like this it was just the desire and the hard work that they put in there," said Chiefs head coach George Tomasso. "I give a lot of credit to all my reserve players that got into the game because they actually helped motivate and create a sense of urgency to help us keep applying the pressure."

Trapp's goal about 25 minutes into the match started with a corner kick from senior midfielder Lindsey Winters.

"She (Trapp) got on the end of it for a header to finish it," Tomasso said. "She



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton senior Lindsey Winters (No. 5), shown from earlier this season, took the corner kick that led to Thursday's only goal.

started at the penalty spot and then she made an arcing run to the back post and she got on the end of it, it was quite nice."

That was all that Plymouth goalkeeper Marissa Williams would give up as she played well. But Canton's tandem of

senior Sam McPartlin and junior Kayla Bridges was a little bit better.

According to Wildcats head coach Jeff Neschich, he thought some officiating played too much of a role in the final outcome of a game when the division crown was on the line.

"It's a shame that our kids worked so hard to get to this point of the season and the ref takes them out of the game like he did tonight," Neschich said. "He didn't call anything, so the advantage went to the more physical team. It wasn't fair."

### NOTEWORTHY

Neschich did highlight the efforts of several of his Plymouth players, including Williams in goal and others in front of her.

"McKenzie (Hengesh) and Megan Peplinski up top got behind them and caused a lot of chances," he said. "And our midfield was solid, our back four played a good game."

"(Kaitlyn) Moss and Meegan Hughes in the center were solid and good enough to win. It just didn't go our way."

For Canton, Tomasso said Winters "and all the seniors on the team" continued showing the strong leadership that they

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### AARON THOMPSON



**Who:** Aaron Thompson, senior co-captain, Salem varsity boys golf team.


**Miscellany:** Aaron, 18, a four-year varsity golfer whose parents are Annie and Alan Thompson, carries a 2.7 grade-point average. Known as "The Weatherman" for his ability to fight through the elements, Thompson's accomplishments to date include firsts at the Spring Classic Tournament at Forest Akers in East Lansing and at the 2009 Adams Summer Tour, also at Forest Akers. He took second at the Meijer tour in '09 at Edgewood.

**Captain's job:** "The job of a captain is to be a team leader in many ways. As a captain you need to represent your school, coach and your teammates. To always make sure the team is ready to play each and every match."


**Leadership style:** "I make sure I fire up the guys when they tend to be a little tight and try to loosen them up to play better on the course. I try to work hard at the game almost every day and then lead by my example of practicing to become better at golf."

**Why him?:** "One reason they choose me was for my love and deep passion for the great game of golf."

I am a four year varsity player for Salem golf. I want to be the best I can at golf and would like to thank Mr. Dave Kendall my golf instructor, my coaches, teammates and my parents who first taught me the game of golf."



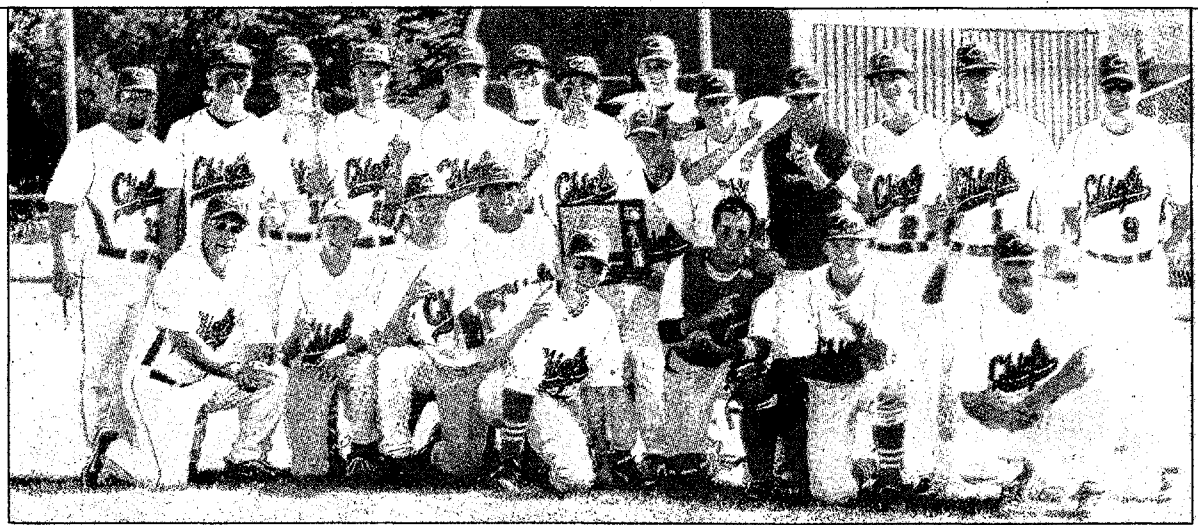
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The Canton varsity baseball team celebrates after defeating Northville 2-1 on Wednesday to win the Kensington Conference championship.

YVETTE DIXON

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ond for the inning-ending force.

WINNING ANSWER

"They scratched one out on a nice sac fly and we came right back, we answered back and that's what championship teams do," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said.

"Northville's a good team. They've had our number for a long time. "I'm just happy we finally got the one that mattered at this moment in time so we're pretty excited about that, obviously."

Blomshield tipped his cap to Galanty for "putting a good swing on it. He's a senior and that's what he's supposed to do."

Tidwell, who improved to 7-0 with the victory, scattered five hits to five batters.

"He was amazing, the kid was outstanding," Blomshield said. "They didn't hit him that hard at all. ... He's

been awesome all year."

But Canton's defense helped keep the Mustangs stymied.

In the second, junior catcher Seth Tschetter gunned down Garesh (who singled to open the inning) trying to steal second. That cost the Mustangs a run because Davin Montgomery followed with a double to right.

Tidwell knocked down a liner up the middle by Joey Close during the third and got the out.

Then in the fifth with the leadoff man on, Montgomery tried to bunt. That move backfired as Tschetter bare-handed the ball in the air and threw to first for the double play.

"Seth played a great game," Blomshield said.

Northville's inability to cash in had head coach John Kostrzewa shaking his head.

"Give their pitcher credit, he did a great job, he made the pitches when he had to," Kostrzewa said. "But we squandered a lot of opportunities."

STAYING TOUGH

Canton, meanwhile, put runners

in scoring position the first three innings despite not hitting the ball hard. Each time, Garesh put out the fire with ease.

"Colin, I couldn't ask for anything more from him today," Kostrzewa said. "He pretty much matched him (Tidwell) pitch for pitch."

Tidwell said he knew he had to keep battling because of how tough Northville is and how well Gerish was pitching.

Few balls were even hit hard other than the Galanty homer, although Canton did collect seven singles (two each by Blakita and Garrett Bryden).

"When you've got a great ball team like that (Northville), you got to hang in there and tough out the bad moments," Tidwell said. "Like, when I had the bases loaded (in the sixth), I knew I had to fight through that."

The Chiefs will now play on the road for the KLAA overall title, May 26 against Brighton or Walled Lake Central.

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Priebe's blast lifts Wildcats

Matt Priebe's three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth not only helped Plymouth defeat Livonia Stevenson 7-5 in a KLAA crossover baseball game Wednesday, it enabled Priebe to set his second school record in recent weeks.

Priebe's blast, which scored Rich Guglielmi (HBP) and Mike Nadratowski (1B), was his 11th of his Plymouth career to break Brad Lineberry's record of 10 homers. Recently, Priebe set a new hits record.

"I am so proud of Matt," said Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd. "He has worked very hard this spring to put himself in a position to break this record."

The Wildcats (13-11) did need to hang on to finish off the Spartans, the No. 4 team in Division 1. With the bases loaded in the seventh, reliever Zach Yokom recorded the final out on a liner to Nadratowski in center field. Yokum earned the save while starting pitcher Ryan Nick (4 1/3 innings) was the winner.

Priebe's two-hit, 3-RBI game wasn't the only solid one offensively

for Plymouth. Nadratowski had two hits and scored three times and Phil Emminger had three hits.

"This is another big win for us," Boyd said. "Stevenson pounded us a week and a half ago."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 7, BAPTIST PARK 2: Matt Dodson pitched a complete game on Thursday as Plymouth Christian Academy earned a big win against Taylor Baptist Park.

PCA (7-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) had a balanced offensive attack with seven of the starters collecting hits.

The big stick for the Eagles PCA was Matt Hagelin with two doubles and three runs. Ethan Walker had two singles with Dan Slater, Dodson, Jon Slater, Austin Smith and David Baum each adding singles.

On Monday, PCA swept Lutheran South, 15-0 and 13-2. Jon Slater pitched his second no-hitter of the season in the opener while Ethan Walker gave up just two hits in the nightcap.

Dodson had a big day at the plate, with three hits in the opener and two more in Game 2.

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Logan Lankford, CarolAnn Sexauer and a two-run double by Heidi Lucke.

PITCHING IN

Canton closed out the win with flair as Larner picked off a South Lyon runner off first base.

"The team's come together extremely well," Arnold said. "Their motto is 'All on the Island' and they're all together as a team, they're playing together."

"Everybody's contributing no matter who I put into the lineup."

Canton also defeated the Lions on

Monday, 5-0, with most of the scoring coming on homers.

Dunleavy led off the game with a home run and freshman Jessica Webster (who had singled in a run in the fourth) belted a three-run homer in the sixth, her first as a varsity player.

Larner and Lankford reached base with hits before Webster brought them home.

"She (Webster) was pretty excited," Arnold said.

The Chiefs will tune up for the association showdown with tournament action over the weekend, also at Lakeland.

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# Plymouth 'D' tops Spartans

BY TIM SMITH  
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Perhaps it's a good omen for the soon-to-begin state tournament.

Excellent defense and pitching sparked Plymouth's 3-1 victory over Livonia Stevenson in Wednesday's Kensington Conference cross-over girls softball matchup.

The Wildcats (20-6 overall) collected nine hits, including two by freshman Elaine Gerou — who backed pitcher Lauren Smith's complete game, four-hitter against the Spartans.

"Our pitching is definitely where it needs to be right now (entering the postseason)," said Plymouth head coach Val Canfield. "We seem to be keeping batters off-balance,

especially in that Madonna tournament.

"And it carried over to the Stevenson game because Stevenson has some really good hitters. We quieted their bats down a little bit."

Smith struck out seven Stevenson batters and issued only one walk, helping muzzle the Spartans.

Plymouth will face Livonia Churchill 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 1 in a pre-district game at Canton and hope to continue after that.

"That win sets a positive tone for us," Canfield emphasized. "And we were hitting real good, we had nine hits and we seemed to string together hits."

"I talked to my team and told them hitting is contagious, and you could see by

their performance yesterday."

**SALEM 6, FRANKLIN 0:** The Rocks pounded host Livonia Franklin Wednesday, thanks to a two-hitter by junior pitcher Briana Lee and late fireworks.

Salem exploded for six runs in the sixth to account for all of the game's scoring. The big hit of that frame was a three-run homer over the fence by Sam Maksimovic with RBI hits earlier Alexis Powell and by Kelli Janiczek (2B).

"Sam was struggling at the plate today and had a great hit, right when we needed it most," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland.

Lee had another excellent performance in the circle. She struck out six and gave up just one walk along with the two hits.

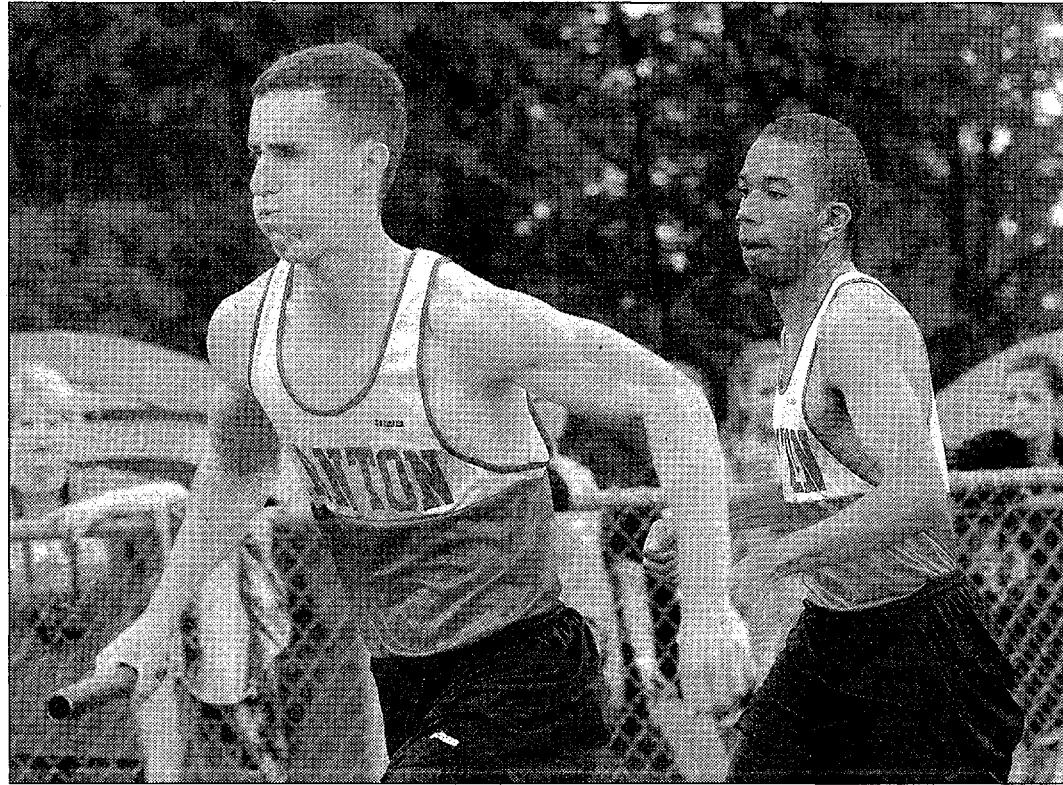
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## 50/50 chance

Going for a 50/50 ball during Thursday night's KLA Central varsity girls soccer game are Novi's Mary Reid (No. 2) and Salem's Lindsey Newton (No. 15). The Wildcats scored three goals in the first half for all the scoring in a 3-0 final. Despite the loss, Salem head coach Joe Nora said both teams played well and battled hard particularly in the scoreless second half.



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Canton's Cal Coplai takes the baton from August Garrett during the 800-meter relay during Friday's Division 1 boys track & field regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The proceedings were suspended shortly after 9 p.m. due to rain and were to have been completed Saturday morning.

## RAIN

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ers in each event automatically qualify for the MHSAA-run D1 individual state meet, the quartet already earned a spot.

Other Wildcats to qualify — so far — for the D1 state meet included junior Kyle Brindza (2nd, shot put, 51-feet, 03.50-inches) and Buzzard with runner-up finishes in the 800- and 1600-meter runs.

### SAME CONDITIONS

Meanwhile, the crazy weather did hamper athletes as they needed to start and re-start their competitive juices.

"We had some guys getting on the track to run the (open) 400 and they had a delay, and that kind of put them back and they only gave them 15 minutes to warm up," Mikosz noted. "It was a little challenging, but they still ran all right. Everybody has to compete with the same conditions."

One of those who did OK in that 400 dash despite the elements was Salem senior Zach Gaskell.

"At first I was kind of worried about it because we went inside for a half-hour, 45 minutes and I got real tight," Gaskell said. "I got on the track and felt really slow."

But it didn't take long for Gaskell to "put everything into it" as he sprinted to a second-place finish of 49.60 seconds. Also state meet bound with a first place time of 49.50 was Canton sophomore Kevin Buford.

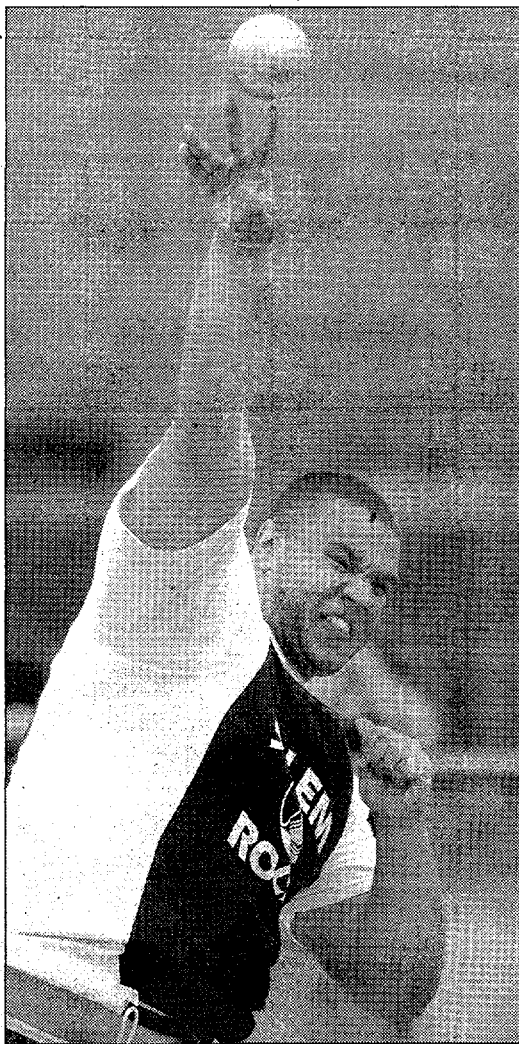
"When I got on the track I knew it was time to take care of my business," Gaskell noted.

Some of Gaskell's teammates did well enough during Friday's events to know they also will go to the state meet.

Those include senior throwers Ed Merhi and Dana Baltazar in the shot put, senior Scott O'Connor (300 hurdles) and junior Dan Martin (800 run).

Early Canton qualifiers, in addition to Buford, included the 3200-meter relay team of seniors Keith Zech, Max Schmiel, Paul Rakovitis and Zach Spreitzer, junior Nick Alaniva in the pole vault and sophomore Matt Schacht in the high jump.

According to Canton boys head coach Bob Richardson, the way the day unfolded was "unfortunate" for the athletes and plain unfair for everybody else watching the wet proceedings.



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Salem senior powerhouse Ed Merhi puts everything he's got into the shot put toss. He finished third, but still qualified for the state meet with a mark of 51-feet, 00.50-inches.

"It's just unfortunate for the athletes to warm up, sit for an hour and a half, then warm up again and now we're going to sit for another half hour," Richardson said. "It's hard to keep focused. Again, everybody's in the same conditions so it's who reacts the best."

"But I feel bad for the athletes and the fan's aren't real happy sitting there getting soaked. But it happens sometimes."

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## SOCCER

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have all season.

But sophomore midfielder Ally Krause earned special mention from the coach.

"Ally Krause had a fantastic game," Tomasso said. "She was very exceptional defending in the midfield and amazingly she did a very good job attacking out of the midfield today."

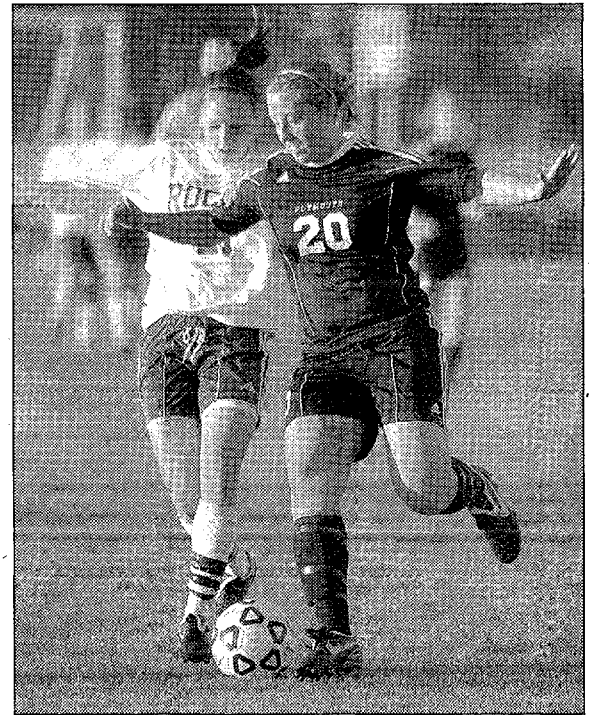
Meanwhile, while the Wildcats now look forward to the state districts, Canton has another KLA iron in the fire.

The Chiefs will go up against Northville 7 p.m. Monday for the Kensington Conference title in a matchup at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The Mustangs won 3-2 in the previous meeting this season.

"If we win that game we get to play for the association championship," Tomasso added. "If we lose we play for third place in the conference."


"I'm very excited with the performance these last few weeks and hopefully we can keep it going."

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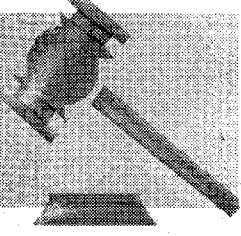
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Plymouth's Meeghan Hughes (No. 20), shown from an earlier game against Salem (No. 21 is Gina Goble), was one of several Wildcats the coach said had strong games Thursday against Canton in a tough 1-0 defeat.






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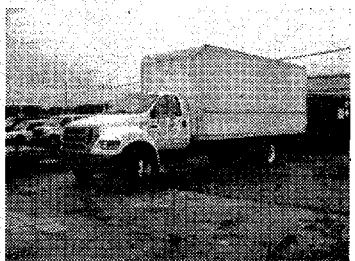




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# Regional title looms for Churchill girls

As heavy rains forced suspension of Friday's Division 1 girls track & field regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Livonia Churchill held a commanding lead of 110 points over runner-up Redford Thurston (77).

Plymouth's 50 points was good for fourth place after 15 events, with two to do on

Saturday.

Other PCEP teams were headed toward middle-of-the-pack finishes, with Canton eighth out of 17 teams (32.5) and Salem 10th (29.0).

Go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) this weekend or come back to Thursday's Observer for full results.

WRAPS

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Brandon Duprey earned medalist honors with 36, with teammates Patrick Doty (41), Eric Duprey (42), Josh Perrin (43), Brian Patterson (44) and Tommy Halling (44) finishing out Salem scoring.

Top Novi performers were Kyle Edwards and Tommy Goers, with 39 and 40, respectively.

On Monday, Salem dropped a 156-157 match to Livonia Stevenson despite 37 by senior Aaron Thompson and 40 each by Doty, Patterson and Perrin.

Boys lacrosse

LAKELAND 6, SALEM 3: In one of the lower scoring matches of the season, the visiting Rocks were doubled up in Wednesday's KLAAC contest.

Salem lost 12 of 14 faceoffs, which helped pin the Rocks in their own end much of the night. Lakeland outshot the Rocks 35-13.

Scoring for Salem were Steve Haburne, Connor Berlin (his team-leading 34th) and Brandon Lee, with Berlin and Garrett Berg drawing assists.

Track & Field

PCA AT MIAC MEET: Plymouth Christian Academy's boys track & field team placed sixth at the May 18 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference meet at Ann Arbor Greenhills, with 50 points. Lutheran Westland took first with 118 points.

The Eagles had several highlights, including the 800-meter relay team of Riley Groenewoud, Chad Ibach, Collin Kieft and Jordan Allen setting a new school record with a time of 1-minute, 37.7 seconds. It was the team's seventh record of the season.

Other outstanding performances included Jordan Allen winning the high jump with a mark of 6-2 and taking second in the 400 dash (54.00); Groenewoud placing third in long jump (18-1.5), 100 dash (1:17.5) and fifth in the 200 dash (23.90); Kieft placing sixth in the 400 dash (57.07); Josh Allen, fifth in the discus (97-8.5); Chad Ibach taking fifth in the 300 hurdles (44.64) and Jimmy Parks coming in sixth in the 3200 run (11:42.62).

Two relay teams finished sixth, including the 1600 (Ibach, Jacob Nichols, Kieft, Jordan Allen) and 3200 (Robert Fergan, Ethan Levack, Ian Rose and Nichols) with respective times of 3:55.28 and 9:53.12.

Meanwhile, the PCA girls team finished fifth with 43 points. Jessica Soblesky won the 200 dash (27.63) and took second in the 400 (1:04.05) while Karen Windle finished fourth in the 1600 run (6:01.82) and fifth in the 800 run (2:43.38). Also in the 800, teammate Lindsay Roedding finished sixth with a time of 2:55.72.

The 1600-meter relay team of Soblesky, Roedding, Windle and Sydney Carpenter finished second, with a mark of 4:41.35. Other PCA relay teams took fourth (3200-meter team of Elizabeth Aitken, Maggie Slaggenwhite, Natalie Smith, Erica Smith; 400-meter team of Leaha Dotson, Erica Smith, Rachel Yenke and Megan Lemieux); and fifth (800-meter relay team of Dotson, Erica Smith, Yenke and Lemieux).

Girls soccer

LADYWOOD 2, GABRIEL RICHARD 1: Livonia Ladywood's late-season surge continued Thursday with a dramatic overtime victory at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in the semifinals of the Catholic League girls soccer tournament.

Ladywood's Paige Brennan dribbled down the middle of the field and found herself in a one-on-one situation with Gabriel Richard goalkeeper Anna Zekany, who made the initial save before the sophomore midfielder banged home the game-winning rebound.

"I believe that is Paige's fourth or fifth game-winning goal this year," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I couldn't be any prouder of my senior captains — Sydney DeLosh, Shea McParlane, and Rachel Maceri — and how they have kept this team organized and motivated."

The Blazers, who improved to 9-3-4 overall with the victory, earned a spot in Saturday's Catholic League championship game with state-ranked Birmingham Marian, which is ranked No. 2 in Division 2. (Game time is 2 p.m. at Ladywood.)

Ladywood led 1-0 at halftime when Dominique Sarnecky collected an errant kick by the Richard goalkeeper and scored in the 33rd minute.

The Fighting Irish, ranked No. 6 in Division 3, evened the count at 1-1 when Natalia Collins scored off a volley on a cross.

Ladywood keeper Maddie Reed made six saves, while Zekany had five. "Maddie Reed was fantastic," Shingledecker said. "She wasn't tested too much early, but she was forced to make multiple saves for us in the last 20 minutes of regulation."



Spring puck champs

On April 16-18, the Michigan Bucks spring hockey team captured the Midget AA Division of Detroit Action Tournament Series at the Wayne Civic and Westland Modano arenas with wins over the Bloomfield Gamblers, Westland Warriors and Belle Tire. Members of the Bucks include: Brendan Hay, Garrett Duffany, Christian Wood, John Mandryk, Travis Gosselin, Kyle Wrathell, Eric Peters, Josh York, Patrick Coliton, Mark Brandstatter, Doug Perchall, Adam Kleven, Jimmy Labby, Sean Winkleseth, Jason Blacha, Gerry Kroft and Andrew Palushaj. The coaching staff includes George Wrathell, Pat York and John Winkleseth.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP May 18 at Ann Arbor Greenhills GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 172 points; 2. Southfield Christian, 75; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 56; 4. Birmingham Roper, 46; 5. Plymouth Christian Academy, 43; 6. Newport Lutheran South, 39; 7. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 26; 8. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 16; 9. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 16; 10. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 6.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Christine Labaza (LNU), 33 feet, 5 inches; high jump: 1. Emilie Freeman (LW), 4-10; long jump: 1. Aneisha Bussey (SFC), 15-2; pole vault: 1. Storck (LW), 7-0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Briana Batchford (Roper), 17.13; 300 hurdles: 1. Batchford (Roper), 50.95; 100 dash: 1. Rynita Bohler (Parkway), 12.93; 200: 1. Jessica Soblesky (PCA), 27.63; 400: 1. Bussey (SFC), 1:02.19; 2. Soblesky (PCA), 1:04.05; 800: 1. Nicole Zehel (LW), 2:25.98; 5. Karen Windle (PCA), 2:43.38; 6. Lindsay Roedding (PCA), 2:55.72; 1,600: 1. Zehel (LW), 5:38.78; 4. Windle (PCA), 6:01.82; 3,200: 1. Winonah Krug (LS), 12:45.48; 400 relay: 1. Southfield Christian (Morgan Bates, Rachel Love, Peyton Brown, Kristian Wheeler), 55.48; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (A. Flury, Hirdin, Terranella, Freeman), 1:54.3; 5. Plymouth Christian (Leaha Dotson, Erica Smith, Rachel Yenke, Megan Lemieux), 2:21.36; 1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Freeman, A. Flury, Terranella, Zehel), 4:26.4; 2. Plymouth Christian (Soblesky, Roedding, Windle, Sydney Carpenter), 4:41.35; 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (S. Maynard, Lyle B. Maynard, Rice), 11:07.7; 4. Plymouth Christian (Elizabeth Aitken, Maggie Slaggenwhite, Natalie Smith, Erica Smith), 13:50.59.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Play Golf America

Hickory Creek PGA golf pro Tami Bealert is continuing to host 10-minute free golf lessons on Saturdays (2-4 p.m.) throughout May as part of the Play Golf America program.

The course is located at Ford-Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton.

Participants must make appointments in advance, however. To do so, call Bealert at (734) 927-3265.

Free golf clinic in June

Meanwhile, Bealert is hosting another free family golf clinic (following a successful one on May 15). That will take place from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Hickory Creek Golf Course — located at Ford-

Napier roads in Superior Township, just west of Canton.

For more information, go to [www.TrainWithTami.com](http://www.TrainWithTami.com).

Golfers coming out that day will be encouraged to donate to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk campaign to raise money for research to find a cure for breast cancer. "We will be taking donations (June 26) for those who would like to support the cause," Bealert noted.

Thackaberry golf outing

Circle Saturday, June 26 on your calendar. That's the date for the 2nd Annual Milt Thackaberry Memorial Salem Baseball Golf Outing. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is slated for Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768

N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The fees are \$110 per golfer with paid registration before June 1; \$125 if they sign up after June 1 and \$50 per person for dinner only.

Included for those paying \$110 or \$125 are the following: 18 holes of golf, hot dog lunch, clubhouse dinner with open bar, prizes and a raffle.

Those interested should e-mail Steve Gordon ([sgordon88@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgordon88@sbcglobal.net)), Denny Devine ([devinev@aol.com](mailto:devinev@aol.com)) or go to [www.rocksbaseball.com](http://www.rocksbaseball.com).

Entire proceeds of the event will go to the Salem Baseball Dugout Club, of which Thackaberry was a huge supporter. Milt Thackaberry passed away from cancer in 2008.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Motor City Youth Theatre revving up for show, summer camps

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

As a child, Nancy Florkowski aspired to become an actor. At 61, the Redford woman and founder of Motor City Youth Theatre, still recalls the experience that crushed her dreams.

"I had a music teacher in junior high who made us audition. I was too shy to do it. I was really little and there were older girls standing there with make-up and ratted hair. I was so scared I couldn't sing. I never performed until after college.

"I feel like I was denied an opportunity because of that music teacher," Florkowski said. "She deflated my balloon. I don't want any kid to be denied this opportunity."

For 20 years her youth theater has remained true to its mission of helping "all children" improve their speaking, dance, music, artistic and life skills.

"We don't turn anyone away. That's what makes us different from most groups."

Florkowski said the troupe has included special needs children and young actors from a variety of skill levels and ages.

The theatre grew out of Florkowski's master's degree project at Eastern Michigan University. The former special education and middle school drama teacher also holds a special education specialist degree in special education. Offering summer programs in conjunction with Redford Schools, the Redford Youth Theatre — Motor City Youth Theatre's original name — drew students from throughout the district. As the troupe grew and expanded its offerings, "kids came out of the woodwork" from communities throughout southeastern Michigan. The theater changed its name to Tinderbox Productions and finally, Motor City Youth Theatre, as it moved from Redford to Detroit to its own build-



The cast of 'Seussical Jr.' at Motor City Youth Theatre in Livonia.

### MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

**Spring show:** "Seussical Jr." 7:30 p.m., May 28-29, June 4-5 and 2 p.m. May 30, June 6. All seats are \$12. The Grantland Street Playhouse is located at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. (313) 535-8962

**Theatre Day Camp:** Musical Theatre and Motown Workshop runs 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, July 5-30. No audition is necessary and the program is open to age 8-18. Students learn Broadway and Motown songs and dances and perform on July 30. Campers also will get a chance to sing at the Redford Arts Festival, July 24-25. Cost is \$250 for students with family memberships; \$300 for new students. The afternoon session costs \$275 for those with family memberships and \$300 for new students. It will focus on Shakespeare from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 5-30. Students will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Aug. 6-8. Auditions for lead roles are 7 p.m., Monday, May 24. Students should prepare a minute-long sonnet or monologue from a Shakespeare play. To download a registration form visit [www.mcyt.org](http://www.mcyt.org).

ing in Livonia six years ago.

### TRI-COUNTY CAST

"In this (upcoming) production

of *Seussical Jr.* we don't have one Redford kid," Florkowski noted. But the show, which begins a two-week-end run May 28, brings cast members

together from Livonia, Westland, Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi, Northville, Clinton Township, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, Lathrup Village,

Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights and Brownstown Township.

Florkowski's son, Jody, a former teacher at Berkley High School who's active at Stagecrafters in Royal Oak, is directing the production. Her husband, Fred, who co-founded the theater and designs sets, teaches scenic design at Wayne State University where he serves as technical director for the Bonstelle Theatre. Their daughter, Jenny, works in New York as an actor and has toured nationally in musicals, including *Cats* and *White Christmas*.

"Our whole family is in it. Once it (theater) gets into your blood you can't get it out of your system," she said.

### SHAKESPEARE AND MOIRE

She expanded Motor City Youth Theatre's programming by adding an annual Shakespeare production that maintains most of the original language ("I've always been a purist with Shakespeare") and last year started Broadway Kids, which teaches musical theatre.

"We do a lot of community outreach," she noted. "Yesterday we were at Starfish (Family) Services. The kids sang for toddlers. I think the community service makes it more of a community organization, not just 'we're divas and we're going to be in a play.' They enjoy helping others."

It may not be long before the group finds itself in a new venue. The existing theater is for sale and the Florkowskis are looking for a new site.

"We've outgrown this building," Florkowski explained, adding that larger quarters would be "so wonderful."

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For more information about Motor City Youth Theatre, visit [www.mcyt.org](http://www.mcyt.org)

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# Golf to help greyhounds, walk with Humane Society

Michigan Retired Greyhounds as Pets (REGAP) will present its 11th Annual Golf to Save Greyhounds on Saturday, June 5, at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

The event helps Regap rescue greyhounds, provide them with medical care and place them into safe and loving homes.

The greyhounds rescued by Regap might otherwise be destroyed after running at various racetracks that operate in 11 states. Tracks have closed in the last year in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Wisconsin, meaning more greyhounds need help more than ever.

Regap's quest to stop the industry from killing thousands of dogs a year will continue until every track closes and every greyhound has a chance at life off the track.

Individual tickets to the golf outing are \$125; foursomes pay \$400. Admission includes a cart, contests and prizes, gifts, lunch, beverages, raffle tickets, door prizes and dinner.

The day will begin with continental breakfast at 8 a.m. and a "Putt for Pups" contest. The Spring Scramble tee off is at 10 a.m.

Rescued greyhounds, and their humans will be on hand at appointed holes, greeting golfers and reminding them



why they are there having so much fun.

After the golf game, Spring Scramble prizes will be awarded, sponsors honored and a buffet dinner will be served. A raffle will include such prizes as an exclusive Boyne get-away, golf at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, spa experiences and more.

Regap also is accepting tax-deductible Major (\$350) and Happy Tail Tee (\$100) sponsors for the event, as well as prizes for the raffle. For sponsorship details and golf forms visit [www.rescuedgreyhounds.org](http://www.rescuedgreyhounds.org) or write to [RegapGolf@yahoo.com](mailto:RegapGolf@yahoo.com) or call (248) 921-4041 to register and charge by phone.

Tanglewood Golf Course is located at 53503 10 Mile.

### WALK AT A MANSION

Hundreds of animal lovers will take a scenic stroll to benefit the Michigan Humane Society (MHS) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, June 6, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The 22nd annual Mutt



Mike Birch of Plymouth is ready to golf and help rescued greyhounds.

March will offer several walking routes and refreshments will be provided for both individuals and dogs. All walkers turning in \$100 or more the day of the walk will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt and each canine participant will receive a bandana.

Last year's event drew more than 500 walkers and raised more than \$50,000. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society, which protects, rescues, and cares for more than 100,000 animals each year.

Pre-registration is not required, but individual walkers and teams can set up personalized Web pages and collect donations online at

[www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch](http://www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch).

Those walking with a canine companion must bring his or her current vaccination records. Dogs must be on leashes at all times.

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Road between Eight Mile (Vernier) and Nine Mile in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information or to register, call (866) MHUMANE or visit [www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch](http://www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch).

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## 'BOWLING FOR RHINOS' SET FOR JUNE 12

The Detroit chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK) is inviting bowlers to help save rhinoceroses "one pin at a time" at the 21st annual "Bowling for Rhinos." The bowl-athon for the conservation of endangered rhinos will be held 7 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Fairlanes Bowl in Madison Heights.

Bowlers may register individually or form a team of four to five for the event, which features bowling, a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. The registration fee is \$10 and includes shoe rental, two games, pizza and soft drinks.

Bowlers are asked to collect sponsor money of a minimum \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. All donations are tax deductible. Participants who raise over \$50 will receive a "Bowling for Rhinos" T-shirt.

Registration forms and fees should be received by June 5 as space is limited. Anyone who is unable to attend the event but

would like to support rhino conservation can visit [www.aazk-detroit.org](http://www.aazk-detroit.org) to make a donation.

Fairlanes Bowl is located at 29600 Stevenson Highway at 13 Mile Road in Madison Heights. Further information on "Bowling for Rhinos" is available by calling (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3000, or e-mailing [aazk@detroitzoo.org](mailto:aazk@detroitzoo.org).

Each year, over 40 AAZK chapters throughout the United States participate in "Bowling for Rhinos," raising over \$200,000 annually since 1990. The Detroit Zoo chapter alone has raised over \$145,000 to date.

One hundred percent of the proceeds directly benefit three rhino conservation projects in Africa and Asia.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak.

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One day the person awakes with ankle pain and swelling. The explanation of an injury doesn't make sense because no such episode occurred. Over the next week the ankle pain increases and the swelling remains. A doctor's appointment follows.

He takes a history including the past bowel problems and examines all the joints with attention to the ankle. He aspirates any fluid in the ankle joint for laboratory analysis; he may take an x-ray of the ankle.

With all the information in hand, he may then inform the patient that he or she has the arthritis of bowel disease, that is, the ankle arthritis is part of a larger problem and treatment requires a medicine for the bowel disease and another medicine for the arthritis.

A similar scenario can occur in people who have psoriasis but are unaware that the patches of dry skin on their arms or legs are psoriatic lesions. Knee or hand joint swells and then the patient learns that the diagnosis is psoriatic arthritis.

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# Livonia woman honored at recent AAUW convention

The Livonia chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and one of its members, received awards at the organization's annual state convention held earlier this month at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The Livonia branch earned the "Mission Matters" award for promoting AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Laura Carter Callow, a Livonia resident, earned the prestigious Martha Griffiths Award. During the 1970s and 1980s Callow worked for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment on both the state and national levels. Helen Milliken, wife of former Michigan governor William Milliken, referred to her as the "Susan B. Anthony of Michigan."

In 1972, because of discriminatory credit policies, Callow helped found the Northwest Wayne County chapter of the National Organization for Women. She spoke favor of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) at numerous conferences, meetings, and high school and college classes, including the University of Michigan Law School and School of Social Work.

In 1975, Callow was sent as a delegate to the League of Women Voters for a new coalition



Callow

entitled W.O.M.E.N., which brought together women's rights organizations. She was elected as secretary. The organizations and others joined Michigan ERAmerica which concentrated its efforts on ratification of ERA. She served ERAmerica as co-chair throughout the extensions granted those states which had not ratified the Amendment.

Callow served on the Women's Advisory Committee of Schoolcraft Community College from 1970-2009 and received an honorary degree in 2007. She also served on the Livonia Human Relations Commission from 1989-2005 and was named to its honor roll in 2007.

In 1980, Callow received the Alice Paul Award from the Metropolitan Detroit Area chapters of NOW and was appointed as a delegate to the Regional White House Conference of Families. She received the Salute to Women Award from the AAUW Livonia branch in 1978 and the Liz Kummer Award from AAUW of Michigan in 2004.

She served as president of the Livonia branch of AAUW from 2007-2008 and currently is its Public Policy Chair.



Members of the American Association of University Women gathered at Schoolcraft College this month for their state convention. Several members who posed for a photograph are: Kathy Shaw, (left, standing) Battle Creek and Marshall branches and immediate past president of the Michigan AAUW; Eleanor &#8220;Coco&#8221; Siewert, Birmingham branch and a member of the Michigan AAUW board; Polly Pan, Ann Arbor branch and Michigan AAUW vice president of finance; Pat Fosdick, Battle Creek branch; Carolyn Blackmore-Bell, Dearborn branch; Josie Burke, Wynadotte-Downriver branch; Jennie Lombard, Ann Arbor branch and vice president of membership for the Michigan AAUW; Beth Haynes, Wynadotte-Downriver branch; Sharon Belobraidich, Plymouth-Canton branch and a Michigan AAUW board member; Deb Ensign, Battle Creek branch and a Michigan AAUW board member; Gloria Conn, Wynadotte-Downriver and Ann Arbor branches; Janet Watkins, Detroit and Ann Arbor branches and a Michigan AAUW board member; Mickey Edell, Plymouth-Canton branch and a Michigan AAUW board member; Pam Hoffman, (seated left) Birmingham branch; Betty Chenoweth, Midland branch and a Michigan AAUW board member; Sally Doty, Birmingham branch and president of the Michigan AAUW; Delores &#8220;Doree&#8221; Miller, Wynadotte-Downriver and Ann Arbor branches; Barbara Bonsignore, Rochester and Detroit branches and a Michigan AAUW board member, and Charlotte Mahrt, Birmingham branch.

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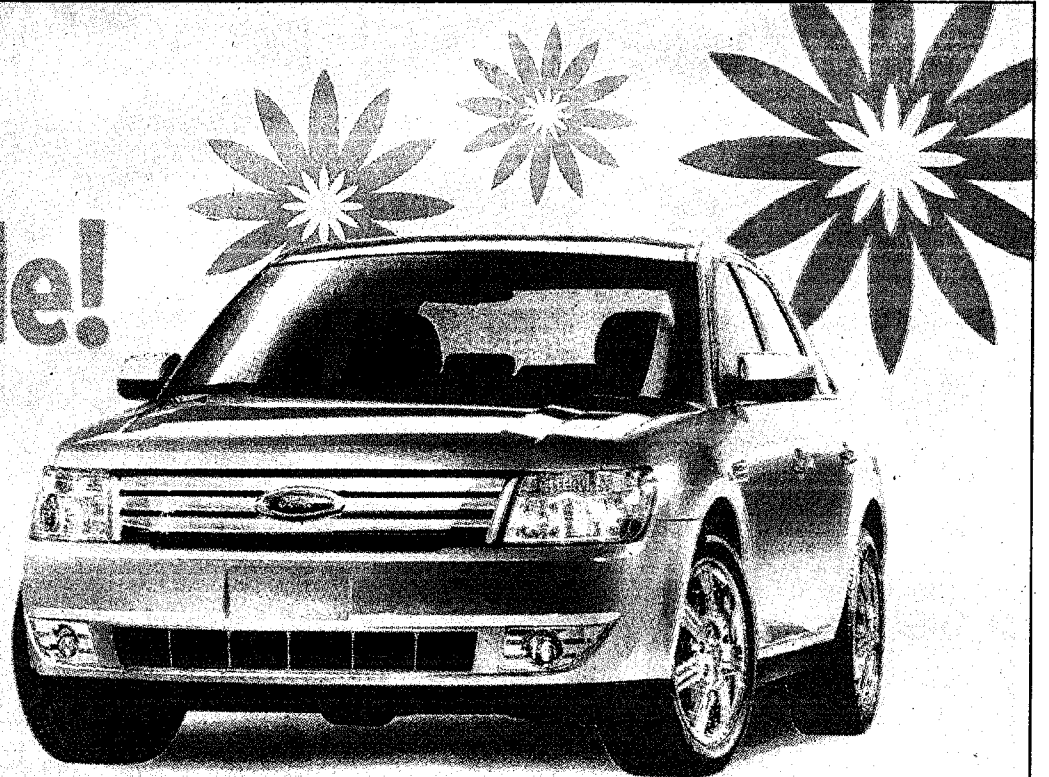
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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2010 / 2011 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in the portable band shell in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2010 / 2011 City Budget.

Proposed 2010 City Millage Rates

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2010 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2010 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2009 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
The 2010 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2002, 2004, and 2008 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 2.8900 mills, an increase of 0.1200 mills from the 2009 tax rate.
The 2009 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.7200 mills which is the same as the 2009 tax rate.
The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 15.9934 mills for 2010, which is an increase of 0.1200 mills from the 2009 total City tax rate of 15.8734 mills.

Equalization Factors

Wayne County established tentative 2010 equalization factors of 0.9737 for the residential class of property, 0.8631 for the commercial class of property and 0.8795 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has decreased assessments for the residential, commercial, and industrial classes for 2010 by the proposed factors, all 2010 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2010 / 2011 Proposed City Budgets

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2010/11 as follows:

Table with columns: Revenues, Expenditures, GENERAL FUND, MAJOR STREET FUND, LOCAL STREET FUND, RECREATION FUND, WASTE & RECYCLING FUND. Includes line items like Property taxes, Administration, Gas & Weight Tax, etc.

Table with columns: Revenues, Expenditures, OTHER CITY FUNDS. Includes line items like Plym Community Youth Advisory Comm Fund, Recreation Capital Improvement Fund, etc.

Transfers between Appropriations

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

Copies of Proposed Budget Available

A complete copy of the 2010 / 2011 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

Support group boosts fibromyalgia awareness

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When members of the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group met May 12, it was a chance to thank the folks at Merriman Road Baptist Church for providing meeting space and hopefully to get the word out to people who suffer from the disorder.

"It's important to know that others understand and know it's real," said president Ruthann Bruce of Canton. "The support group helps immensely, more than any doctor. You don't feel the loneliness because you're not alone."

The meeting actually was the group's annual Fibromyalgia Awareness Day Luncheon, held in recognition of National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, observed on May 12, which also is Florence Nightingale's birthday. The connection is not lost on sufferers like Bruce. Nightingale, known as the pioneer of modern nursing and a reformer of hospital sanitation, also had the disorder.

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS support group is the only one of its kind in Wayne County. It meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the church on Merriman, south of Ford, in Garden City. It also is the only group that meets during the day. The other fibro group in the metropolitan area is in Macomb County and meets in the evening.

The support group has existed for 10 years and has 50 active members and more than 200 members. They range in age from 20s to 70s and come from communities as close as Westland, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville, Novi and West Bloomfield. They even have one member who drives an hour from Adrian to attend, Bruce said.

"Most of the members are women, but we do have a few men," she added. "Fibromyalgia is more difficult for men to accept because they've been the breadwinner, and are no longer able to do the things they used to do."

There are no fees to belong, but donations are accepted. That money allows the support group to make a donation to the church.

The group has speakers once a month and devotes one meeting to open table talk, a time to share in confidence what members are doing to help their fibromyalgia or CFS.

"We talk about what is not working for us, we talk about how FM has changed our lives," said Bruce. "We encourage all members to come, but we feel that the new members really benefit."

Little is known about the cause of fibromyalgia and many times it can take numerous visits to doctors before there's a diagnosis. It produces wide-spread pain, disturbed sleep

and exhaustion from head to toe. Although the muscles hurt everywhere, they are not the only cause of the pain. Instead, body-wide symptoms are greatly magnified by malfunctions in the way the nervous system processes pain.

Bruce was diagnosed in 2004, but she believes she may have had it much longer than that. She describes fibromyalgia as like having the achiness of the flu. If it lasts over three months, people should be tested.

"There are 18 tender points throughout the body, if you have 11 or more, you have fibromyalgia," she said. "But the tenderness can be on the right side or the left side. It knows no boundaries."

"There's no blood tests, you look normal," she added. "A lot of fibro sufferers have irritated bowel syndrome and sleep issues. They're very sensitive to touching. Someone can poke you in the arm and the pain can shoot you to the ceiling. Hot and cold, sometimes sounds can bother me."

Bruce said that by meeting with fellow fibro sufferers she has learned more about some of her own symptoms. After one meeting, she went home to explain to her husband that her difficulty remembering things was "fibro fog."

The group also has lists of doctors and such that members have found helpful, but Bruce stresses that "what works for one person doesn't work for all."

The group is participating in Jamie Goodwin's FibroDuck program. The former British comedian uses rubber ducks with spots, representing the 18 tender points, to raise awareness for fibromyalgia, while making people smile.

According to Goodwin's fibro-duck.com website, a duck can survive on land but its movement isn't quick and fluent the way it is in water. The challenge is to draw attention to fibromyalgia by using the duck in places a duck wouldn't usually go.

"People will ask us what's up with the duck, and we are able to share with them information about it," Bruce said. "We can tell them you won't die from it and that you can't let it control you. You have to control it. You have to change your attitude."

The Metro group also has its own website, www.metrofibro-group.com, created by Bruce. It offers information about the group, about upcoming events and guest speakers.

"We want to show our appreciation to the church and we want our members to realize how important the group is," Bruce said of the recent luncheon. "We want the word to spread about the group especially to others who feel they've hit a wall in their life."

For more information about the Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group, call Bruce at (734) 981-2519.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN
YOUR COMMENTS REQUESTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, is beginning a review of the Township's current Recreation and Open Space Plan adopted by the community in 2005. The purpose of the review is to update the Recreation and Open Space Plan to make sure the new plan (2010) reflects the needs of the community for the next five years, and establishes a method for implementing the plan. Your input as part of this process is important to the formation of the Plan.

To assist you in this matter you can find a copy of the current 2005 Recreation and Open Space Plan at the following locations:

- Plymouth District Library
Charter Township of Plymouth Offices located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road.
Available on the main floor at the Township Clerk's office and 2nd floor at the Township Community Development Department.

What do think works? What suggestions do you have to improve recreation in the community? What activities do you think are missing? Please make your suggestions know by sending your written comments to:

Mail: Ms. Susan Vignoe
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If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Ms. Vignoe at the Division of Public Services at (734) 354-3270 ext. 5.

James D. Anulewicz
Director of Public Services



# 'Overcome' words inspire

## Publicist hopes personal story will help others with lupus

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
CORRESPONDENT

When Mida Giragosian breezes into a business meeting, you'd never guess she may have just come from dialysis. Polished and pulled together, she's positive and full of energy as she helps her clients grow their businesses through expert publicity campaigns. Only her closest friends know she has achieved her success as co-owner of Lapides Publicity Giragosian despite 23 years of health challenges including lupus, kidney failure and quadruple bypass heart surgery.

Now, during National Lupus Awareness Month, Giragosian is sharing her story in the hope it will help others facing challenges of their own.

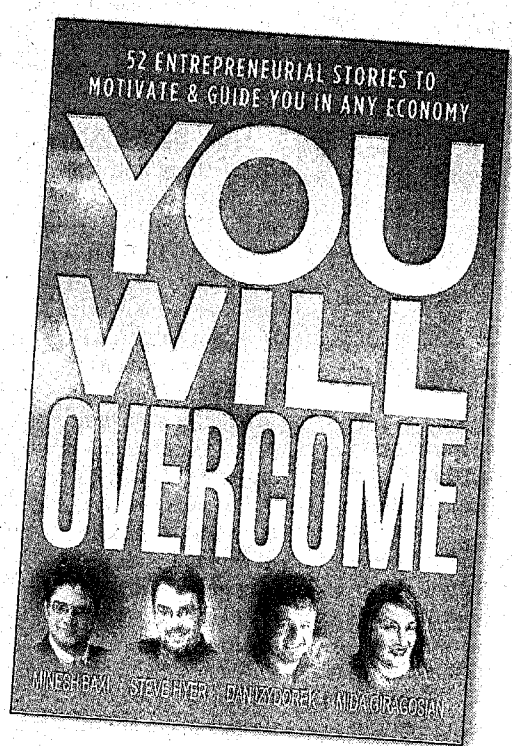
The Royal Oak resident penned a chapter in the new book *You Will Overcome: 52 Entrepreneurial Stories to Motivate & Guide You in Any Economy* by Minesh Baxi (Minesh Baxi and Associates LLC, The Busy Manager Series, \$19.95, March, 2010).

In it, she discloses her lifelong battle with lupus, a chronic disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own cells and tissues.

Giragosian contracted lupus at age 21, and the debilitating condition caused such despair it broke up her young marriage and even drove her to attempt suicide.

She credits friends and family, especially older sister Anne Kersten, with saving her life.

"When I was first diagnosed, I was in deep depression. Every day my sister called me every 30 minutes, while she was at work or wherever, just to see if I was okay. I would just cry. Every weekend she'd take me away to Chicago or Florida or somewhere," Giragosian said. "My friends would pick me up



and take me around the block just to get me out and to see things besides darkness."

### A NEW JOB

When Giragosian was 28, her lupus finally went into remission and life began looking brighter, especially when her older sister, Annie, got her a job at Lapides Publicity in Royal Oak.

"They put me in front of a fax machine and they said, 'here, push these numbers,'" Giragosian said. "I faxed all day. I stapled. That's about all I could do, but I loved it. I was having so much fun because I wasn't thinking about my health."

Giragosian excelled at work and began training under Lisa Lapides-Sawicki, eventually becoming her partner and best friend, and one of the best "pitch people" in the business.

Her body grew strong enough for a kidney transplant, and her brother proved a perfect match. He donated his kidney in 2001, and after 12 years on dialysis, Giragosian was able to enjoy a "normal" life.

She moved to an apartment in Royal Oak and relished being on her own for the first time at age 38.

Yet recovery proved short-lived. In 2006, two days before Christmas, Giragosian suffered a heart attack and was faced with a devastating choice. Doctors urged her to agree to a heart catheterization, even though there was a 90 percent chance the dye used in the procedure would cause her new kidney to fail.

"It took me a half an hour with six doctors hovering over me to make that decision. Finally I signed away my kidney just like that. It was hard for the doctors, too. Just like that my kidney was gone," she said. "I knew what was facing me. I wasn't even thinking of the quadruple bypass, which was like being hit by a car. I could only think of going back to dialysis."

### INNER STRENGTH

Lapides-Sawicki said Giragosian is an inspiration. "All of us other mortals complain about little things that are not life threatening,

and here is Mida conquering serious health challenges and limitations every day. Things that we take for granted like drinking water whenever we want to, walking 30 yards, having the extra 15 hours per week that it takes her to go to and sit in dialysis, not to mention being poked with needles each time.... Does she complain ever? Never," Lapides-Sawicki said. "I am humbled every single day by the inner strength, positive attitude, love for life and love for others that she experiences every day, amidst her health challenges. No matter what she never gives up."

Minesh Baxi, a Troy-based motivational speaker and author, said Giragosian was perfect for *You Will Overcome*.

"She's one of those positive people who's out there, a go-getter," Baxi said. "Being in the hospital for months at a time, most people would give up, take the victim point of view, but that's not what she's about."

Baxi said all the real-life stories in his latest book are meant to motivate people.

"The message I want people to get is that despite physical, emotional or other challenges you have, you can overcome," Baxi said.

Giragosian is among 52 diverse entrepreneurs who contributed chapters. Baxi also included real-life success stories of businesspeople like Oprah Winfrey.

You can purchase the book, or download Giragosian's chapter alone for \$2, at [www.youwillovercomethebook.com](http://www.youwillovercomethebook.com).

"I wanted to make my chapter affordable for those who have lupus or heart disease or kidney disease," Giragosian said. "I hope they see the value in it."

Giragosian will donate some of the proceeds to her favorite charities. The rest, she said, will go toward her six-figure medical bills.

"My goal is to have one million downloads. That's my personal goal," she said.

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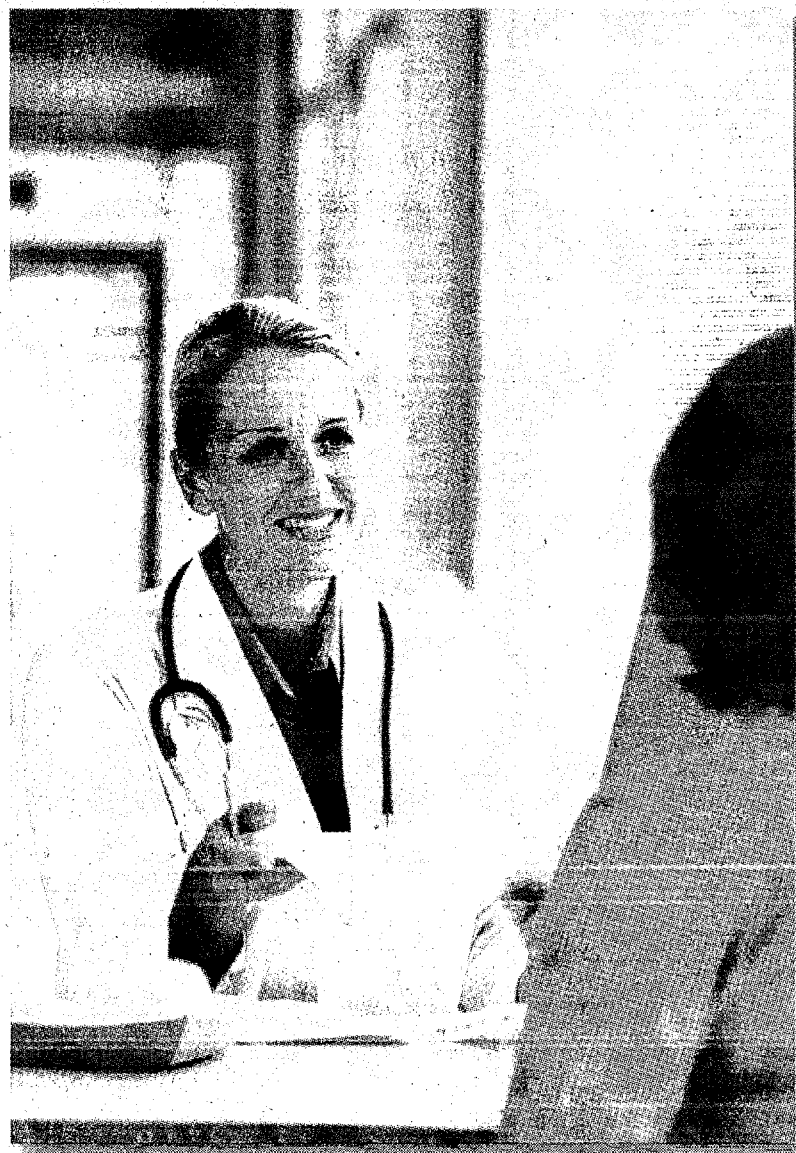
### Overview

Physician assistants (PAs) are formally trained to provide diagnostic, therapeutic and preventative health care services under the watchful eye of a physician. They take medical histories, examine and treat patients, order and interpret laboratory tests, make diagnoses and treat injuries.

In all states but Indiana, Louisiana and Ohio, PAs can write prescriptions for medications. In some rural or inner city clinics, a PA may be a principal care provider. They may also make house calls or go to hospitals and nursing care facilities to check on patients, reporting back to the physician.

### Training and Education

In all states, PAs must complete an accredited, formal education program, and most have at least a bachelor's degree. Most programs require at least two years of college and some healthcare work experience. PA programs usually last



two years and are full-time. Upon graduation, all PAs must pass the Physician Assistants National Certifying Examination, administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

PAs need leadership skills, self-confidence and emotional stability.

### Opportunities

Many PAs work in primary care specialties; others work in

general and thoracic surgery, emergency medicine, orthopedics and geriatrics. Those specializing in surgery provide preoperative and postoperative care and may work as assistants during major surgery.

More than half of PA jobs are in the offices of physicians or other health practitioners. About 25 percent are in hospitals. The rest were mostly in outpatient care centers, the Federal government, educational services and

employment services. Some PAs hold two or more jobs.

### Pros and Cons

Becoming a licensed physician assistant requires far less education than it would take to become a doctor. PAs usually work in comfortable offices, and work fewer hours than physicians, usually around 40 hours per week. As they become more experienced, PAs generally receive higher pay.

However, by the nature of the job, PAs will always be supervised by physicians. They also may have to work weekends, nights or early morning shifts, and are sometimes on call.

### Salary

Median annual earnings of physician assistants were \$64,670 in 2002, according to the BLS. Income varies by specialty, practice setting, geographical location and years of experience.

### Job Outlook

As the healthcare industry continues to expand, employment of PAs is projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2012. The BLS expects physicians and institutions will employ more PAs to provide primary care because they are cost effective and productive.

PAs should find a growing number of jobs in institutions like hospitals, academic medical centers, public clinics and prisons. Opportunities will be best in states that allow PAs a wider scope of practice.

Source: BLS October 2004

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The Chevrolet Avalanche continues to offer a level of capability not found in most vehicles. It can carry 4-foot by 8-foot sheets of plywood with the tailgate closed.

The crew cab body style is popular among full-size pickup drivers because it features a useable cargo bed and a rear seat that's as roomy as those found on most SUVs.

A big drawback of these types of vehicles is that the bed is usually too short and they don't offer the enclosed security of an SUV's cargo area. The people at Chevrolet overcame these hurdles nine years ago in 2001 when introducing the Avalanche, which was last redesigned in 2007.

The Avalanche's flexibility allows it to function as an SUV, truck or both, thanks to the exclusive Midgate. The Midgate opens to extend the cargo-carrying capability from the cargo bed's 5-foot-3-inch-long length to 8 feet 2 inches. The rear seat must be folded to achieve maximum storage capability; with the rear seat up and the Midgate closed, Avalanche has room for up to six passengers.

When the Midgate is open and the rear seat is folded flat, the Avalanche can carry 4-foot by 8-foot sheets of plywood with the tailgate closed.

Storage compartments alongside the cargo box provide lockable storage space. The storage compartments also have drains, so they can be filled with ice and used as coolers. A three-piece rigid cargo cover with interlocking panels also is available.

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that's there to play music in the cabin through an mp3 player, a six-speed automatic transmission and a single speed transfer case for 4WD. The 1LT package comes with dual dual zone climate control, remote start, adjustable pedals and a heavy-duty locking rear differential.

The LS package features a composite cargo bed, a removable three-piece cargo cover, fully powered accessories, a front 40/20/40-split bench seat with center storage, cloth trim, a power driver seat with manual lumbar control, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, a single-CD player with auxiliary jack, satellite radio and basic OnStar capability.

The LT is similar to the LS but has standard front bucket seats, rear audio controls and enhanced OnStar with turn-by-turn navigation.

Moving up to the LT2 package gives you dual-zone automatic climate control, leather upholstery, power-adjustable pedals, a six-CD changer, rear park assist and remote vehicle starting.

The LT3 package provides the LT2's features, plus heated outside mirrors, upgraded power front seats, driver-seat memory and a Bose audio system with subwoofer.

The LTZ package has 20-inch wheels, chrome exterior accents, the Autoride adaptive suspension, heated windshield wiper fluid and rain-sensing wipers.

Depending on the trim level, other

stand-alone or packaged options include a navigation system, the Z71 off-road suspension group, power running boards, an integrated rearview camera, rear-seat DVD entertainment and a sunroof.

The Avalanche is available with either rear-wheel-drive or four-wheel-drive. All 2WD models come standard with a 5.3-liter V8 putting out 320 horsepower. Four-wheel-drive Avalanches are E85-capable and rated at 310 horsepower; this version of the 5.3-liter is optional on 2WD models. A larger 6.0-liter V8 delivering 366 horsepower is available.

A properly equipped 2WD Avalanche can tow up to 8,200 pounds.

The Avalanche fuel economy ratings are 15 miles per gallon in the city and 21 mpg on the highway on 2WD versions with the 5.3-liter engine. The 6.0-liter engine brings the numbers down to 12 city / 17 highway.

Standard safety equipment includes anti-lock disc brakes, stability control, GM's OnStar emergency communications system and a full-length side-curtain airbag system with a rollover sensor.

In government crash tests, the Avalanche earned a top five-star rating for protection of front occupants in head-on collisions.

The Avalanche's interior has flush-mounted accessories and controls, such as the climate control/radio center stack, creating a seamless, single unit appearance. There is almost no exposed

metal hardware or latches, as all models feature enclosing "close-outs" around the seat bottoms and door sill trim plates.

To ensure a quiet ride, noise-reducing components and materials are used throughout the Avalanche's body structure, including the headliner material, door seals and front-of-dash area. The engines also feature a quiet-tuned alternator and an acoustically tuned engine cover that reduces engine noise heard inside the vehicle.

The Autoride suspension system complements the engine quietness. This real-time damping system is intended to provide a refined ride with reduced body motion. The system responds accordingly to road and driving conditions, based on body and wheel motion sensors.

Similar crew cab designs are utilized in the General Motors Co. family on the Cadillac Escalade and Hummer H2. But the Avalanche is thousands of dollars cheaper and has a more practical use.

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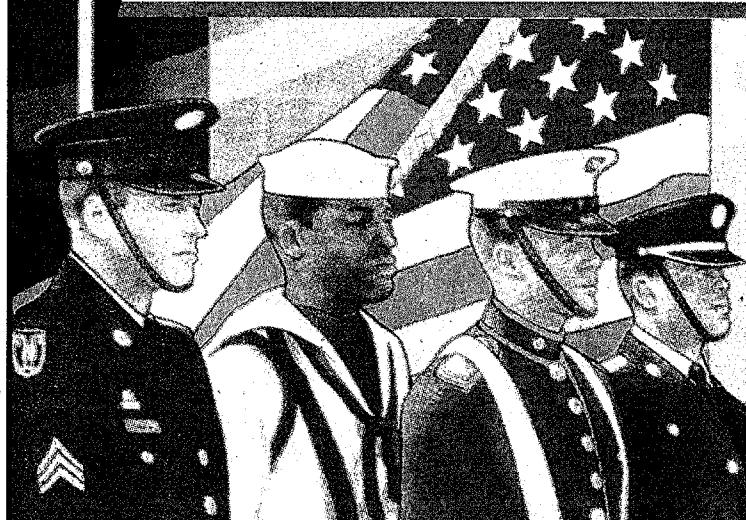
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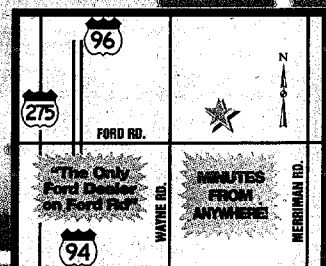
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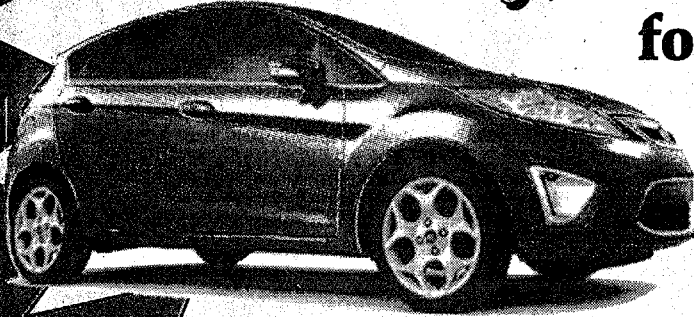
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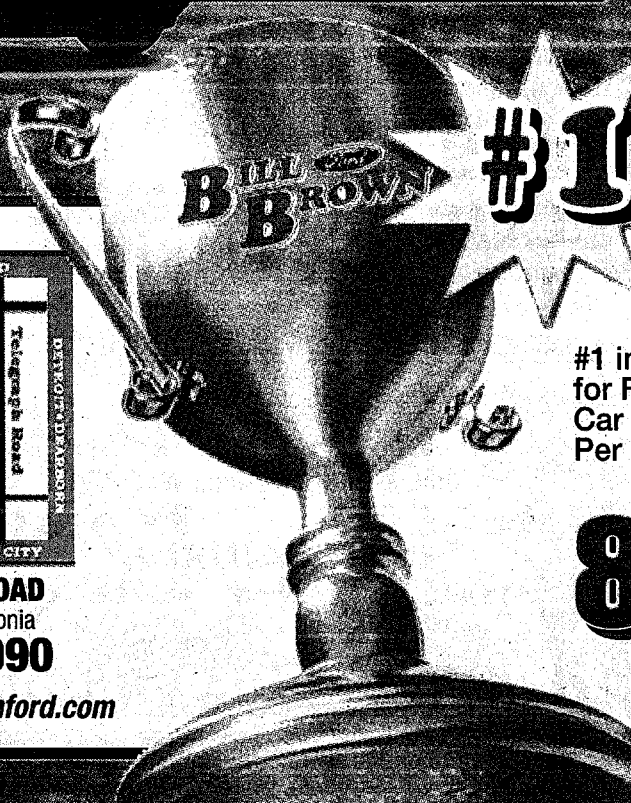
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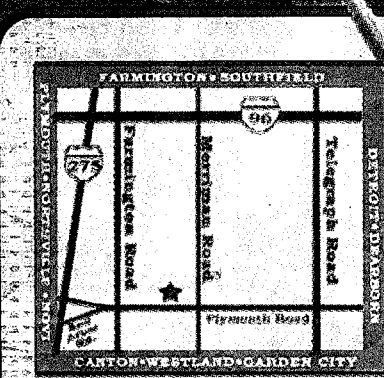
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