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Crouch, Maloney tangle in school budget talks

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton school board President Kim Crouch apologized to a large audience Tuesday after she had words with Trustee Mike Maloney, who again asked for plans for Allen Elementary, now used as part of the district's preschool program, and contract services.



Crouch



Maloney

The public exchange came following a budget hearing on the proposed \$155 million 2016-17 budget. Maloney began questioning some of the budget items, including adding plant engineers for elementary schools, freezing technology re-

placement expenditures — pending a long-term plan — and the use of Allen Elementary, which was originally scheduled for closure before its use for preschool classes.

"There was clearly a plan to shutter these schools," Maloney said.

Meanwhile, Pam Anstey, interim assistant superintendent of business and operations, told Maloney that the preschool program is making a profit for the district. But Maloney insisted that he had asked for data on issues, including Allen, that has not been given to him. He also said that when he offered suggestions, he was told by the board that it wasn't the appropriate time.

"I don't want you to come here, Mike, like, 'This is all news to me,'" Crouch said.

Said Maloney: "There's a lot of good alternatives. To do that, we need to have data."

Board Vice President Sheila Paton, however, reminded

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Tears were shed and it was an emotional evening as the Orlando massacre victims were remembered.

KELLY DOBSON

Diverse group mourns Orlando massacre, shows unity

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

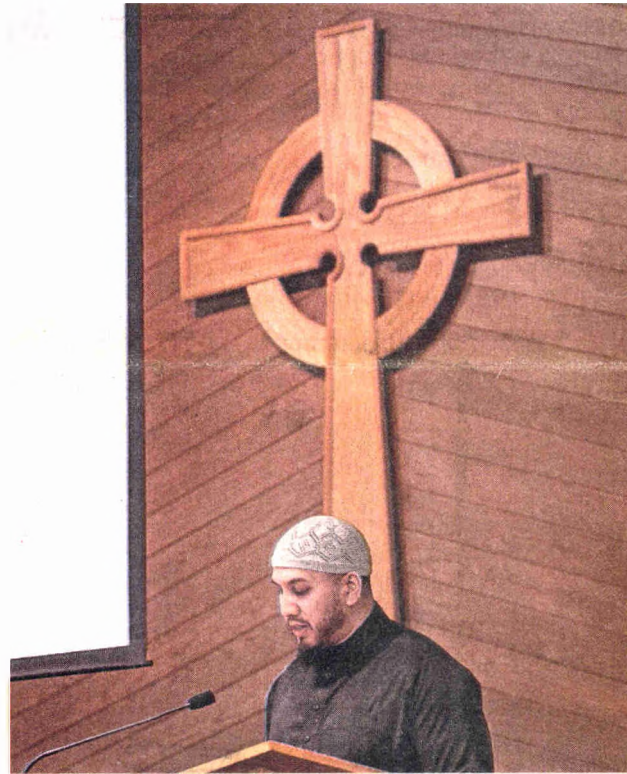
Andrew Slayton, a Canton gay man horrified by the Orlando massacre, was moved emotionally as he looked around a church where Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Christians gathered to support the LGBTQ community and stand as one against hate and violence.

Slayton, 26, has learned that religion isn't always a weapon used to discriminate.

"It just shows me how far I've come and how much love can transform our lives and bring us together," he said.

Slayton was among a diverse crowd of about 100 people who gathered Wednesday evening inside Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton to show solidarity against hate after gunman Omar Mateen killed 49 people and wounded 53 others in the Orlando gay nightclub

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Hasan Sheikh, representing the Islamic faith, read from the Quran, offering sympathies for the victims and their families and condemned all violence perpetrated in the name of religion.

KELLY DOBSON



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World War II veteran Bob Sloan looks out as the bus enters Arlington National Cemetery.

Honor Flight honors veterans

More than 80 treated to a trip to Washington, D.C.

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

World War II veteran Bob Sloan was sure that, because his war ended more than seven decades ago, it had lapsed into our nation's archives, forgotten by most.

And after watching the disinterest and, in many cases, disdain with which returning Vietnam veterans were treated, Korean War veteran Jim Berbrich was convinced pretty much no one cared about his

war any more, even though it happened a decade before Vietnam.

If their shared journey to Washington, D.C., recently taught them anything at all, it taught them one thing for sure: They're both wrong.

The two men, both Livonia residents, were among more than 80 veterans flown to Washington, D.C., June 4 as part of an Honor Flight organized by Talons Out Honor Flight, the southwest Michigan hub of the national Honor

Flight Network.

Simple thank you

The idea: Fly veterans to Washington for a day, where they're treated to meals, tours and visits to national monuments dedicated to their service. When they left Kalamazoo, while they were in D.C. and when they returned late that night, they were surrounded by people applauding — and saluting — their contributions.

The show of love caught the veterans a little by surprise. "Our time was 70 years

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TSA exec was natural leader, 'stranger to no one'

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Robert Ball Jr., a regional director for the Transportation Security Administration, is being remembered as a generous man and a natural leader whose quick wit and hands-on style helped him manage people through difficult situations.

Mr. Ball, of Plymouth Township, died May 27 at age 59 after a brief illness. He was the director of the TSA's upper Midwest region, based at

Detroit-Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, and had worked for the TSA since 2004. He had also worked at Northwest Airlines, where he was vice president of customer service.

"He loved being a leader," said his wife of nearly 40 years, Laura Ball. "Big heart. He was a stranger to no one. I mean, everybody — ev-



Mr. Ball

everybody — liked Bob. He touched so many lives."

"He had that gift where he could just lighten the mood and provide perspective," said Mr. Ball's son, Robert Ball III of Canton Township. "He always had a gift of being able to inject some humor without offending."

Funeral services for Mr. Ball were June 1 at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home.

Mr. Ball grew up in Dearborn Heights and graduated from Annapolis High School in 1974. He and Laura, high school sweethearts, were 20 when they married and the couple moved to Atlanta, where he went to work for Safety-Kleen, which offers environmental cleanup products and services.

By age 21, he was in charge of a Safety-Kleen branch, Laura Ball said.

"People liked to work for him," she said of his career as a manager. "He was just good at it."

Mr. Ball studied at Christian Brothers Uni-

versity in Memphis, his wife said, and also at the University of Phoenix.

The Balls moved several times during his career, which also included a stint with Federal Express, now known as FedEx; the family lived in Georgia and in different locations in Florida and Tennessee, plus in Michigan.

Mr. Ball liked working for the TSA, his wife said, enjoying the people there and the chance to serve the country.

'A caring leader'

"During the most difficult times, Bob's compelling sense of humor helped others manage through stressful situations," Peter Neffenger, the TSA administrator, wrote in an email to TSA employees in late May. "It was clear how people enjoyed being around him, officers, executives and stakeholders alike."

Mr. Ball was a "a dedicated gentleman, a selfless servant and a caring leader in everything he

did," from counter-terrorism work to negotiating the first collective bargaining agreement at the TSA, Neffenger wrote.

"What stands out to me was his participation in our recent leadership conference from his hospital bed, an attribute of a man, despite his illness, committed to his work," he wrote.

Robert Ball III said his father was "the most ethical person I ever met" and did everything by the book — even waiting to be screened at airport security checkpoints despite his status with the TSA.

On the job, his son said, Mr. Ball was dedicated and set an example with his work ethic.

"He'd be right there with you helping you figure something out," he said.

As a father, Mr. Ball was kind, nurturing, fair and "a perfect coach and mentor," Robert Ball III said. He had coached his son in different sports

and knew how to get the best out of people, he said.

Laura Ball said her husband loved traveling and riding motorcycles and noted they took several long-distance motorcycle trips together. He also enjoyed working around the house and visiting their grandchildren. He was an avid fan of Detroit sports teams, she said, especially the Red Wings.

In addition to his wife and son, Mr. Ball's survivors include daughter Andrea Chou and her husband, Warren; grandsons James Chou, 7, and Ryan Chou, 4; daughter-in-law Chloe Ball; sister Sue LeCouteur; and brothers Tim, Tom, Dan and Phil.

Memorial contributions can be made to SU2C Stand Up to Cancer, P.O. Box 843721, Los Angeles, CA 90084-3721 or online at <http://www.standup2cancer.org/>.

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Canton collecting items for military troops

Canton Leisure Services is partnering with Operation Care Package Michigan through July 31 to collect items and donations that will go directly toward care packages for deployed military troops and wounded soldiers recovering from injuries away from home.

Canton began collecting items during Liberty Fest and also was

sponsoring a letter-writing effort, allowing people to submit messages of support and encouragement by filling out blank postcards.

Donations and notes of support will also be collected in the lobby of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, through July 31. Also, campers at all Canton Leisure Services sum-

mer camps will be participating in the letter-writing and package-building parts of this support effort.

Care package items that are currently being accepted include personal care items like bug spray, ChapStick, eye drops, disposable razors, travel games, batteries, sports equipment, blankets, DVDs and CDs

(new or used), Ziploc bags (all sizes), greeting cards (all occasions), individualized snack items like instant oatmeal, granola bars, Little Debbie snacks, microwave popcorn and beef jerky and clothing items like hats, scarves, gloves and scarves (black, brown, or green).

For a complete list of donation "wish list" items, go to www.summitonthepark.org. For more information about Operation Care Package Michigan, send an email to ocpmichigan@yahoo.com.

Operation Care Package Michigan is a non-profit organization of volunteers whose mission is to provide support to deployed members of the U.S. military and wounded soldiers by sending care packages and letters of encouragement.

Individuals, businesses, or groups interested in support Operation Care Package Michigan may do so by supplying care package items, monetary donations or sponsoring a package online at www.ocpmi.com.

MOD Pizza 'spreading MODness' to Canton

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

MOD Pizza, the nation's fastest-growing company of its kind, has chosen Canton for one of its next sites in Michigan.

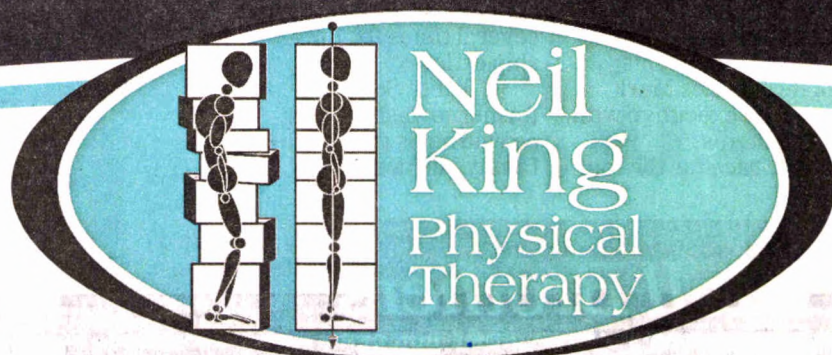
Livonia-based Team Schostak Family Restaurants has confirmed Canton and Chesterfield townships will become the sixth and seventh MOD Pizza locations in Michigan.

MOD Pizza brand leader Jake Schostak said the Canton location will be in the new Shops of Canton, which will be built on the site of the now-demolished Zax Auto Wash, on Ford Road west of Haggerty.

"Assuming everything goes as planned, we'll be good for a December opening," he said.

Billed as a fast-casual eatery that promises top quality, but not full table service, Seattle-based MOD (Made On Demand) Pizza outpaced its industry rivals with 220-percent growth in 2015, according to Technomic, a research and consulting firm servicing the food industry.

MOD Pizza already has locations in Livonia, Northville Township, Rochester Hills, Brighton and Woodhaven.



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Bike-riding township burglary suspect charged

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A bicyclist who drew the attention of police early Wednesday was charged Friday with burglarizing a house on Plymouth Township's north side and property recovered during a subsequent investigation links him to thefts in the township and other communities.

Township officers arrested Jonathan A. Urso, 26, of Livonia, in the area of Hines Drive and Wilcox Road shortly before 2 a.m. Wednesday, Lt. Bob Antal said. Urso,

wearing dark clothing, had been spotted riding a bicycle without a light and fled when an officer tried to stop him in order to speak with him, police said.

"The officer knew that there were thefts occurring in that area," Chief Tom Tidderington said.

Antal said Urso pedaled into a nearby condominium complex, tossed the bike over a fence and then climbed over himself and rode away, but that officers, who set up a perimeter, located him about 10 minutes later.

In his possession, Antal said, was a back-

pack with a Wii video gaming set inside that turned out to have been stolen from a house on nearby River Bend Drive. That burglary was reported later Wednesday morning, Antal said.

Urso also had the key to an \$8,000 Honda all-terrain vehicle, which police later recovered at the Dearborn Heights home of a relative of the suspect's while executing a search warrant, Antal said. The ATV had been reported stolen from a garage in the home in the township.

Two shotguns, laptop computers, sunglasses,

jewelry and other items thought to have been stolen were also recovered from the Dearborn Heights home, Antal said. Police also used a warrant to search a home in Livonia, but found no suspected stolen property there, police said.

Searching the Internet, police found a photograph of Urso holding a pistol that had been reported stolen in the burglary of a car in Westland. That pistol, however, was not recovered.

Antal said the Wii equipment had been stolen from inside the house the house on River

Bend. Police suspect someone had taken the garage-door opener from an unlocked vehicle parked at the house, used it to open the garage and then entered the unlocked house, where at least one person was sleeping.

Urso was charged Friday in 35th District Court with one count of home invasion and one count of breaking and entering, both felonies, one count of possessing stolen property worth more than \$1,000, a felony, and one count of possessing stolen property worth more than \$200 but

less than \$1,000, a misdemeanor.

Not-guilty pleas were entered for him and Judge James Plakas set bond at \$100,000 total, cash or surety, and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Friday, July 8.

Detective Charlie Rozum, who is in charge of the case, said it should serve as a reminder to residents to lock their vehicles, homes and garages and to keep valuables secure and out of sight if left in vehicles.

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Forums planned in Plymouth Township races

Two events planned for this month will give Plymouth Township voters a chance to hear some of the 16 Republican candidates for township offices.

Voters will whittle the Republican field in the race for township supervisor, clerk, treasurer and four Board of Trustees positions in the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary. There is only one Democrat on the township ballot, treasurer candidate Mary Siefert, so most Republicans who survive the primary will be virtually guaranteed a general election win in November.

The first forum is Monday evening at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, the former Central Middle School, in Plymouth.

Candidates for supervisor, clerk and treasurer will speak at PARC beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, while candidates for the trustee positions will speak beginning at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Each candidate will be allowed a three-minute opening statement, a three-minute follow-up



FILE PHOTO

One of the forums for Plymouth Township candidates will be at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center in downtown Plymouth.

and a three-minute summary.

PARC is at 650 Church Street in Plymouth.

A second forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at the Plymouth District Library.

Candidates will have one minute to introduce themselves, one minute to answer each question and one minute to present a summary.

Clerk candidates are scheduled for 6:30-6:50 p.m., treasurer candidates for 6:55-7:15 p.m., supervisor candidates for 7:20-7:50 p.m. and trustee candidates for 7:55-8:45

p.m.

The library is at 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

In the race for supervisor, Kurt Heise, a term-limited Michigan House of Representatives member, is challenging Supervisor Shannon Price, who was appointed in April 2015, for the Republican nomination.

Clerk Nancy Conzelman, who is completing her first term, faces Jerry Vorva, a former state House member, in the GOP primary and Treasurer Ron Edwards, who is completing his fifth term, faces Mark Clinton, an executive with Cisco Systems.

In the race for the four

trustee spots, the candidates are:

» Incumbent Chuck Curmi, a project manager who is completing his fifth term.

» Jack Dempsey, an attorney who specializes in government work.

» Incumbent Bob Doroshewitz, a systems engineering manager in his third term.

» Gary Heitman, a retired Ford project manager who does consulting work.

» Incumbent Mike Kelly, a Ford Motor Co. engineer in his third term.

» Michael Oliansky, the research director at an advertising agency.

» Thomas Parrelly, who runs a logistics business.

» Alexander Roehl, a full-time father and homemaker who previously owned an Internet auto sales business.

» Don Schnettler, a Washtenaw County building official who has run several times for township office.

» Teresa Somercik, a former township employee who helps run a small family business.

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ago," said Sloan, a flight orderly in the Naval Air Transport Service who was stationed in Hawaii. "I thought the war had all been forgotten. It was absolutely awesome. It really humbles you, but you're proud they remember."

Berbrich, who joined the U.S. Marines at age 18 and, at age 82, still refers to himself as a marine, served from 1952-55 and spent 14 months in Korea. He was touched by the outpouring of affection for the veterans of all conflicts.

"After seeing how Vietnam vets were treated (when they came home), I thought our country didn't care any more," said Berbrich, who served as a payroll disperser during the war. "This (trip) changed my mind totally about that."

Aside from renewing their faith, the trip was the chance of a lifetime for both men, which is exactly how the organizers hope it will turn out. The Honor Flights are paid for by Talons Out through grassroots fundraising.

Starting small

The national Honor Flight program got started with a couple of small planes flying two veterans at a time and has since expanded into 132 hubs in 43 states. The Talons Out Michigan hub held its first fundraiser in July 2013 and flew its first flight Oct. 26, 2013.

Money is raised largely by donations — often only \$10 or \$20 at a time — for the flights, which organizers say cost some \$96,000 each these days. The flights are staffed entirely by volunteers and include individual escorts — usually friends or family members — for each veteran.

BIG 10 OPPORTUNITY

Talons Out Michigan Honor Flight has scheduled its 10th flight for Sept. 10 and fundraising is underway.

Donations can be as small as \$10 or an enterprising donor could sponsor 10 veterans for a donation of \$5,000. All donations are tax-deductible.

To help, donors can email info@talonsouthonorflight.org. More information is also available on the group's website, http://talonsouthonorflight.org.

Talons Out Michigan president Bobbie Bradley said it's all done for one basic reason.

"It's nothing more than to honor our veterans for their service to their country," Bradley said.

After boarding an early morning flight in Kalamazoo, the veterans arrived in Washington, D.C., and were taken on the rounds of the various memorials, among them the Vietnam Wall, the World War II Memorial, the U.S. Marine Corps memorial and others.

Sloan, the 89-year-old World War II veteran who'd never been out of his native Tennessee before joining the U.S. Navy, was anxious to see the memorial commemorating his war — "That was the main one I wanted to see ... it was gorgeous," he said — but was most touched by visiting the Arlington Cemetery grave of Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated veterans in World War II.

"I always looked up to him," Sloan said. "I always felt like maybe he never recovered from what he went through (in the war)."

Personal reasons

Berbrich, the 82-year-old Korean War veteran, wanted to see the memorial for that war, but he



The more than 80 veterans plus their escorts and volunteers pose by the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial.

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The Vietnam War Wall.

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also wanted to see the U.S. Marines memorial to Iwo Jima. His reason was personal: he had a cousin

die there. "I hadn't seen it," Berbrich said of the memorial. "I'm still a ma-

rine and I wanted to see it." Both men were struck by the fact that, among

the visitors who greeted them were many children. Sloan said he was touched by their presence.

"There were little kids, which meant their parents cared enough to bring them out there," Sloan said. "That meant everything to me."

That also surprised Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia, Berbrich's daughter, who accompanied her father on the trip.

"A lot of young kids came up to thank (Berbrich) and that was cool," Alaniz said. "Kids aren't usually comfortable approaching strangers, but these kids did it to say 'thank you.' It was really interesting."

Organizers had one extra surprise for the veterans on the return flight, something to which they had all looked forward during their time fighting their respective wars: mail call.

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BUDGET

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Maloney that when Monica Merritt was appointed interim superintendent in February, trustees talked about allowing her time to adjust to the new position.

"We needed to give her time to get her feet on on the ground," Paton said, adding that plans Maloney wants are in the works.

Maloney asked about contract services and where a plan – and a potential plan for cost savings – might be. Paton again reminded him that Anstey is developing requests for proposals for all services. "(Anstey) is doing it. She's already said she's doing it," Paton said.

"I gave dozens of suggestions," Maloney said, adding that there has been no public discussion of his ideas.

Crouch, however, held up a piece of paper with his suggestions and told Maloney she had reviewed tapes of the past few board

meetings. "A lot of what you are raising we talked about two to three meetings ago," she said.

But Maloney continued: "I think there are much better alternatives" and again asked for data regarding the space at Allen and preschool classes.

Finally, Crouch attempted to stop Maloney. "Please don't come and say no has talked about your things (budget suggestions)," she said.

As Maloney continued talking, Crouch added: "You are out of order!" "Don't be silly," Maloney shot back.

Crouch responded in kind: "No. You don't be silly." "We need to act like a board instead of this complacency," Maloney said, adding, "I won't accept a lecture from you."

As she put an end to the verbal exchange, Crouch said: "It's not about complacency. It's about you trying to ride roughshod over people."

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Celebrate America's first ladies at Plymouth Historical Museum

A wine and appetizer reception for the former first ladies and their husbands (as portrayed by the Plymouth Living History Troupe) takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The Plymouth Living History Troupe will impersonate some of the first ladies and their husbands. The Main Street Opera Theatre will perform historic patriotic songs throughout the evening.

This event is a "first look" at the new exhibit "First Ladies — Fashion Setters" featuring more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history.

"The dresses are going to be fabulous," said Liz Kerstens, executive director of the museum. "They will be more historically accurate than anything we've had before."

In the past, the museum rented dresses from outside sources, but this year is different. Each

dress in this exhibit has been carefully researched by museum volunteer and past president Pam Yockey, who is also a costume historian and seamstress. Yockey handmade 12 of the dresses based on details gleaned from a lifetime of research.

Two original dresses will be on loan from a private collection as well. "We're not necessarily picking inaugural gowns," Yockey said. "We're primarily picking dresses they wore."

Something visitors can look forward to seeing is Florence "Flossie" Cleveland's wedding gown. When she was a young bride in the White House, photography was widely available, so photographs of her dress exist. This made recreating the dress easier.

"We have front and back photographs," Yockey said. "We chose not to do her inaugural gown, because it had been altered. That's true of a lot of the


gowns back then. Mary Lincoln's dress, for example, had been given to a niece and altered into a different time period."

Setting up an exhibit of this size is a serious endeavor. The museum closes for two weeks while the exhibits team takes down the current exhibit "It's a Downton Abbey Thing" and sets up the "First Ladies — Fashion Setters."

Tickets for the Wine & Appetizer Reception are available online at www.plymouthhistory.org, by phone at 734-455-8940, ext. 0, or in person at the museum at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

Tickets are \$25 (museum members receive two complimentary tickets.) Reserve your tickets by June 24.

The "First Ladies — Fashion Setters" exhibit opens June 29 and runs through Nov. 6. The museum is closed June 13-27 during the changeover.



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FLIGHT

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One of the things Bob Sloan delivered as part of the air transport service was mail and he remembers the warm greetings mail call — “The things marines liked the most was the mail,” he said, laughing — got from soldiers.

Mail call

Before the Honor Flight, escorts and volunteers solicited “mail” — letters, postcards, etc. — from friends and family. Then, on the flight back, weary veterans were greeted with “mail call.” “That was totally unexpected,” Berbrich said. “It was every bit as invigorating as getting mail call in Korea. It brings a lump to your throat.”

Alaniz was her father’s escort for the trip and she wouldn’t have had it any other way. Like the other escorts, Alaniz went through a training



The Vietnam War Wall.

session so she’d know what to expect.

And she found it well worth the effort, though she admitted to some tears flowing.

“I held it together most of the time ... when we got back is when I lost it,” she said, smiling. “Being able to experience that with my dad is something we’ll never, ever forget. To be able to see Dad and the other vets enjoying themselves was such an amazing experience.”

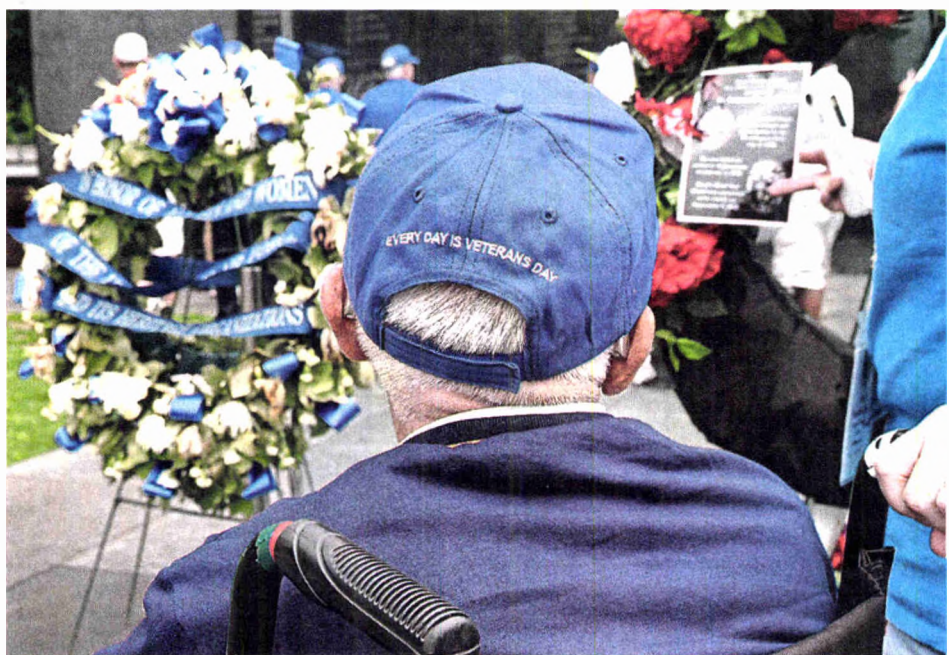
Cindy Sloan accompanied her dad, as well, and felt the same way about it as the other escorts. Cindy could look at it from a

different perspective: She’s a 20-year U.S. Army veteran herself.

She said the patriotism was so ever-present you could almost feel it.

“There’s no way to describe how lucky I was not only to take my father, but to be allowed to go on a flight with that caliber of men,” said Cindy Sloan, who makes her home in Knoxville, Tenn. “Just to see all the men, the expressions on their faces, the talk, the camaraderie. ... It was the most remarkable thing I’ve ever done.”

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World War II veteran Bill Douce of Berrien Springs looks at wreaths from Memorial Day ceremonies at the Air Force Memorial.

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On board the tour bus, Cindy Sloan, daughter of World War II vet Bob Sloan, shows a photo of her dad taken during the war.

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First stop is the Air Force Memorial. Korean vet Paul Bailey of Grand Rapids and travel partner volunteer James Stuck look at the view of Washington, D.C.

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The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.

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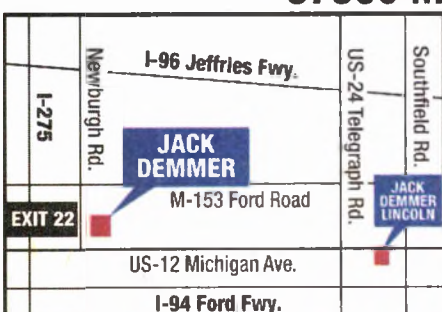
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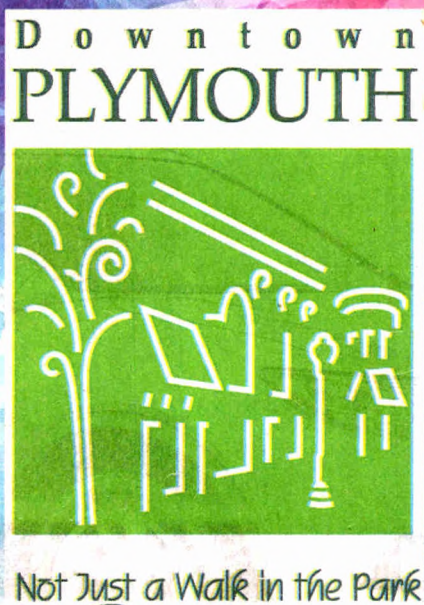
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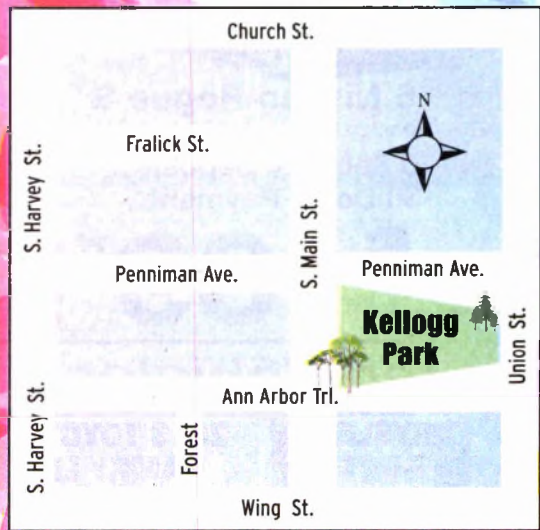
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Find the appealing 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275.

Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the midlevel SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the topline SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular tail-lights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

How it drives

The Rogue's power-train is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior,



The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.



Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types.

creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than

expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

Ergonomics and electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a 5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information. A full complement of

information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

Cargo and storage

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The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

Exterior highlights

- » 17-inch steel wheels; 17- and 18-inch alloy wheels available
- » Halogen headlights
- » LED daytime running lights
- » Rear spoiler
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County parks improvements to take place across region

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Several improvements are planned at Wayne County parks across the region, including parks in Livonia, Westland and Redford.

County officials outlined planned capital improvement work Thursday morning, which includes about \$2.5 million in renovations. Some improvements planned include upgrades to baseball diamonds in Hines Park, a new roof and paint for the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland and renovations to bathrooms at Hines Park in Westland and Livonia, as well as Lola Valley Park in Redford.

"Thousands and thousands of people come to the parks regularly and we do it on a pretty small budget of about \$15 million for all the parks," County Executive Warren Evans said. "Out of that comes whatever we can scratch out for capital improvements."

The Wayne County parks system is made up of 41 parks and facilities and spans more than 5,600 acres. Many of the parks are located in the northwest portion of the county, though there are several elsewhere, including Trenton and Sumter Township. About 17 capital projects are planned for this year.

More detailed work will include: adding a new swing set with a baby swing at Gunsolly Mills in Plymouth Township; more protective fencing around some baseball fields at Nankin Mills Park in Westland; an assessment of water lines will take place throughout Hines Park; and upgrades to bathrooms in Hines Park and Lola Valley Park in Redford, in-



FILE PHOTO

Wayne County will spend several million dollars in capital improvements to several county parks, including ones in Redford, Livonia and Westland.

cluding renovations to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"A lot of our buildings were built in the '20s and '30s, so our infrastructure is that old as well," said Elizabeth Iszler, chief of planning and design for the county parks division. "Some of our focus is to bring that up to current standards."

Additional work could also come in the future on new trails created near Newburgh Lake in Livonia last year, including work on the parking area for the trail on the southeast corner of Newburgh and Ann Arbor Road.

"We want to make some improvements to the parking areas where they're going to be and add some kiosks," Iszler said. "We want to make that better."

A more detailed map of planned capital improvement work this year can be found at waynecounty.com/capitalimprovements.

County: Millage crucial for improvements

The work comes as Wayne County voters prepare to vote on a re-

newal of the county parks millage for another five years. Voters will decide on the Aug. 2 primary ballot whether to renew a 0.2459-mill tax for county parks. That millage provides roughly \$9.86 million for county parks, more than half of the budget.

Iszler said other funding sources, including grants, are always examined for possible sources of revenue as well.

Beverly Watts, interim director of the county's department of public service, said the planned capital improvements this year have already been budgeted and will take place, though future capital improvement projects could be affected. Those other funding sources would need to be examined more as well, especially if that happens, she said.

"We still have to plan, but of course if the millage is not renewed, we'll have to go to a different plan," she said. "We definitely would need the park millage to be renewed in order to make all of this happen."

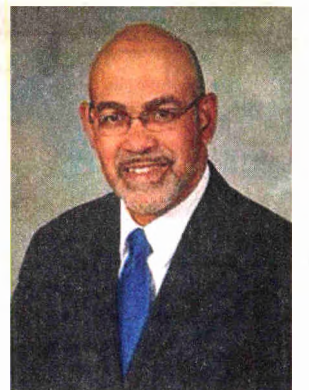
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- 313-224-5990 for General Information for the Wayne County Treasurer's Office
- 313-224-6105 for Taxpayer Assistance questions about payment plan options
- Office of the Wayne County Treasurer, 400 Monroe, 5th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226

Remember, the tax payment plan agreements deadline is June 30, 2016

DIVERSITY

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Pulse.

Hasan Sheikh, assistant imam of the Canton Mosque, said thousands of Muslim scholars responded to the worst mass shooting in U.S. history by issuing a statement that hatred "has no place in any faith, including Islam."

Amid an uptick in anti-Muslim rhetoric since the shootings, Sheikh said it would be "reprehensible" and "an egregious offense" to place blame on the entire Muslim community because of the extremist actions of one man.

Loren Khogali, president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, choked back tears as she and husband Yasir read the names of the 49 people killed in Orlando.

"This is so hard," she said.

For every name read, a candle was lit by Jack Hanley, a 17-year-old Plymouth High School student, and Joseph Jankowski, 16, a Salem High student.

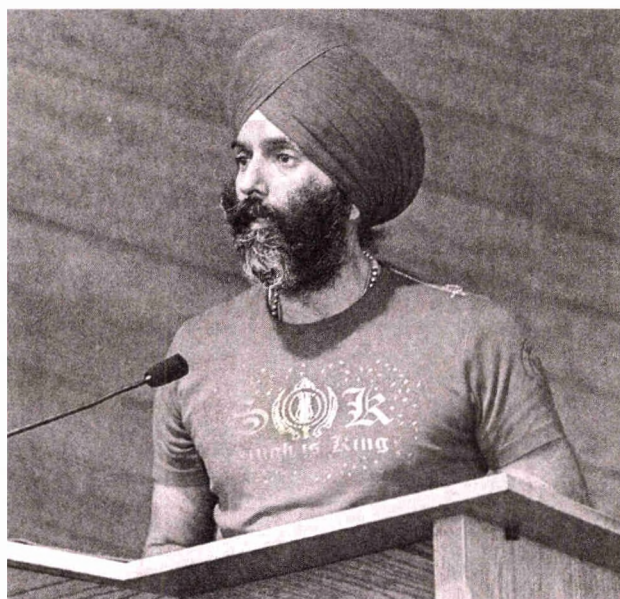
Hanley, who is bisexual, noted that the Orlando massacre came about one year after the Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage.

"These victims will live on in our hearts as loved," he said.

Chandru Acharya, representing the Hindu community, said he attended the two-hour ceremony to show opposition to hatred and violence. He also is president of the South Asian American Voices for Impact.

"I think the Hindu community strongly condemns any extreme views and violence based on gender identification and sexual orientation," said Acharya, a Canton resident.

Similarly, Jaspreet Singh, who read a Sikh verse during the ceremony, said it was impor-



KELLY DOBSON

The Sikh faith was represented by Jaspreet Singh of Ann Arbor. Sikhism, meaning a disciple or a learner, teaches unity and equality of all humankind.

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JASPREET SINGH
Ann Arbor resident

tant for him to attend.

"I'm here because I'm not comfortable being a bystander as events (involving hate) unfold in our community and our country," said Singh, an Ann Arbor resident. "Everyone is in this together."

Steve Spreitzer, a Plymouth Township resident and president/CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, denounced any efforts to disparage all Muslims for what happened in Orlando. He said Islam teaches that "to harm one is to harm all humanity."

Bryan Smith, pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church, said it is difficult to deal with the killings, which occurred June 12, but he said scripture teaches believers to love their enemies and pray for their persecutors. He said the gathering

Wednesday shows "a vision of what we can be together, of what our creator intends of us."

The Rev. Duke Morrow of Canton said the Orlando massacre dealt him an emotional blow. He has a lesbian daughter.

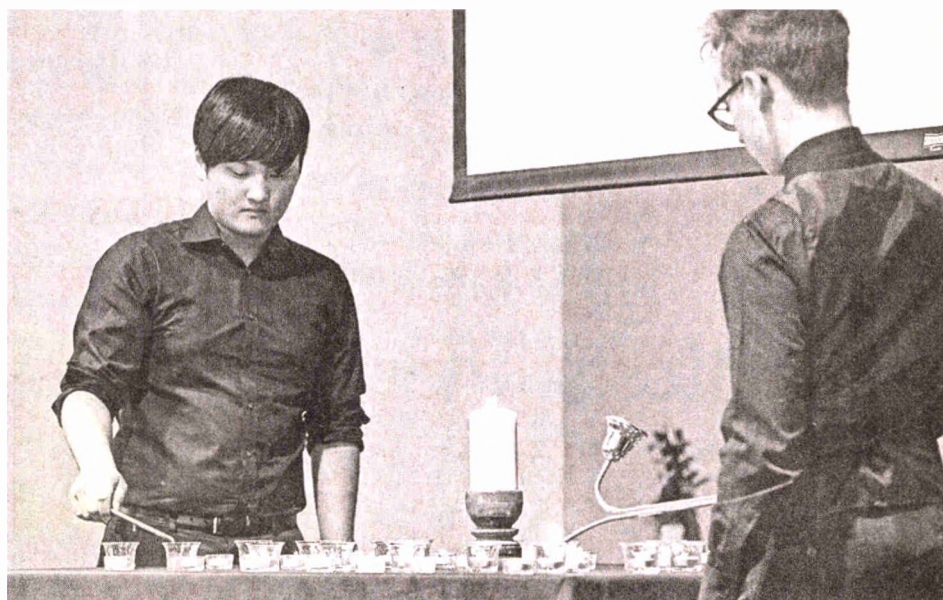
"I can't tell you how deeply grieved I am by this tragedy," he said. He encouraged support for those killed in Pulse by using the hashtag #KeepOnDancing on social media.

Sommer Foster, director of policy and outreach for Equality Michigan, read a statement that said some LGBTQ people are "marginalized" multiple times, such as when they are gay and a member of a racial minority. She said they still face discrimination by employers, landlords, neighbors and others.



KELLY DOBSON

Attendees closed their eyes as speaker George Belvitch asked them to imagine being in the Orlando nightclub, enjoying themselves until fatal shots rang out.



KELLY DOBSON

A single candle was lit for each victim of the massacre in Orlando. Joseph Jankowski of Salem High School and Jack Hanley of Plymouth High School had the honor of lighting the memorial candles.

She also urged a strong stance against allowing the massacre to become an anti-Muslim rallying call.

"We cannot allow anti-Muslim sentiment to become the focal point of this tragedy," Foster said.

George Belvitch, president of the Plymouth-Canton PFLAG group, which supports

the LGBTQ community, asked those attending the event to close their eyes and imagine they were in the nightclub Pulse.

"One moment you're joyful — the next, horror," he said.

Since the Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage, he said, 34 states have either introduced or passed anti-LGBTQ legis-

lation.

For one evening, though, in one church in Canton, a diverse group of people made those like Slayton feel welcome, loved.

"I just want to thank you all," he said, "for the love that is here tonight."

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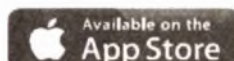
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DPD retired sergeant offers tips on avoiding scams

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Scams can hit unwary consumers, with thieves using increasingly sophisticated methods to trap victims. Robert Haig, a 27-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, shared advice on avoiding becoming a victim June 9 at a Plymouth District Library presentation.

"It was one of the more devastating crimes I had ever seen," said Haig, a Livonia resident who retired as a sergeant in 2013. He urged his audience of about 30 to never give out a Social Security number.

"Has anybody in this room ever heard of anybody going to prison on this? The bank won't prosecute. It does not pay to prosecute the case," Haig said. "Millions and millions of dollars lost by our financial institutions because of this."

He noted a typical holdup in Detroit yields the robber about \$20 cash

and a credit card he'll use without the PIN, such as for repeated gas fill-ups. Of "skimmers" at gas stations, recently on the news, Haig said, "You're getting away from your regular street criminal."

"My kids do not carry cash. They don't carry a penny," he said. Haig noted credit and debit transactions now put people at risk for identity theft.

He was on an Armed Robbery Task Force about 10 years into his Detroit career. An elderly woman told police two suspects threatened her young grandson with a gun.

'Never heard of such a thing'

"I had never heard of such a thing," Haig said. He and his investigators worked the case hard and



Haig

nine people went to prison. Haig is proud of his investigators and their work.

Older people are targeted as they're less able to run or fight back, he said. Often, suspects work in pairs and are well-dressed. Some pigeon-drop cases have also had criminals who impersonate police officers, claiming the bank is stealing and asking for another money withdrawal from the victim.

Haig showed a fake warrant and letter from the prosecutor's office and noted it's easy to make up such documents. He also showed fake badges.

"Enforcement officer? What the heck is that? Six bucks on eBay," he said of a fake badge he passed around. He called the criminals "brazen," noting a couple drove a victim to the 10th Precinct and pretended to work there.

"It goes on daily and it never gets reported," Haig said. Suspects in his

IRS IMPERSONATORS CHARGED

USA Today's Kevin McCoy reported on Internal Revenue Service impersonators recently. The suspects traveled the U.S. with dozens of fake names and IDs, he reported, collecting millions of dollars in payments wired by unwitting victims in at least 21 states.

McCoy noted new unsealed federal court complaints charge the defendants with wire fraud and conspiracy.

case were from Alabama; extraditing suspects for trial is an issue.

Police need search warrant

Haig also gave a reminder on the U.S. Constitution. "A search warrant. This is America," he said, noting police can only enter your home with a valid search warrant or in hot pursuit, called "exigent circumstances."

"Don't let people in

your house," he said, noting you can agree to appear for an interview at the police station if you feel threatened or believe it's a police impersonator.

Other tips from Haig: » If frightened, return to a building such as a grocery store, where there are people. You can also pretend to use your cellphone to place a call, scaring off an assailant.

» Be leery of those claiming to work for the water or power company, as well as those who claim to be tree trimmers. "These criminals have gotten pretty sophisticated," he said.

» Watch starting around April and through warm weather for those who claim to have "left-over materials" to seal your driveway. They often use cheap material and then haggle over the price, he said.

"Livonia gets hit hard right now. That's probably our most prevalent here," he said. "Also, it straddles that line with a civil case" and is hard to

prosecute.

» Go to the National Association of Bunco Investigators website, www.nabihq.org. That has retired and current law enforcement personnel nationwide who list scams.

» Never list a home phone number.

» Be leery of bank emails, which can compromise your account. Haig was told to log on, but didn't.

"All they need is a little crack in your armor," he said, urging people not to open such emails or answer phone calls they don't recognize.

Listener Susan Stefanski of Plymouth said, "I wanted to learn more. I have had identity theft." She's concerned about customer service calls she gets.

"It is for real or is it a scam? You don't know if it's really them," Stefanski said.

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Contests offer cash prizes for card, parking meter art

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You may be roasting in the sun, but it's time to think about winter.

The Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary is accepting art work through July 31 for its annual holiday card competition. The contest is open to both amateur and professional artists of all ages working in any medium.

The winning artist will receive \$100 and the design will be used on the auxiliary's holiday cards that help raise money for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"We've had a variety of different covers. We've had some patient-

drawn cards and children-drawn cards. We've had professionals," said Joan Emery, board member and auxiliary gift shop manager.

Artists can choose their own holiday subject matter, although Emery said their work should "appeal to all people."

"We are the Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary and that's a nice thing to keep in mind," she said. "For example, if I got a picture of a golden retriever with a wreath around its neck, I would wonder if should should forward it to an adoption center for goldens."

She suggests that artists use a lot of color

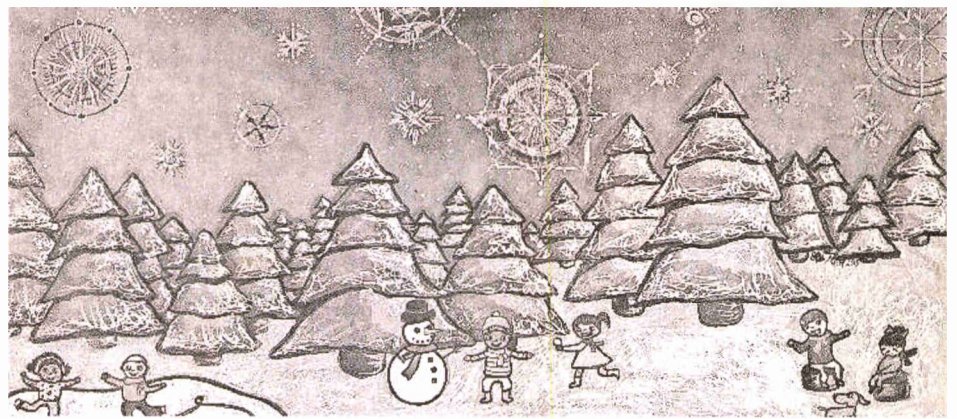
and minimize white backgrounds.

"We like to say what resonates with the artist?" she said. "How do they appreciate the holiday? And at the same time, we're reaching out to the general community. Keep that in mind, too."

Drop off art work in person or mail it to Something Special Gift Shop, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201. For more contest details, go to www.chmauxiliary.org.

Painting parking meters

If painting outdoors is more your style, check out Ford Arts, Beats & Eats' "Meters Made



Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary is accepting art for its holiday card design contest. This is the 2015 winning design.

Beautiful" contest for both amateur and professional artists, age 18 and up.

The organization, in conjunction with the city of Royal Oak Commission for the Arts, is accepting artistic designs for parking meters through July 21.

Contest finalists will paint their designs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, on 150 parking meters in downtown Royal Oak. The festival runs Sept. 2-5.

One artist will win a grand prize of \$1,200. Second place will take

home \$1,000 and third place will receive \$500. Ten artists will get honorable mentions and \$100 each. Every artist will receive a \$20 to \$30 for paint supplies.

Fill out an application at artsbeatseats.com/meters-made-beautiful.

Pet photos

There's no cash prize at stake in the Michigan Humane Society's annual calendar project, but your pet could land a pet-of-the-month spot and earn a little fame, depending on your photography skills.

MHS has extended its submission deadline to June 30 for pet photos that will be used in the

2017 calendar. The best ones are chosen for pet-of-the-month placement, but all entries will be used in the calendar.

"Some photos just have that star quality, showing a pet in the best possible light," said Nancy Gunnigle, MHS spokeswoman. "It's also helpful when the photo has a beautiful or interesting background that complements the pet."

Cost to enter is \$20. Photos should be horizontal and labeled on the back with the pet's name, owner's name and phone number.

Download an entry form at michiganhumane.org/petcalendar.

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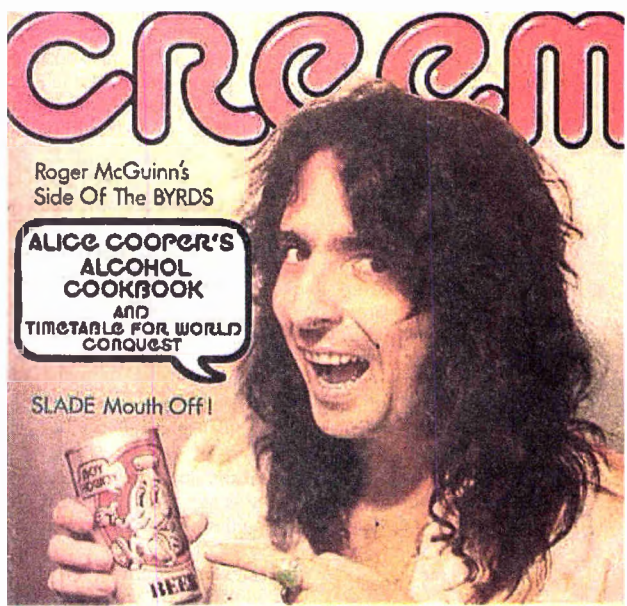
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BeRemarkable.



Alice Cooper shows off a can of Boy Howdy! Beer on the cover of CREAM magazine's June 1973 issue.

Boy Howdy! Craft beer brewers take a cue from CREAM magazine

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Boy Howdy! Beer will make a comeback this month when four local breweries release their versions of the iconic — and fictitious — brew. The Boy Howdy! character appeared throughout CREAM, the rock 'n' roll magazine that was located in Birmingham and published in the 1970s and '80s. CREAM ran a regular feature that showed rock musicians

holding cans of Boy Howdy! Beer while declaring the fictitious brew their favorite drink.

The craft beer versions that are being released this month will help promote an upcoming Kickstarter fundraising campaign for a new documentary about the magazine. "Boy Howdy! The Story of CREAM: America's Only Rock 'n' Roll Magazine" is being produced by J.J. Kramer, son of the late Barry Kramer, CREAM's founder and publisher.

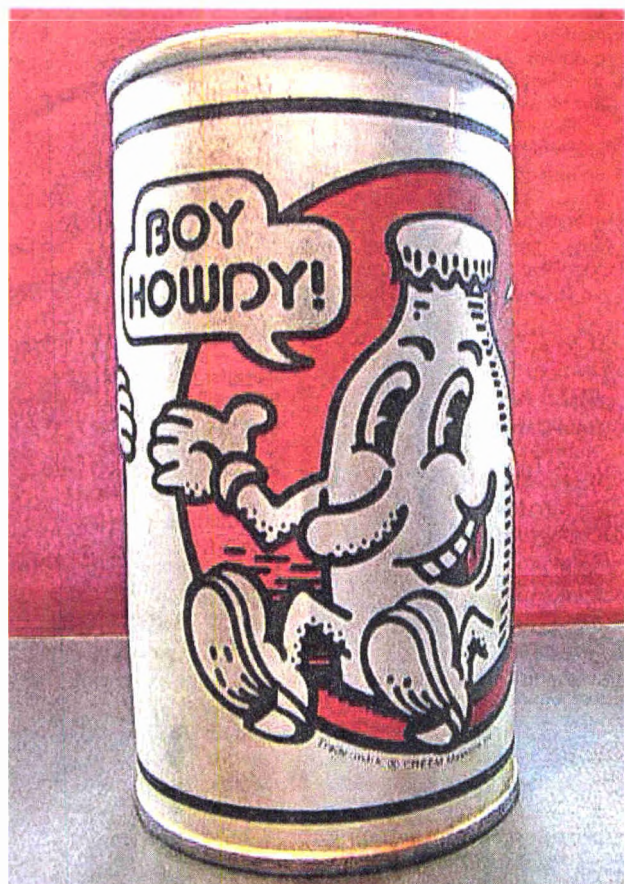
The film's promoters asked Farmington Brewing Co., Draught Horse Brewery, Ypsi Alehouse and Ascension Brewing Co. to create CREAM-inspired beers.

Jason Hendricks, who co-owns Farmington Brewing Co. with Jason Schlass and his father Gary Schlass, began serving the limited edition beer this week.

"There has been a good response for the beer so far. We made a Czech-style pilsner because it was a very popular style at the time," Hendricks said. "It's a really drinkable style."

The brewery imported grain, hops and yeast from the Czech Republic and made 2½ barrels, enough beer for about a month. Hendricks said they could brew more if Boy Howdy! Czech pilsner is popular and customers request more.

Hendricks, 36, didn't know much about CREAM magazine nor



Boy Howdy! Beer was a fictitious brew created by CREAM Magazine. A handful of local breweries are making their own versions to help promote a documentary about the Detroit-area rock music magazine that was published in the 1970s and '80s.

Boy Howdy!, the cartoon mascot created by artist Robert Crumb.

"My research told me it was not a real beer," he said.

The brewery gives out a Boy Howdy! coaster that includes information about the film with each order of the special brew.

Ginger beer

Brad Tiernan, owner of Draught Horse Brewery in New Hudson, plans to release his version of Boy Howdy! Beer at the end of the month.

Rather than use the 1970s as inspiration for the beer, Draught Horse focused on the magazine's readers.

"It might be some of the Baby Boomers and my father's generation," Tiernan said, considering his target market.

He decided to create a flavor Baby Boomers might recognize.

"It's a ginger rye ale," he said. "So it has a hint of ginger and it's brewed with malty rye. It's a well-balanced, easy drinking ale."

Draught Horse brewed five kegs that likely will last through July.

"It's refreshing and good for hot months," he added.

Ascension Brewing Co. in Novi also brewed a summer favorite, a light cream ale.

"It's a beer we do all the time that we are re-naming," said Adam Czap, Ascension owner. "It's one of our top sellers. It's the craft equivalent of the American light lager, with a little more flavor."

Learn more about the documentary at creemmagazinedoc.com. Visit the breweries at these locations:

- » Farmington Brewing Co., 33336 Grand River Ave., Farmington; 248-957-9543
- » Draught Horse Brewery, 57721 Grand River Ave., New Hudson; 248-617-3000
- » Ascension Brewing Co., 42000 Grand River Ave., Novi; 248-308-2093
- » Ypsi Alehouse, 124 Pearl, Ste. 100, Ypsilanti; 734-487-1555

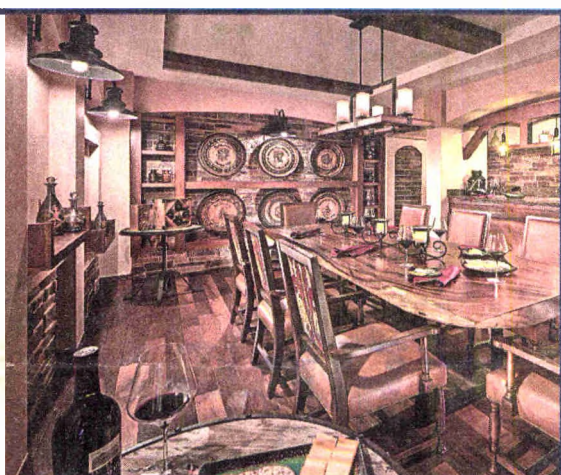
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Police raid homes over dog fighting

Michigan State Police seized 25 dogs, narcotics and arrested five people Thursday night while executing search warrants regarding a dog fighting operation at homes in Westland and Inkster Thursday.

Police didn't release information on the addresses of the homes or those arrested as no charges have been filed.

The dogs were turned over to the Michigan Humane Society. In addition to cocaine, heroin and marijuana, state police reported seizing \$25,000 in cash and equipment for training the dogs.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CONNECT YOUR SUMMER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 20
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road
Details: Get involved in summer reading with more than 100 programs, activities. Attend summer kickoff party takes for a photo op spot, a wheel of fun, custom library coloring sheets and much more. If patrons pick up one of library CYS yard signs, the CYS prize patrol might drop in and hand out prizes at your doorstep as a new CYS feature. The library's giant Spirograph is set to be unveiled at the kickoff party
Contact: www.cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999

ARTS AND ACTS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19
Location: Downtown Northville
Details: Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout the region when the annual festival returns for the seventh consecutive year
Contact: Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org
ELKS JAZZ
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 28
Details: The Terry Lower Trio with Edye Evans Hyde returns

for an evening of true jazz entertainment. Hyde is an award-winning jazz singer who engages the audience with the great favorites. Joining Lower on keyboard and Hyde on vocals, will be Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums
Cost: \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarborrelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: The Canton Concert Band will perform a free concert on the lawn at St. Michael Lutheran Church. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship.
Contact: The church office 734-459-3333 or go to www.connectingwithGod.org.

SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Until September
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road, Canton,
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care

and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office
Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050.

GRUB CRAWL

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19
Details: Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts annual Grub Crawl with food samples, sweet treats and craft beer from 18 eateries and the Canton Brew Works microbrewery.
Cost: \$35 per person for tickets (T-shirts) and include transportation. They are on sale now and can be purchased at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, online at www.cantonchamber.com or by calling 734-453-4040.

DIVERSITY EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.
Location: Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill
Details: Wood carvings of Filipino dancers, Muslim prayer beads known as tasbeeh, a Buddhist monk's brass bowl and a Brazilian special-occasion dress are on display as a Canton Historical Museum exhibit pays tribute to this community's cultural diversity. Muslims, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Brazilians and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, are represented in the exhibit — "A Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community."

CANCER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month
Details: Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends,

a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.
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45th reunion set for 6 p.m. to midnight Sept. 24, at Mama Mia, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Mail \$25 to JGHS class of '71 in care of Gary Pack, 38128 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI 48185. Pre-reunion party is 7-11 p.m. Sept. 23 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. For more information, call JoAnn Keenan at 734-516-6443, Gary Pack at 734-377-9133 or Darla Webb at 734-262-1132.

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CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Kickers Allstar Bar & Grill, in Canton. For more information, go to http://bit.ly/Crestwood76.

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1966

50-year reunion planned for Sept. 10 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, go to cody-class1966@groups.facebook.com or call Joe Evans at 313-421-5448 or Barbara (Doherty) Kalinski at 734-320-6545.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1981

The 35-year reunion is set for Saturday, July 16, at the Holiday Inn in Farmington. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Jeri Martin Stam at 734-895-9026 or go to Farmington High class of '81 on Facebook.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST & WEST CLASS OF 1966

The 50th reunion will be held Sept. 10. Find more event information on the G.C.H.S. class of 1966 East & West Facebook page.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL WEST CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion Motown Dinner Dance Cruise on the Princess Riverboat. Boarding 6-7 p.m., cruise 7-9:30 p.m. Aug. 27. \$65 per person. Call 877-338-2628.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

50th reunion will be held Aug. 25-28. Contact Larry Ruzsas at 810-599-3509 or lruzsas187264mi@comcast.com.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

50-year reunion dinner and celebration set for 5-11 p.m. Sept. 17, at the Summit in Canton. For more details, check the Plymouth High School Class of 1966 Facebook page or email jerryrorquist@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1967

50-year reunion planned. Go to Class Creator - Plymouth-mi67.com for information or call Lynette Thayer at 419-726-2088.

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Laughing Madmen mixes music and showmanship

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Laughing Madmen has recorded four CDs of original songs, but also plays cover tunes on stage, where performance is every bit as important to the band as music.

"We're very outgoing on the stage. We're not afraid to move and be in people's faces. Our singer will walk into the crowd and solicit people to sing with him," said guitarist Lee Micallef, a Livonia resident. "To a lot of bands, a performance is to stand in one spot and perform as is. That's not performing. You're playing music, but it's not performing. Performing requires more than standing like a mannequin."

"We are actively engaged and involved. The majority of people want to see you have a good time and get into it."

Micallef said the band not only connects with the audience, but also approaches cover material in a way that sets the group apart from other bands.

"A lot of bands do the songs by the numbers," he said. "They'll look at whatever song and play it accurately ... but there is no life left in it because they beat it into the ground. We look at how the original artist presented the song live. Often, there's more of a spark in their live performances. We'll take that and expand on it and breathe life into the songs."

In addition to Micallef, known as "Mr. Lee" in the band, Laughing Madmen consists of Gerry Paz of Warren on vocals and bass, drummer Brian Sabalinski of Clinton Township and vocalist



Gerry Paz of Warren and Tom Petito of South Lyon work the stage.

Tom Petito of South Lyon. Micallef and Petito founded the band 23 years ago, giving it a name that suggests unpredictability and that allows its members to feel at home whether they're dressed in a cape, tuxedo or blue jeans and T-shirt.

"It allows us to be anything we want to be," Micallef said.

Concert series

The band will perform for the 10th consecutive year at Walled Lake's annual summer concert series at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at Hiran Sims Memorial Park, located on Quinif Drive, east of South Commerce Road, off North Pontiac Trail. It's a new concert site for the band.

"We've played at Riley Park and also at an adult senior citizen complex," he said. "They had us out on the shuffle board court for four years. It was a high-rise and people would be on the balconies, sitting out there and applauding."

Laughing Madmen also experienced the "roar of the crowd" last year when the band played Rockin' on the Riverfront in Detroit.

"There were a good

few thousand people," Micallef said.

The band won a competition, besting 60 other groups and earning the right to perform at the free summer concert series on GM Plaza.

The group also has entertained at the Woodward Dream Cruise in Oakland County, at Pumpkinfest in South Lyon and the Red Dog Saloon in Milford. It has developed a following mostly east of Woodward Avenue, in Oakland and Macomb counties.

"You've got to go where the crowd goes," Micallef said.

Upcoming gigs include the Center Line Independence Festival on June 25, farmers market in Warren on Aug. 7 and Warren Birthday Bash on Aug. 26.

Micallef, a Churchill High School graduate, took drum lessons as a child and later spent some time learning piano and guitar. He credits himself as self-taught on guitar and can write and read music.

For more information about the band's concert schedule, go to laughingmadmen.com.

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Study options to reduce premiums of long-term care insurance policy

Q: My dad is in his early 80s. About 20 years ago, he purchased a long-term care policy. He has never had a claim on the policy and, therefore, I was shocked when he received a 50-percent increase in his premium. Basically, it makes the policy too expensive for him. The agent that sold the policy to my dad is no longer in business and the company says it can't offer any advice. My question to you is: Is there anything that we can do to lower his premiums? I would hate to cancel the policy, but unless I can figure out how to lower the premiums, I will have no other alternative.

A: Unfortunately, it's not uncommon for insurance companies to raise premiums on long-term care policies. It's a disturbing trend that we have seen over the last few years. That being said, there are some things that can potentially reduce the cost of the premiums.

The first area that I would look at is if you have inflation protection on your policy. Inflation protection is a very expensive item and, by reducing or even eliminating the inflation coverage, it can potentially save you a substantial amount in premiums. For all the years your dad had the policy, if he had inflation protection, he probably has locked in



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Across the board, we have seen long-term care policy premiums increase substantially. The key to remember is that you have more options ...

those increases, so reducing or eliminating the protection should not be a major issue.

Another item that you can consider adjusting is the elimination period. The elimination period is the same as the deductible in auto insurance. The difference is the elimination period is not measured in dollars, but in time. Therefore, if you have a 90-day waiting period (which is the norm), you can consider raising it to 180 days. Typically, Medicare covers the first 90 days, so you would be self-insured for the next 90 days, having coverage for long-term issues. At the same time, you should look at the coverage term. If you have lifetime coverage, maybe reducing that can also offer substantial savings. Lastly, you can look at

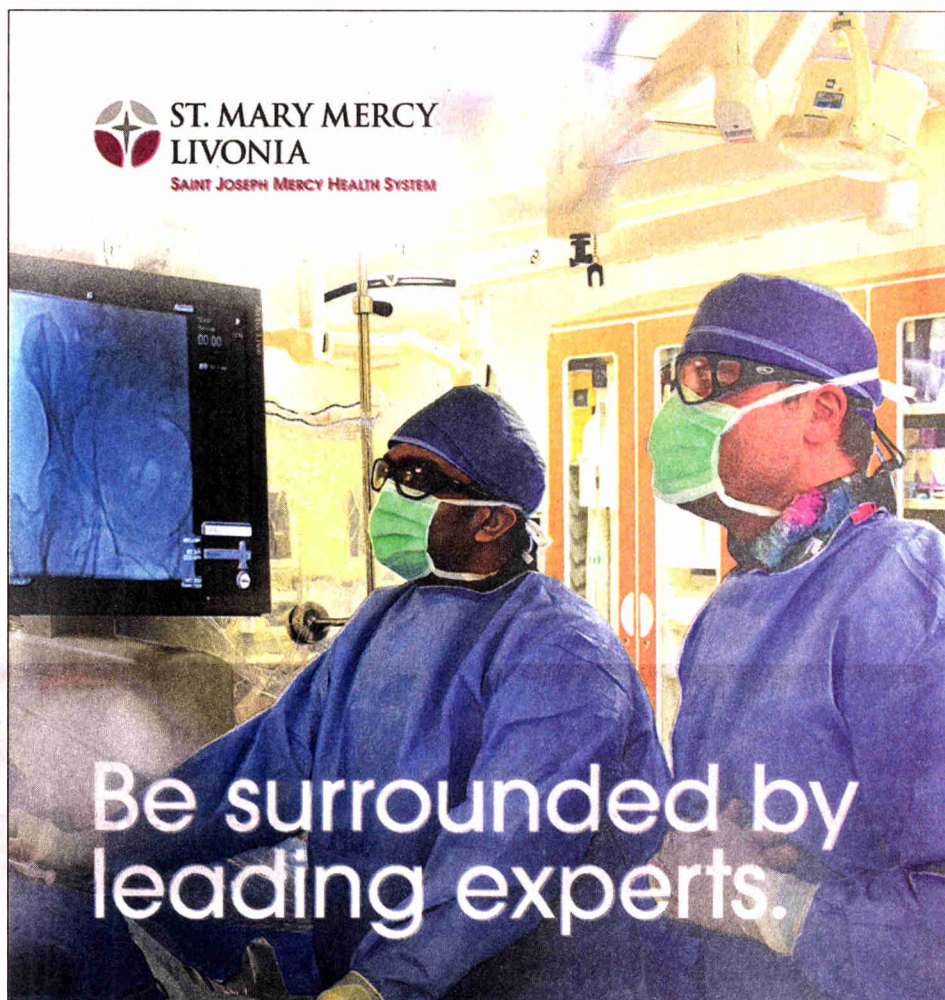
adjusting the coverage so that it matches your current premium. In addition, there could be a combination of the adjustments to keep the policy affordable.

Typically, long-term care companies are not very helpful in helping you make the aforementioned adjustments. You can either get a new agent to help you with this policy or you can contact the company and have it assign you a new agent.

Across the board, we have seen long-term care policy premiums increase substantially. The key to remember is that you have more options than either paying the higher premium or just canceling the policy. You have to be proactive. These are the times where a good qualified agent can be extremely helpful. Good agents will work with you and provide you a variety of options to suit your needs. All that bad agents are looking to do is sell you something. That is why, particularly with long-term care, you need to deal with someone who is competent, who cares and who wants more than just to sell you something.

Good luck!

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JUNIOR GOLF

Boczar earns spot in U.S. Junior Am

Plymouth Wildcats standout qualifies for 69th U.S. Junior Amateur Golf Championship

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The hits keep on coming for Jack Boczar.

Not even a week after Boczar came within an eyelash of earning the individual championship at the Division 1 boys golf state finals in Grand Rapids, the Plymouth High School standout placed another feather in his cap.

On Thursday, Boczar — who still has one more season to go with the Wildcats — earned a coveted spot in the 69th United States Junior Amateur Golf Championship.

He did so by registering 139 at the 36-hole qualifier at Fieldstone Golf Course in Auburn Hills, finishing just one stroke out of first place.

The USGA took the top four finishers out of more than 100 golfers who participated.

The United States Junior Amateur Golf Championship will be held in mid-July at the Honors Course in Chattanooga, Tenn., and consist of the best junior golfers in the country.

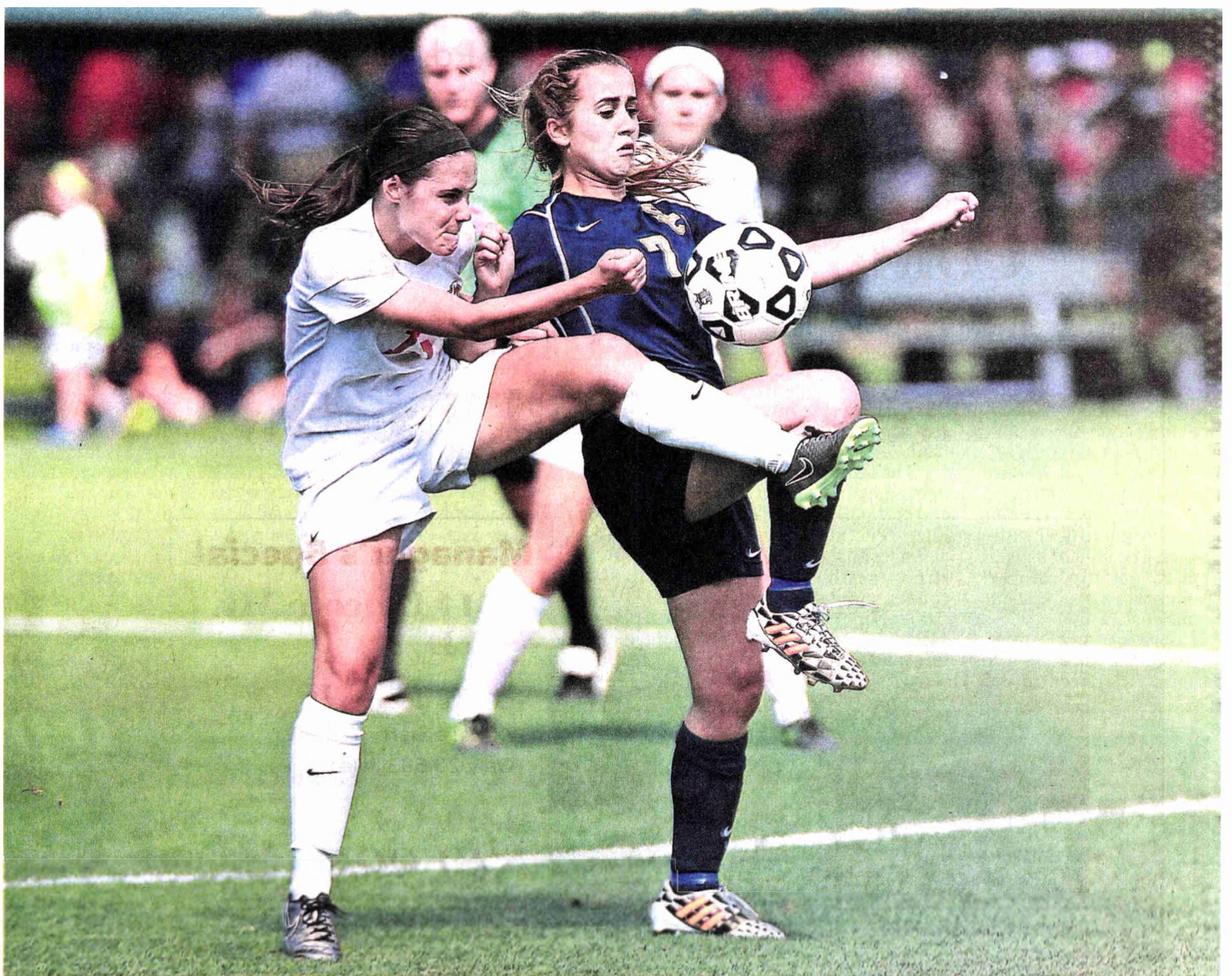
It will be a four-day tournament, with two days of stroke play and two days of match play.

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Jack Boczar (left) is congratulated by Gordon Marmion, Fieldstone Golf Course manager and head golf professional.

D1 GIRLS SOCCER FINAL



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Battling for a 50/50 ball Friday are Canton's Sarah Willett (left) and Sofia Zambrano of Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

CHIEFS GET THE BOOT

Championship dreams foiled as Canton loses late on penalty kick against Stoney Creek, 1-0

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The postseason magic for the Canton Chiefs came to a controversial end Friday at Michigan State University's DeMartin Stadium.

Although the Chiefs were widely outplayed throughout the Division 1 girls soccer final against Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, the contest remained 0-0 with less than 11 minutes to go in regulation — with senior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

It's the agony of defeat for this Canton Chiefs player following Friday's 1-0 loss to Stoney Creek at MSU's DeMartin Stadium.

sliding, punching and diving all over the front of the net to keep her team in it.

But then came a penalty kick that the Chiefs did not

think was justified. Cougars junior midfielder Emily Solek subsequently ripped the shot into the lower-right corner, the deciding goal in the 1-0 Stoney

Creek championship victory. "I'm not in the box. The ref calls what he calls," Canton head coach Jeanmine Reddy said about the PK ruling. "It's a crappy way to lose in the state finals, obviously."

Anheuser, who stole the D1 semifinal win over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and was tracking to repeat that against the Cougars, questioned the PK call and lamented losing a state title on such a ruling.

"I think that the ball was already out of bounds when they called the penalty kick," Anheuser said. "The girl running in wouldn't have even got to the ball. I believe it shouldn't have been a penalty kick."

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Plenty of standouts on All-Park team

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Although success in the standings was uneven among the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls lacrosse teams during the 2016 season, there still were plenty of outstanding individual performers.

The coaching staffs at Canton, Plymouth and Salem selected the 2016 All-Park Girls Lacrosse Team and those players are profiled here (listed alphabetically):

Marissa Barman, jr. attack, Canton: The junior earned all-KLAA honorable mention honors following a productive season in which she scored a team-leading 33 goals and 35

points. Barman, who was second in draw possessions this season, will be one of the Chiefs' senior captains in 2017.

Mikaela Berg, sr. defense, Salem: One of the Rocks' captains and team leaders, Berg made her presence felt on defense. She led the team in ground balls and had the second highest number of interceptions.

"Mikaela is quick, plays strong defense and is a significant part of the Rocks' defense," coach Nicole Jacobs said.

Casey Bower, sr. attack, Canton: The four-year varsity letter winner led the Chiefs in

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TAMMY MILLER

Members of the 2016 All-Park Girls Lacrosse Team, composed of players from Plymouth, Canton and Salem, are: (front row, from left) Natalie Nowicki, Marissa Cirino, Casey Bower, Marissa Barman, Kayla Goleniak and Leah Tardiff; and (back row, from left) Elizabeth Elliott, Shelby Strawn, Cathryn VandenBosch, Kristen Wiseman, Katja Nuler, Lauren Rippey, Stephanie Miller, Mikaela Berg and Colleen Shortal.

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks stop Cincinnati in match played at CC

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Michigan Bucks won't deny their performance Thursday night appeared at times to be like a deer in headlights.

But the Bucks made Zach Bock's homecoming to Novi Detroit Catholic Central High a happy one as they improved to 5-1 (15 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference with a 1-0 victory over the Cincinnati Dutch Lions.

The Dutch Lions, despite being in sixth place, proved to be a tougher match than their 1-5-2 division record indicated.

"It wasn't our best performance, for sure," said Bock, a defender who also plays at Western Michigan University. "The conditions - the rain - you've got to deal with those. The sign of a good team is getting the three points when you're not at your best."

Bock was an all-state football player at CC who went on to concentrate on

soccer at the collegiate level following his high school days.

Just being back at the Fr. Richard Elmer Stadium and on Tom Mach Field brought back good memories of playing Friday night football.

"It's definitely cool to be back," Bock said. "It hit me during the national anthem, just to be under the lights here. It was really a similar feeling to be back on the field. And when I closed my eyes, it was another Friday night for high school. Glad to get the win here and moving on with the season."

The only goal of the match came in the 33rd minute, when Hilliard, Ohio, native Ben Fitzpatrick scored off a feed from Adam Najem.

"The team was starting to play better at the end of the first half," Fitzpatrick said. "We were getting a few passes strung together. We were countering and Adam (Najem) picked up the ball in the middle of the field and I broke off toward the wing and he



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Bucks' Marco Charalambous tries to dribble around a couple of Cincinnati Dutch Lions defenders during Thursday's PDL match at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

slotted me and I buried it at the top of the net."

The midfielder, who helped Urbana reach an

NCAA Division II region final and a 13-5-2 record during his junior year last fall, notched his third

goal of the season for the Bucks.

"Ben played really well," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "He scored a great goal for us. He's been good for us all season and he played quite well. We're really happy with him and (he) would probably get my vote for man of the match."

Fitzpatrick, in his first season with the Bucks, likes the team's chemistry thus far.

"I'm loving my time up here," he said. "The competition is great, good group of guys, so I'm really enjoying myself up here."

The Bucks averted a tie during the 62nd minute of play when goalkeeper Tom Lohmann, who earned the shutout, came up with a key point-blank save.

And in six games now, the Bucks have outscored their opponents 14-1, but they trail Great Lakes Division leader Kitchener-Waterloo United (6-1, 18 points), the defending PDL national champion,

which has a game in hand.

"You're not always going to be on your 'A' game, so to speak," Muftari said. "And to be able to get something out of the game, to be able to grind something out, is important because those games are going to happen and you're not going to clicking on all cylinders. We found a way to get it done, but we know we have to get a lot better."

The Bucks return to PDL action at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Louisville (Ky.) against the Derby City Wolves before returning home to face Toronto FC at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Home match tickets are available at the gate for \$10 (adults) and \$7 (16 and under). Pre-sale tickets for all ages can be purchased online for \$6 at www.buckssoccer.com.

Group packages for 20 or more are also available. For more information, call Kelly Haapala at 248-521-2179.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Despite Friday's disappointing loss in the Division 1 girls soccer finals at Michigan State University, the Canton Chiefs have plenty reason to smile about their 2016 season.

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"I think we played a hard game. I think it should have gone to overtime. I think it should have gone to PKs."

Jump-starting the action that led to the penalty call was a free kick from midfielder by Solek.

As the ball scooted through the box to the left of the Canton net, there was contact inside the 6-yard box with Stoney Creek forward Sarah DeGrendel knocked to the turf.

The official's call elicited a loud cheer from the Cougars' fan section.

And their cheers grew understandably louder after Solek found the inside of the right post with her PK.

"It was a great game, back and forth," Stoney Creek head coach Bryan Mittelstadt said. "I was just pleased that we got that opportunity and took advantage of it."

Few opportunities

Canton (17-3-4) could not muster much of an attack throughout the contest, sending just four shots in the direction of Cougars junior goalkeeper Gina Cerny.

The final attempt was a soft shot from above the 18-yard box with three minutes left by junior midfielder Abigail Heyde, which Cerny easily grabbed.

Where things changed was how much offensive heat the Cougars (18-3-3) generated following intermission.

Both teams had played a conservative brand of soccer in the first half, trying to figure out the lay of the land.

An indicator of how much the pitch was tilted during the final 40 minutes in the direction of Anheuser — who faced 12 shots all told — was Stoney Creek's wide edge in



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Following the bouncing ball are Canton's Hannah Lapko (left) and Stoney Creek's Amelia Kuntzman.

corner kicks.

Canton's first corner kick did not take place until about eight minutes remained in regulation and the Chiefs could not click on the bid.

Tough injury

According to Reddy, a key factor in her team's lack of offensive juice was a head injury sustained by junior forward Raquel Church midway through the scoreless first half.

"That (the injury) was huge," Reddy said. "She's come off the bench and scored pretty much in every game during the postseason for us."

"She plays well with Hannah (Lapko); (it) took all that dynamic up front out of whack."

Lapko, who had been an offensive force throughout the postseason, concurred with her coach about how much the injury to Church cost Canton.

"That really hurt us on offense. Raquel's such a good player and she's so aggressive and fast and works 100 percent," Lapko said. "It was a really big loss to lose her, especially because Jen (Richmond) and I, we didn't have three forwards we had two. It was kind of hard."

The Chiefs were looking to capture their first title since 2001, when they defeated Troy, 3-1.

A good note

Despite the defeat, Reddy and her players were proud of a season in which they dropped out of the top 10 state rankings despite losing only to Novi and Walled Lake Northern.

"It's a disappointing way to end the season, but I am so proud of my team," Anheuser said. "To not be ranked and go this far, we were definitely the underdog and I'm proud of everything we

accomplished this season. Still going out on a good note."

Senior midfielder Madison Archibald credited "unbelievable" goalkeeping by Anheuser for the Chiefs making the finals (although sophomore Sarah Hammond also was instrumental, winning PK shootouts during the tourney against Plymouth and Ann Arbor Pioneer).

But Archibald also touted the Chiefs' unwavering team bond all season long.

"Our team chemistry, we did everything together," Archibald said. "We all clicked together on and off the field."

Archibald added that the Chiefs "have been through a lot this season. So to get here, there's only two teams here in the states, so it's a big accomplishment."

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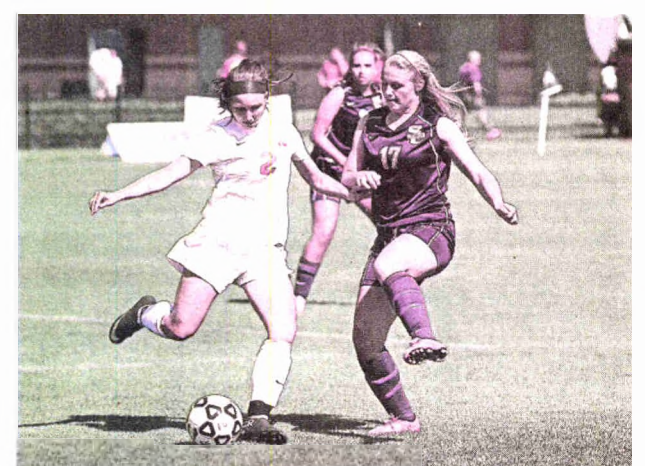
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Retrieving the ball for the Chiefs is senior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser. At right for the Cougars is Meghan Solek.



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Threading a pass to a teammate Friday is Canton senior midfielder Casey Muglia.



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Locked in struggle for possession are Canton junior forward Jen Richmond (left) and Stoney Creek's Lauren Orlando.

PREP SOFTBALL

Marlins reach final round of tourney

Mercy tops Mattawan in D1 semifinal

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Cari Padula's bases-loaded double was exactly what Farmington Hills Mercy needed to get the ball rolling offensively Thursday afternoon at Michigan State University.

With the score tied in the second inning, 2-2, her clutch hit knocked in three runs and sent the Marlins on their way to a 9-6 victory over Mattawan in a Division 1 softball state semifinal game.

"I knew coach (Alec Lesko) wanted me to do that and it was just so cool I could go up there and do that for my team today," Padula said.

A five-run rally put Mercy on the right track after falling behind, 2-0, in the bottom of the first inning.

Shannon Gibbons and Megan Satawa were on base when sophomore Anna Dixon doubled to drive in the team's first run.

A walk to Sophie VanAcker loaded the bases for senior slugger Abby Krzywiecki, who was hit by a pitch, forcing in the second run.

That brought Padula to the plate. Before driving the ball into deep left field, she just missed hitting a grand slam as the ball sailed wide of the foul pole in right.

"It would have been awesome if it went out, but I just had to recoup and take a deep breath," Padula said. "I knew I had to get a good hit."

"I have this little thing I say: 'See ball, hit ball' and that's exactly what I did."

Following a 53-minute rain delay, Mercy got a sixth run in the third inning with another clutch, two-out hit by Dixon, who went 3-for-4



Abby Krzywiecki rounds third base to score Mercy's eighth run on a hit by fellow senior Cari Padula (background).

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with two doubles and two RBIs.

"I was able to get a lot of things started for my team, so we could keep getting runs and play like we can," Dixon said.

"Once we got that first inning out of the way, it was all good. I'm really happy I could help my team in any way I could."

Rain not an issue

Lesko was afraid the rain delay might have a negative effect on the Marlins (42-2) and not because they were idle during the extended timeout.

"Once it started raining, they were pretty loose," he said. "In fact, I thought they were too

loose. They were singing and dancing and having fun in the dugout.

"I was concerned we might be burning up too much energy. But I guess they just kept it rolling."

He was especially happy for Padula, the clean-up hitter who was 2-for-4 with four RBIs and scored a run.

"She walked away from our last game thinking she didn't contribute enough," Lesko said. "She had a couple sac flies and, gosh, she almost had a grand slam today."

"We're excited for her. She's a senior and has been a great leader, so I'm glad she had a chance to do something big today."

No give-up in foe

The Wildcats continued to battle, however. After scoring twice in the bottom of the third, they got within a run, 6-5, when lead-off batter Genny Soltesz singled and later scored on a wild pitch.

Mercy had another timely response with a three-run sixth inning that all but won the game and took the pressure off senior pitcher Andrea Elmore at the end.

Dixon started the Mercy sixth with her second double. After a sacrifice by VanAcker, Krzywiecki and Padula drove in one run each with a double and a single, respectively.

"I was a little frustrated with myself," Dixon said, citing defensive lapses behind the plate. "After that happened, I was ready to go and make up for it."

"I was just trying to hit the ball. Then everybody followed suit. I knew, if we got our hits and kept playing like we could, we'd be fine."

Close out the win

Junior Nicole Belans followed with the fourth hit of the inning and Elmore drove in the ninth run with a ground out, scoring Padula.

The Wildcats (32-9) got a final run in the sixth with Sarah Hillsburg's sacrifice fly. Elmore got Amber Mazahem to hit an easy

ground ball back to her for the final out.

Following Mackenzie Swinehart's two-out single in the seventh, Elmore and the Marlins ended the game with a line-drive fly out to left fielder Sarah Cassidy.

Gibbons also went 3-for-4. Dixon, Krzywiecki and Gibbons scored two runs each. Mercy had an 11-9 edge in hits.

"The deeper you go in this thing, all the teams hit the ball," Lesko said. "I'm just glad we stayed on pace and ahead of that and hit more than they did."

No need to worry

Elmore was more effective in the circle than her counterpart with eight strikeouts and no walks. She didn't hit a batter either.

"Our offense is amazing," Elmore said. "I never want to give up many runs, but I'm never worried when it does happen. (Her teammates are) always trying hard and able to come up with runs."

Mattawan pitcher Emily Koperdak went the distance, too. She fanned four, walked four and hit one.

Swinehart went 3-for-4 with an RBI triple in the third inning. Meaghan Markus was 2-for-3 with a run-scoring double in the first. Joanna Bartz and Koperdak had RBI singles; Soltesz was 2-for-4.

Nos. 1 and 2 in final

Second-ranked Mercy was scheduled to play No. 1 Macomb Dakota (38-2) for the championship Saturday in MSU's Secchia Stadium. The Cougars beat Midland in the other semifinal Thursday, 4-2.

It will be the second state final for the Marlins, who were the Division 1 runners-up to Portage Northern in 2002.

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CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

The Canton Youth Lacrosse Program's 5/6A team celebrates after winning the recent Midwest LaxBash Tournament in Oxford. In the front row (from left) are Reid Kozal, Cav Diton, Blake Lombardi, Reid Caswell, Caleb Bey, Matthew Aleva, Conor Przybylo, Noah Szmagaj; standing (from left) are Ryan Fisher, Connor Hands, Coach Robert Coon, Parker Solomon, Jack Weiss, Bruce Williams, Nathan Azarovitz, Brendan Church, Matthew Bey, Kaden Coon, Luke Pappas, Jace Berryhill, Kevin LePage, Coach Ed Anderson, Coach Evan Fisher.

Canton youth teams 'Bash' rivals

The Canton Youth Lacrosse Program, operated by Canton Leisure Services, continues to bring home championships.

Both the 5/6A and 7/8A teams won the Midwest LaxBash Tournament June 5 in Oxford, the largest and top ranked season ending tournament in the area, against teams from around the Midwest.

These bring the total tournament wins to six in just the past four years and the third championship in four years for head coach Ken Caswell, assistant

coaches Mike Albano and Rich McLaughlin and the boys on the 7/8A team.

Winning at different age divisions demonstrates the strength of the program. Coach Ed Anderson and his 5/6A players have a bright future. Canton fields the only spring recreational teams in the Canton and Plymouth communities.

Sixteen years ago, the Canton Youth program started with about 36 players on two teams. Canton Lacrosse currently fields five teams in grades 3-8 who play in

the Metro West Lacrosse League from early March to early June.

For many players, lacrosse does not end with the end of the spring season as there are now local opportunities for year-round training which did not exist several years ago.

In recent years, Canton Leisure Services partnered with CIX Lacrosse to offer off-season camps, training and league play in Canton.

Registration for next spring begins this fall. For more information contact Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600.



CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

The Canton Youth Lacrosse Program's 7/8A team is all smiles after winning the Midwest LaxBash Tournament June 5 in Oxford. Kneeling are Ethan Rottell, Gavin Roach and Anthony Gattoni; standing (from left) are Nathan McLaughlin, Coach Rich McLaughlin, Nick Warren-Green, Jack Mulvaney, Sam Peterson, Cameron Bump, Jon Hanton, Tyler Schewe, Jack Gregory, Harrison Albano, David Bartnicki, Ben Zwarka, Evan Lee, Coach Ken Caswell, David Brace, Grant Caswell, Jack Cervantes, Zach Peters, Brendan Allen, Jae Yoon and Coach Mike Albano.

MHSAA DIVISION 2 SOFTBALL SEMIFINAL

THE TURNING POINT

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

From the very first pitch until the moment Roz Price's majestic, third-inning home run splashed down in the Red Cedar River, Livonia Ladywood absolutely owned Thursday's MHSAA Division 2 softball state semifinal showdown against Vicksburg.

Playing on their sport's biggest stage — the Michigan State University's plush facility in East Lansing — the Blazers led 5-0 after Price's two-run round-tripper sailed over the 220 sign in left-center field.

But like Bulldogs are known to do, Vicksburg maintained its tenacity and mounted a remarkable rally that ended with a 7-5 triumph and a berth in Saturday's D2 final against Richmond.

The stunning season-ending setback left Ladywood with a 32-13 record, while Vicksburg padded its mark to 36-8.

In the wake of Price's blast, Bulldogs starting pitcher Avery Slancik put Ladywood on lockdown and did not allow another hit to the powerful Blazers batting order.

Pitching to contact, Slancik let her team's sterling defense take over, inducing eight infield outs over the final 4½ innings without striking out a Ladywood batter.

Vicksburg's defense stole the spotlight on the chilly, overcast day in the top of the with when, with Erika Selakowski on first following a one-out walk, right fielder Sadie Martin retreated all the way to the fence to snag Liz Kemp's deep drive. Vicksburg left fielder Alicia Cagney then ended the inning with a flat-out diving grab on a sink-



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Ladywood's Roz Price is welcomed home by excited teammates after she rocked a third-inning home run.

ing liner off the bat of Price.

Ladywood put a runner on first in both the sixth and seventh, but couldn't advance them any further.

Price was dynamic over the first two innings for Ladywood, limiting the Bulldogs to one base-runner (a two-out, first-inning base-on-balls to Grace Stock).

In the meantime, the Blazers' offense was solving Slancik early and often.

Ladywood exploded to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first on back-to-back doubles by Alexa Flores and Cecilia Warner and a one-out single by Kemp, that scored Werner.

Selakowski opened the third with a long blast to left that sailed just foul over the Spartan-green fence. Undaunted, the No. 3 hitter roped a single to center and scored two batters later on Price's home run.

The momentum shifted dramatically in the bottom of the third, when Vicksburg bounced back with two runs to cut its deficit to 5-2. Kalie Yant drew a one-out walk, advanced to third on two wild pitches and scored

on a single by lead-off batter Carlie Kudary.

Price then walked the bases loaded before Kudary scored on a wild pitch.

Vicksburg secured the lead for good, 7-5, with five runs in the fourth on just two hits — neither of which left the infield.

Olivia Holmes ignited the comeback with an infield single. Raquel Rice and Yant sandwiched walks around a pop out, loading the bases and bringing the curtain down on Price's day on the mound.

Hard-throwing southpaw Alexa Flores took over in the circle with the bases loaded and was greeted with a run-scoring bunt single by Kudary. Following an infield error that brought home the Bulldogs' fourth run, Stock drew a bases-loaded walk, Shaidan Knapp hit into a run-scoring fielder's choice and Slancik helped her own cause by drawing a run-scoring walk.

Ladywood out-hit Vicksburg, 6-5, but was ultimately done in by pitching command issues that led resulted in eight walks.

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Cranes down Marlins in D-2 state semifinal

Scane scores six goals to lead the way

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Speed was the name of the game employed by Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in a Division 2 girls lacrosse state semifinal game June 8.

The Cranes were fast on the field and at putting points on the scoreboard in a 22-4 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy at Troy Athens High School.

Cranbrook Kingswood scored the first seven goals and was ahead at halftime, 11-2. It scored

the first nine goals of the second half and won going away.

"We've been a slow-starting team this year," Cranes coach Greg Courter said. "Our focus the last couple weeks has been on starting quickly, and we're really getting after teams at the beginning. I was pleased we were able to do that today."

The Kingswood girls employed excellent passing skills to get the ball into the attack zone quickly, and they used their superior speed to get into scoring position.

"We talk about playing fast every day in practice," Courter said. "My approach is always to be

as fast as possible. At the high school level, it's all about speed of play and, usually, the faster team will win."

Sophomore Isabelle Scane scored four of her game-high six goals in the first half. She, senior Grace Giampetroni and sophomore Sophia Milia scored two apiece in the early 7-0 run.

"It's not a great surprise for those of us who see her every day at practice," Courter said of Scane's ability to score in a variety of ways.

"She's a terrific player; she's very creative. We encourage her to be as creative as possible. The kids have the green light and, however they

want to score, they can score."

In fact, it's all about skill and not strategy once the Cranes get to the state tournament.

"At the beginning of every season, I tell the kids my job is to make myself completely unnecessary by the state playoffs," Courter said. "If that's my goal, that means the kids are empowered."

"They know how to play the game; they're fit. They don't really need me for any strategy at this point. Just go out and play!"

Giampetroni finished with five goals, Milia and freshman Jess Geiger three apiece, senior Caroline Hinnant two.



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Mercy senior goalie Hannah Cohen disrupts a shot by Cranbrook's Georgia Hinnant.

LACROSSE

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assists. "Good vision while attacking the goal from behind (and a) sure stick on the offensive end," coach Dave Bower said.

Marissa Cirino, sr. mid/attack, Plymouth: Cirino was stellar her senior season, setting game and season marks for assists (6 and 34, respectively) while providing leadership as a team captain.

Her efforts were rewarded with selection to the all-KLAA team and she was a MWLCA honorable mention all-state pick.

"Marissa is a smart player with speed, quickness and the stick skills to drive the opposing defenses crazy," coach Jake Wieloch said. "She sees the field very well and will get the ball to the right person at the right time."

Cirino will play at Siena Heights in 2017.

Elizabeth Elliot, jr. goalie, Plymouth: Elliot's aggressiveness and compete level helped her establish Wildcat marks

for saves in a game (17) and season (122) and save percentage (.524).

"Lizzy is a fiery and energetic goalie that could also play out if needed," Wieloch said. "She is quick and aggressive to the ball. Lizzy's clears are as accurate as they are long. She uses those clears to start our fast break offense."

Kayla Goleniak, jr. midfield, Salem: An all-KLAA honorable mention selection, Goleniak was second on the team in ground balls and third in draw controls, forced turnovers and interceptions.

"Kayla has a hard shot, but is also able to make smart feeds to her teammates," Jacobs said. "On the defensive end, Goleniak holds strong positioning and is tough."

Stephanie Miller, jr. midfield, Salem: The junior was named to the all-KLAA team and was a MWLCA all-state honorable mention selection.

Miller led Salem in draw controls and caused turnovers and was second in goals.

"Stephanie is an intense player with a smart shot who knows how to find her way around the

defenders," Jacobs said.

Natalie Nowicki, sr. mid/attack, Plymouth: The senior spark plug and a team captain for the Wildcats, Nowicki set game and season records for points (12 and 257, respectively) and groundballs (182) while doing whatever it took to help her team.

Her all-around play earned her all-KLAA and MWLCA honorable mention all-state honors as well as a spot on the Ursuline College team in 2017.

"Natalie is the spark plug for our team," Wieloch said. "She plays great defense and once we get the ball she is always looking for the right time to score. She has a high lacrosse IQ with the speed, quickness, stick skills and passion to go far in lacrosse."

Katja Nuler, sr. mid-field, Canton: The Chiefs' senior captain and a four-year varsity letter winner, Nuler earned first team all-KLAA honors.

She set individual single season records for most draw possessions in a game (8), most draw possessions in a season

(41) and most takeaways in a game (4). She also was third in goals, points, groundballs and defensive stats.

"Katja is a technically skilled two-way player with a strong understanding of the game," Bower said. "She will be playing lax at Lawrence Tech in the fall."

Lauren Rippey, jr. mid-field, Canton: Rippey was team MVP, leading the Chiefs in draws and draw possessions while second in goals and points.

"A tough hockey kid, Lauren played through injury for most of the season," Bower said. "A natural leader (and) heart and soul of the team."

She will be a team captain in 2017 and subsequently play Division I hockey at Brown University.

Colleen Shortal, sr. mid-field, Salem: The senior provided leadership as a captain as well as inspiration through her spirited play on the field.

"Colleen holds the second spot on the team for draw controls," Jacobs said. "Colleen is a team player and a leader on the midfield."

Shelby Strawn, jr. defense, Plymouth: The Wildcats' back line was bolstered by the consistency displayed all year by Strawn. Her play was duly noted as she was named to the all-KLAA team.

"Shelby is a tough defender who always ended up playing defense from the attack restraining line to our goal," Wieloch said. "She is fast and has a high lacrosse IQ which she uses to anticipate passes and cuts."

"When she gets the ball in her stick is has proven she can score as well with three goals this year."

Leah Tardiff, jr. attack, Salem: Tardiff had a big junior season, with accolades including all-conference, all-state honorable mention and selection to All-American Team Michigan.

A team captain who led the Rocks in goals, her efforts were instrumental in the Salem attack.

"Leah is quick on her feet and uses her speed as her advantage," Jacobs said.

Cathryn Vanden-Bosch, jr. mid/attack,

Plymouth: Having made big strides as a junior, the team is looking forward to what Vanden-Bosch can accomplish as a senior — when she also will be a captain.

"Cathryn has grown a lot this year in how she sees the field," Wieloch said. "She has become one of the primary targets for our attack to pass to down in the 8-meter fan."

"She has sniper like accuracy from either right or left hand. She also plays tough defense and will start the fast break on the turnover."

Kristen Wiseman, soph. midfield, Canton: It was quite a sophomore season for the rookie midfielder, who helped the Chiefs with expertise in draws and draw controls (second on the team in each category).

"Kristen put in a strong effort this season, developing two-way skills and making her presence felt in the midfield," Bower said. "We're looking for big things from her next season."

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Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Brad Karchol

When Canton Community Foundation's annual scholarship award ceremony was held last night, it was a celebration of a tradition that has been going on for over 25 years. The foundation will award \$100,000 in scholarships to 25 students who will be attending college in the fall. The award ceremony was held at the Canton Community Foundation building on 28th Street.

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JUNE CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 22
Location: Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit
Details: Riccardo Selva, director of the jazz studies program at Schoolcraft College, will perform with the Dr. Riccardo Selva & Friends Jazz Combo in the Center's Creation Garden. Wine, soft drinks and appetizers will be available. The concert is free
Contact: solanuscenter.org

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: The Canton Concert Band will perform on the church lawn. Bring a chair or blanket
Contact: 734-459-3333; connectingwithGod.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30-9:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 28
Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia
Details: One-night screening of "Alison's Choice," a story about a young pregnant woman who meets Jesus Christ in the guise of a friendly janitor while waiting for her name to be called at an abortion clinic. She must decide if she will go through with the abortion. Tickets are \$13 and must be reserved by June 21. Order tickets at https://www.tugg.com/events/106414
Contact: Donna Gonzalez at 313-247-3108

POLISH-AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22
Location: Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake Village
Details: "Anno Domini 966" is a celebration of 1,050 years of Christianity in Poland. It begins with a musical performance by Jaroslaw Golembowski, followed by refreshments at 4:30 p.m. and a procession to the bilingual Mass. The Mass will include the blessing and dedication of the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II and the lighting of the 1,050th anniversary candle. A banquet will be held after Mass in the St. Mary's Athletic Complex. Banquet reservations are \$75 per person. Call Isabel Lopez at 248-683-0507 or email ilopez@orchardlakeschools.com
Contact: Orchard Lake Schools at 248-682-1885

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 26-30
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School Wayne, located two miles east of I-275 and one mile north of Michigan Avenue, at Hannan and Glenwood
Details: "Cave Quest Following Jesus The Light of the World" will include Bible adventures, songs, snacks and hands-on explorations for children, 3 through those entering sixth grade. Pre-register by calling the church at 734-728-1950 or email r.barta@att.net.
Contact: 734-728-1950; stmiachel.lutheran.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, June 27-July 1
Location: Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: "Submerged" is the theme
Contact: 248-477-6365

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 20-24
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia
Details: "The Armor of God" is the theme. The program is for children in preschool-fifth grade
Contact: 734-464-8844

JULY CONCERT

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30
Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland
Details: The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmens perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door
Contact: 248-887-5364; holyspiritconcert.ezevent.com

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford
Details: Free Christian music festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket
Contact: 313-937-2424; hosannatabor.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 27-July 1
Location: Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Bible adventures, singing, snack, craft. Family Fun Night is 6 p.m. July 1 with food, games and inflatables
Contact: 734-525-3664; bbt-livonia.com

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.
Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba

practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering

in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

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HARMS



PHYLLIS (PHYL) LUCILE 85, of Livonia, died Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at her Stratford Pines residence in Midland, MI. The daughter of the late Luther and Helen (Morris) Kisor was born on September 4, 1930 in Faribault, Minnesota. Phyllis graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1948, and earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University. Phyllis so enjoyed teaching elementary school in South Redford and Garden City, Michigan, retiring in 1995. Her family was foremost in her life. In addition, she enjoyed her bridge groups, knitting, sewing, Livonia Towne Club, working at the Henry Ford in her retirement, volunteer work, and entertaining with family and friends. She is survived by her two children, Sandy Harms Reay (Tom) of Midland, and Rick Harms of Livonia. Naomi Harms remained in Mom's heart. Her special loves included her grandchildren, Steven (Lindsey) Harms, Eric (Samantha) Harms, Sarah (Kea?) Harms/Bone, Kathy (Chris Collins) Harms, and Spencer Reay; great-grandchildren, Addison and Ellie Harms, and Blake Schweitzer; sister, Ada (Russ) Minges; many nieces and nephews, Kisor - Doug, Kim (Mark), Brenda, and Lisa (Doug); Minges - Denise (Don) and Brad (Karin); Schmitz - Donna, David (Jackie), Debra (Pat), Dean (Barb), Denise, and Dawn (Jed); Harms - Jeff, Sharon, Michelle, Wendy, Lisa, and Linda. The children of these "children" were special to Phyllis, as well. Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Morris; and sister-in-law, Vonceil. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Phyllis's life will take place at a later date in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Those who would like to remember Phyllis are asked to consider a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are under the care of the Wilson MILLER Funeral Home. Personal messages of condolence may be left at www.wilson-miller.com

WOOD

BRUCE CHARLES Age 61, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away on March 3, 2016 at his home in Escazu, Costa Rica. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Robie Wood Sr. (Woody), and his mother Shirley Mainland Wood. Bruce is survived by his siblings, A. Robie Wood (Mary Ellen), Missy M. Chabot, and Laura W. Czarnycki (James); his nephews, Robie (Lauren) and Christopher Skinner; nieces, Abby, Hannah, and Emma Wood, Jessica and Jenna Czarnycki; and his great-nephew, Jax Robie Skinner. Bruce was a generous man with a very kind soul. He loved his friends and family deeply and lived a life that allowed him to truly experience the world. His sense of humor and laughter brought joy to many. His time with us was undoubtedly too short, but we take comfort in knowing he never lost track of the beat of his own drum. Contributions in memory of Bruce may be made to the ASPCA in his name. A private memorial in celebration of his life will be held in Novi on July 16, 2016. Informal attire and colors are encouraged. For further information please inquire at brucewoodmemorial@gmail.com.

PITTS

HAZEL LORENE age 90 passed away April 20, 2016. A Memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 5:00 PM at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport, Walled Lake, MI. Friends may visit at the church from 2-5 PM.

SEY

RUBY E. (SPAIN) 84 of White Lake, passed away peacefully in her sleep, June 3, at home. She was the beloved wife and best friend of 44 years to William Edward. Born in Johnson City, Tennessee, she was the daughter to the late James Herbert and Lottie Spain. Ruby was the area director for Jewels By Park Lane for many years to retirement. She loved golfing, cooking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She is survived by her loving children, Deborah Sey-Falzon and her husband Ronald of White Lake and William Brian Sey of Oak Park. "Gbabes" to Kristina, Brie-Anna, and Brittany. Dear siblings, Brenda Spain-Hubbard of Johnson City, TN, Joyce Spain-Holbrock of Johnson City, TN, and the late Lloyd Spain, Bill Spain, Ralph Spain, Mabel Spain-Sheffield, and Barbara Spain-Estep. Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service with a Celebration of Life Luncheon to follow Sunday, June 26 from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield.

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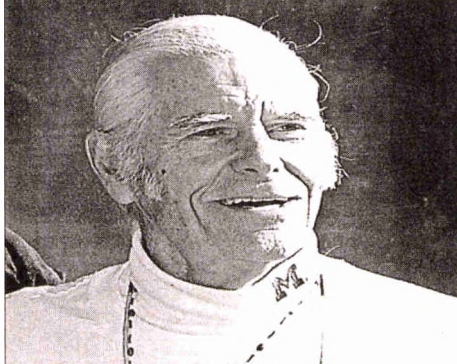
ESTHER M. Went home to the Lord June 13, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Edward W. Sweeney. She leaves behind three adult children, Edward W. III (Catharine), Michael K. (Kathleen), and Lynnda M.; grandchildren, Jamie L. Dormaier, Kaly N. M. (Mark) Ernest, Dr. Ronald J. (Jillian), Edward IV (Emily), and Kevin D. (Dawn); two great-grandchildren, Eliza Ernest and Emelia Ernest. Esther was a long time member of Michigan Dental Assistant Association, having served as State President. A pioneer of Multiple Practice Management as well as, at one time, a bartender, Livonia Police Officer, and a practical nurse. Boasting that no employee ever quit her department. More boasting? Kissed by Elvis Presley in Las Vegas. Visitation Friday, June 17 at 1:00 p.m. until time of service at 6:00 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Memorial request: help someone in need.

WEIR



CHARLES R. June 12, 2016 Age 95. Beloved husband of the late Kathryn. Dear father of Richard, Mary McCann (Lynn) and Robin Horner (Clay). Grandfather of Laura, Steven, Brian, Britton, Kathryn, Philip, Mark and Elizabeth. Great grandfather of Matthew and Sarah Akroyd, Grace, Ellie, Maggie, Calvin and Kelsea Weir and Britton Foster. Memorial service Saturday June 25 11a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook Rds., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers family suggest memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice. A. J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary & share memories at AJDesmond.com

MATTHAEI



FREDERICK C., JR. Passed peacefully on June 2nd, 2016, at his daughters' home in Oakham Massachusetts, surrounded by his family, overlooking beautiful Brooks Pond. He was 90 years old.
 Fred was born in Detroit on October 20, 1925, son of Frederick Carl Matthaei, Sr. and Mildred (Mimi) Hague Matthaei. His grandparents had a grocery store and butcher's shop in downtown Detroit. As a child, Fred's father delivered milk to customers in a horse-drawn cart. Fred's father rose to prominence as the owner and CEO of American Metal Products (AMP). He was a well-known philanthropist and Regent of the University of Michigan, known for his many contributions to the University, including the land for Radrick Farms Golf Course (named after his two sons, Kon-RAD and Frede-RICK), the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, and the Huron Valley Humane Society, as well as his hard work together with Fred Jr. in trying to bring the Olympic Games to Detroit.
 Fred Jr. grew up in Detroit and Ann Arbor. Upon his graduation from Ann Arbor High School in 1943, he enlisted in the Navy, and served while a student for two years. He was discharged due to a football injury. Fred graduated from the University of Michigan in 1947 with a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Mechanical Engineering. In 1948, he married a fellow student, Mary Elizabeth ("Betty," and later Malora) AschenBrenner, and raised their five children in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, MI.
 Fred described himself as an "entrepreneur and civic activist experienced in automotive parts manufacturing, corporate management, banking and finance, politics, lawsuits, community development, amateur athletics, and University of Michigan matters." He began his work life employed as an engineer at his father's automobile parts company, AMP, where he was proud to have worked his way from the bottom up, like other employees. At AMP, he helped develop adjustable seating tracks, and a prototype for an energy-efficient, compact car, called the Henry J.
 In 1968, Fred purchased ARCO Industries, another automobile parts company, becoming its CEO and Chairman for many years. ARCO Industries grew to \$9 million in sales under his management, as he expanded their product line. As a result of the environmental movement, which Fred supported, ARCO eventually came under scrutiny for its standard production practices, which were found to have been polluting the groundwater with toxic chemicals. Fred remediated the pollution, and spent years in costly litigation with his insurers before winning a precedent-setting settlement with them in 2001. Around the same time, in the area of finance, the Parson's group which he was a partner in, folded. These two endeavors brought him near bankruptcy. In the 1980s, Fred shifted his entrepreneurial energies into residential real estate development, creating many beautiful housing communities with his son Carl, including Bloomfield Woods in Bloomfield Hills and the Matthaei Farm in the Ann Arbor area.
 Fred's work as a civic activist spanned many arenas. In the wake of the urban rebellion of 1967 in Detroit, sparked by police violence and concentrated inner city African American unemployment and poverty, Fred teamed up with Tom Borman (owner of Farmer Jack's

stores) to load a semi truck with food and water to help residents of downtown Detroit. He joined the Virginia Park Rehabilitation Citizens Committee as an advisor to help in the city's rebuilding, and joined the Economic Development Corporation of Greater Detroit, chairing its board from 1968-1974. He was appointed in 1973 by Governor Milliken to the Board of Trustees of New Detroit, Inc. - an organization of black and white leaders working to identify and eliminate racial disparities in the region by building economic equity, social justice and racial understanding - serving as its chair in 1976 and 1977.

A second key area of civic activism for Fred was the University of Michigan. Fred was a passionate "Michigan man" all of his life, and an avid fan of the Wolverines. He was a member of the U of M Club of Greater Detroit and its president in 1958-59. He served as Regent in his father's seat in 1967-68, and was active in the Alumni Association as life-time member, director, committee member, and president. Fred worked tirelessly to make the Matthaei Botanical Gardens a world-class facility, assisted in the expansion of the Huron Valley Humane Society (which had been built on land donated by his father and aunt Litta), and donated land for the Parker Mill park. He endowed a number of scholarships, including the Mildred Hague Matthaei Student Research Fund, in memory of his mother, and the Matthaei Family Athletic Scholarship to help deserving athletes fund their educational goals. Fred participated in his class' fund-raising drive for a reflecting pool adjacent to the Lurie Engineering Center on North Campus by gifting funds for what is known as "Fred's fountain" - which he christened, at the pool's dedication, by jumping into it, in his suit! Fred's civic activism earned him recognition as "Honorary Citizen" of both Detroit and Ann Arbor, as well as numerous awards. In his hometowns of Birmingham and then Bloomfield Hills, Fred was best known for his service as governor of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, which he chaired in 1975 and 1976, and as founder and first president of the Birmingham Athletic Club.
 Fred was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He traveled all over the far reaches of the world, often with his children and grandchildren. In the robotics world, "Grampa Fred" is a legend, as an avid supporter of his grandsons' team which won five World Championship titles. He was equally proud of the accomplishments of his granddaughters, Kaitlin, equestrian and Occupational Therapy student, and Ella, dancer, singer and teacher.
 Fred was known by his friends, family, and colleagues for his unique ability to connect with all kinds of people and to bring them together to communicate, often to form a team with the goal of improving the community and world. He held onto his love for life and his adventuresome spirit up to the day he passed. Fred said many times that he had lived a wonderful life, had done everything he wanted to do, was grateful, and felt lucky. A teacher, inspiration, and adventurer, right to his very last breath, Fred will be sorely missed by his family, as well as by his community of friends and neighbors in Michigan and around the world.

Fred Matthaei is survived by his brother Konrad Matthaei; his sister-in-law Joan Anneberg; his four daughters, Julie Matthaei, Maru Matthaei, Amy Matthaei, and Mimi (Morgan) Crowther; his sons-in-law William Witter, William Crowther, and Germazion Medhanie; his nieces Marcella Matthaei, and Lisa and Karen Anneberg, and nephew Konrad Matthaei; his four grandchildren, Kaitlin, James, and Leland Crowther, and Ella Wechsler-Matthaei; and his grandnieces Evelyn AschenBrenner and Sophie Matthaei, and grandnephews Ken Erwood, and Konrad and Spencer Matthaei. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Malora (Betty) and his son Carl.
 Fred's four daughters will hold a memorial celebration in his honor at 2 p.m. on July 31 at the Orchard Lake Country Club, 5000 W Shore Drive, Orchard Lake. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to 248-647-4800.

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Network aggressively and with integrity

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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A lucky few may feel at home in a networking environment, but most dread it because it forces them outside their comfort zone.

Here are five tips to make your networking efforts more aggressive and impactful while following protocol and maintaining etiquette.

Put yourself out there more. The first step toward successful networking is to be proactive about scheduling networking events and meetups on your calendar so it's on your radar.

"Going to events such as meetups in your area that relate to your field opens up dialogue without things getting too aggressive," says Alexis Sheehy, an online marketing specialist at Klara Technologies. "Building a relationship, even if it is as a result of sitting next to each other at a conference, is better than cold-calling or emailing. An aggressive approach would be to send a nice follow-up email after receiving a new business card from a networking event. If you're currently seeking a job, let that person know during the in-person conversation, casually."

Make your contact about building relationships. Approach your networking strategically, but don't try to bypass building relationships and take shortcuts — it will pay off in the long run.

"If you focus on a broader scope — a relationship, not just a singular social transaction — you're more likely to win over a contact," says April Masini,

an author, relationship and etiquette expert, and popular media resource. "Job seekers, without realizing (it), can come across as grubby because they want a job. When you set yourself apart as someone who wants a relationship with a contact, not just a job, you're more likely to appear less desperate and smarter."

Be authentic. "When making industry friends, don't hide your true self to try to appear greater or smarter or richer than anyone," says Max Cron, creative strategy director for Online Optimism, a marketing agency. "Putting up this wall becomes apparent and can be a turnoff for many people."

Benjamin Luftman, one of the founding partners of the law firm Luftman, Heck & Associates, says he looks for job seekers who express a genuine interest.

"As a hiring manager, the qualities I look for when job seekers or potential employees are networking with me are authenticity and enthusiasm," he says.

"When someone is contrived, it shows. I think it's about striking the right balance between self-promotion and inquisitiveness. If you handle yourself in a way that shows you are confident, not cocky and desperate, and genuinely interested in the person you are speaking with, it goes a long way."

Showcase your subject-matter expertise. Consider writing a blog or creating a podcast or YouTube video on a subject that's relevant to your field of expertise, advises Matt Sweetwood, an author, speaker and social media and photography expert. Then, share it with the potential employers you meet at networking events.

Ask experts for their advice, not an interview. "People love to talk about their own experiences and answer smart questions," Masini says. "When you create a conversation by asking their advice with specific, smart questions, you're more likely to engage someone over the long run than the short run. This is a smart move in creating a relationship with someone you want to network with (because) it comes off as generous, not selfish."

Tap into experts at networking events by picking their brains about issues relevant to the industry or asking about their professional experiences.

"Good networking always requires an understanding of the prevailing standards and social codes for your industry, function and level," says Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "Always position your request as: 'If you were me, how would you approach this process?' (and) not: 'Do you have a job opening?'"

Deanna Hartley is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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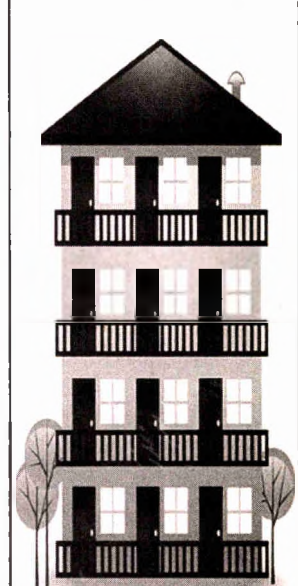
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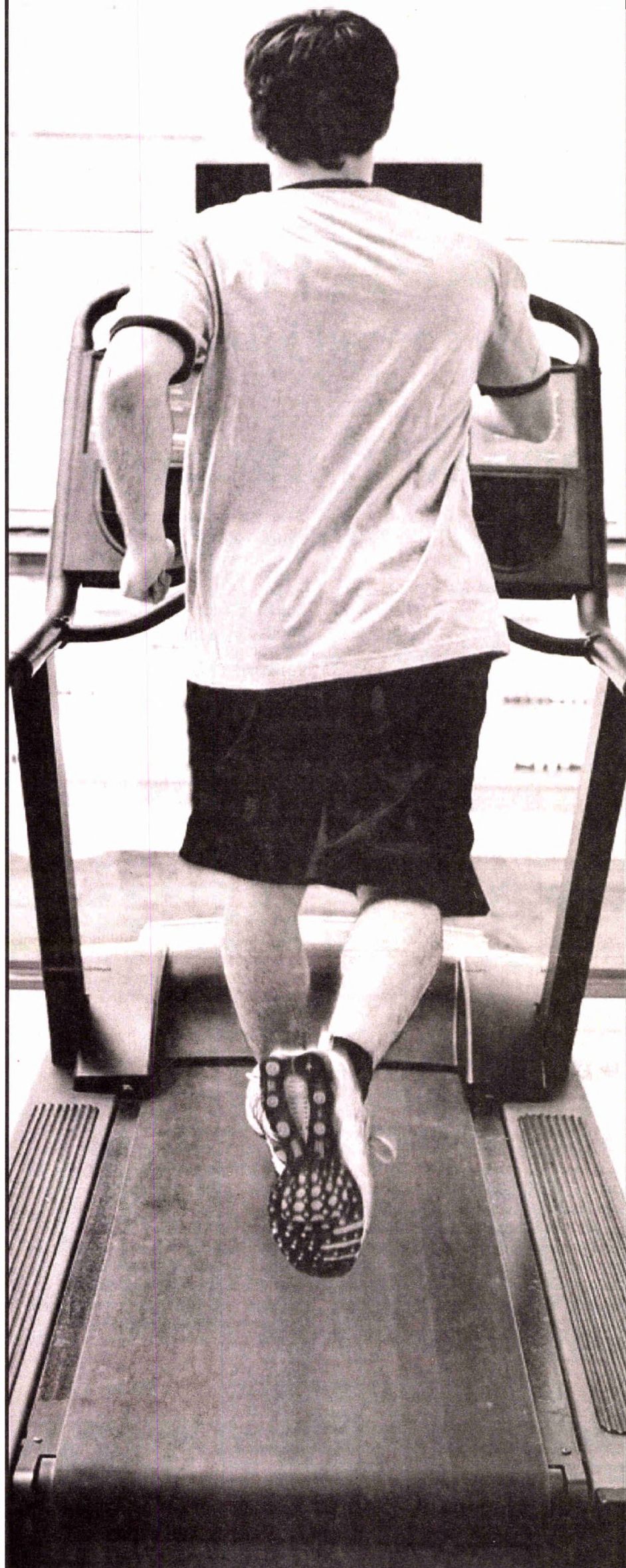
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 1 Young lady
 5 Assist illicitly
 9 Major work
 13 With 107-Across, discontinued gradually
 19 Radio host Don
 20 Storied All
 21 Singer Coolidge
 22 Sharp cheese
 23 Gave a shot to a James Bond actor?
 26 Versace competitor
 27 Additionally
 28 Skiff mover
 29 Teased a classical/pop singer?
 31 Took the "Alphabet Series" novelist to court?
 35 Yes, to Fifi
 36 Steel city of Germany
 37 Masters from a "West Wing" co-star?
 45 Aromatic oily resin
 47 Conger hunter
- DOWN**
 2 Man — (old racehorse)
 49 Growl at, e.g.
 52 Sent an invoice to a Fox News Channel host?
 56 Love, in León
 57 Is no longer
 60 Sunbeams
 61 Delivery docs
 62 Tattooed Tom Sawyer's creator?
 65 "— see it my way"
 68 Prefix with fire or print
 71 Wee
 72 "Mighty" trees
 73 Dwarf planet beyond Pluto
 74 Certain lyric poet
 76 Bullring holler
 77 "— know it!"
 79 Honored the wife of Rainier III with one's presence?
 81 Garage fluid
 82 Flag down
 84 Meyers of "Dutch"
 85 Blood group?
- ACROSS**
 86 Devoured a CNN reporter?
 92 Lounge chair
 94 Baby buggy
 95 Ton of, informally
 96 Keynote giver, e.g.
 99 Prepared a boxing champion for an on-air interview?
 102 "Quit that!"
 103 Fun party
 107 See 13-Across
 108 Slightly cut the star of "Affliction"?
- DOWN**
 1 Enzyme in fat breakdown
 2 It beats a B
 3 Boot leathers
 4 Old Russ. state
 5 Cross as —
 6 Unjust verdicts
 7 Wane
 8 La Brea goo
 9 Film director Welles
 10 Spare parts?
 11 Provo setting
 12 Of right mind
 13 Czech capital
 14 Appalling
 15 Spitballs, e.g.
 16 Swedish auto
 17 Sicilian city
 18 Totally ruin
 24 Fine brandy
 25 Spanish for "eyes"
 30 Acoustic guitar type
 32 Leaves a ship
 33 Monkly title
 34 Sepulcher
 38 Hinge (on)
 39 Faux fat
 40 Napping site
 41 Clark's gal
 42 Avian hooter
- ACROSS**
 43 — Mart
 44 Suffix with green or fish
 46 Salacious
 47 Flair
 49 Rumba's kin
 50 PC notes
 51 One of four directions
 53 Eye piece?
 54 Spoil
 55 Download for a Nook
 58 Zillions
 59 Whack
 63 Singer Gormé
 64 Japan's emperor
 66 Costa —
 67 Belgian river
 68 Metric
 69 Dots in the sea, to Juan
 70 Songwriter Jule
 73 Novelist — Stanley Gardner
 75 Yvonne who played Lily Munster
 78 Ancient
 79 Home of the Great Sphinx
 80 Wds. are defined in it
 81 "... for the life —"
 83 Env. notation
- DOWN**
 86 Typing speed: Abbr.
 87 "Either you do it — will!"
 88 "Mighty — a Rose" (old song)
 89 1945 Oscar nominee Ann
 90 — Angeles
 91 Campus mil. gp.
 93 Mingle
 97 Soldier of Seoul
 98 Descriptor for Bigfoot
 100 Performs suitably
 101 Mary I and Henry VIII
 102 Math ratio
 104 Appeal
 105 Smelly cigar
 106 Leash
 108 Like seven Nolan Ryan games
 109 Like the Capitol's top
 110 "Phooey!"
 111 Verbalized
 112 Cato's 103
 113 German city
 114 Russian river
 115 — buggy
 116 Jets that first flew in '68
 121 Rave VIPs
 122 Pool unit
 123 Six-pack —

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Car Report

In One of Auto Industry's Most Aggressive Comparison-Ad Campaigns, Chevy Silverado Made the Bed for Ford F-150 To Lie In



By Dale Buss

Apparently it wasn't enough for General Motors to flog Ford with multiple TV ads, pre-movie cinema ads and online videos purporting to demonstrate the strength and durability deficit between the steel bed of its Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck and the unconventional new military-grade aluminum bed of the Ford F-150.

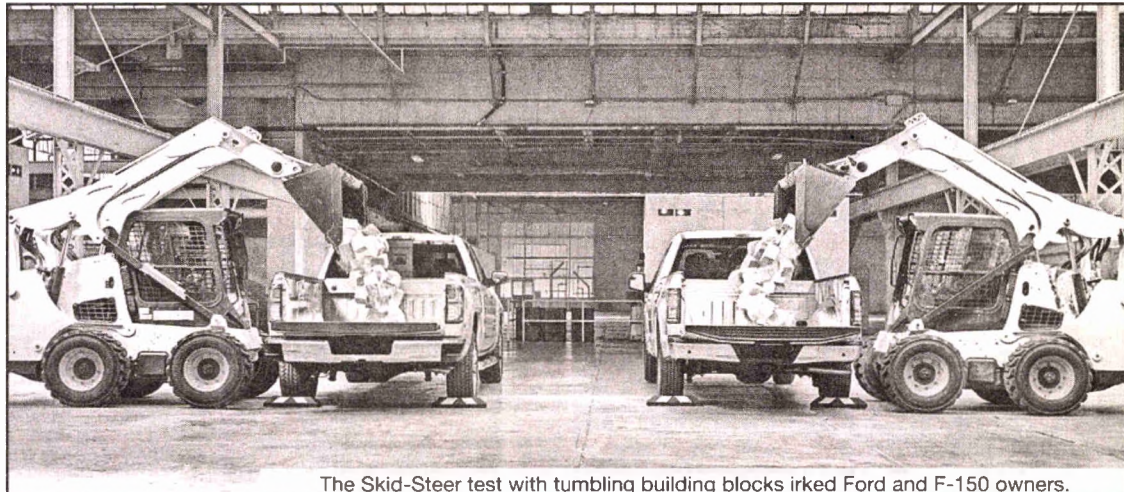
Chevy's bally comparison advertising also assailed Ford executives by materializing in front of Ford suppliers and customers all over the Motor City in early June in a multi-media comparison-marketing blitz perhaps without precedent in the

the Detroit Tigers play.

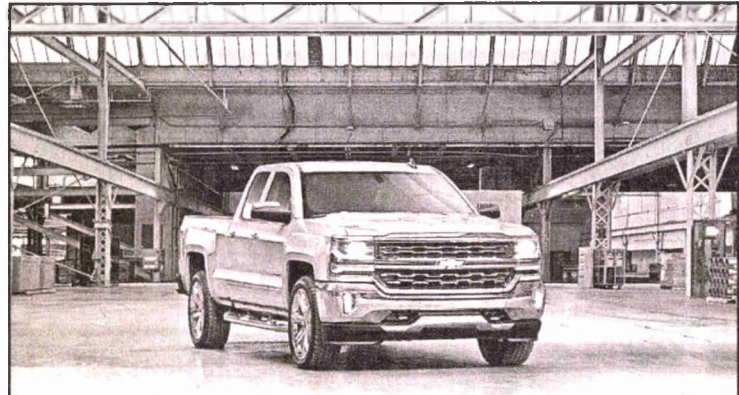
And then a few days later, on Sunday, June 12, Chevrolet hit Ford again, with another four pages of graphic insult wrapped around the week's largest edition of their home town's largest newspaper, the Detroit Free Press.

They were giddy at Chevy, perturbed at Ford. "It's a cheap shot," groused one Ford executive. "But we're the industry leader, so naturally they're going to come after us." Added another Ford executive: "GM is stuck with what they have for another few years, without a new truck version coming, so they have to do what they can."

Still, it was one thing, back in the day, for pickup brands to run comparison TV advertising that showed their trucks being able to pull bigger payloads than the other guys. And of course, there have been other outre truck ads such as the campaign that Toyota ran a few years ago showing its Tundra



The Skid-Steer test with tumbling building blocks irked Ford and F-150 owners.



Chevrolet Silverado ads lit a fire in Detroit.

U.S. automotive industry, including big-bucks wraparound newspaper ads and, reportedly, Jumbotron stadium videos at Comerica Park while Ford's ad agency was seeing

pick-up towing a decommissioned space shuttle.

There's even specific precedent for Silverado picking on the F-150. Remember the Super Bowl TV ad

in 2012 which showed the Chevrolet Silverado emerging from the rubble of a post-apocalyptic scene? It played on supposed predictions by the ancient Mayan calendar of the world's end in 2012, which became a popular media meme that year.

In the ad, only Chevy truck drivers made it to their rallying point, one of them holding a box of long-lived Twinkies. "Where's Dave?" one of the Silverado-driving survivors asked. He "didn't drive the longest-lasting, most dependable trucks on the road," another answered. "Dave ... drove a Ford."

But to the delight of Chevy mavens and the pique of Ford fans, this new Silverado campaign topped them all.

There was the launch of the major video-ad campaign, for starters.

Also, however, on the morning of that announcement, and a media webcast about it with Chevrolet executives, Chevy took out the first of the week's expensive, four-page wraparound advertisements for the

Silverado campaign that enveloped the Free Press as well as Wednesday's Detroit News and USA Today editions.

No doubt many executives of fleet customers and potential customers for Ford vehicles woke up in their Detroit-area hotels to find those newspapers at their feet. Ford happened to be hosting its annual fleet preview at Cobo Hall downtown and at its proving ground in nearby Dearborn, Mich., this week, where it was trying to wow government and commercial buyers with its newest vehicles.

Those vehicles included the first Super Duty versions of F Series trucks that were made with the type of aluminum bed which Chevy sullied in its ads. For the first time, this fall the heavy-duty F-250 through F-550 models will be based on the same types of aluminum beds which Ford introduced last year — in a tremendously high-stakes, and high-profile gamble — on the F-150.

Ford made an official statement about the Silverado ads and also pointed to the fact that F-150 buyers

simply aren't complaining about the durability of the aluminum bed. The company also said that most truck beds are covered by some form of liner that would have prevented the kind of punctures and bad dents that show up in F-150s under the duress of some of Chevrolet's televised tests.

And, Ford people noted, previously they produced their own video showing rocks being emptied into an F-150 bed — albeit not stones being dumped randomly into a truck from a few feet above the bed as in one of the Silverado ads. And the truck in the Ford video had a bed liner.

Ultimately, of course, Ford can point to the scoreboard: Sales of all Ford F-Series trucks through May were up by more than 7 percent compared with a year earlier, and up 9 percent in May. Meanwhile, sales of Silverado were up by only 1 percent for the period, though GM said that in May it experienced "the lowest incentive spend and the best-managed inventories in the segment."

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CANTON Subside Garage Sale! Forest Brook Sub, corner of Sheldon & Palmer, Th-Fri, June 23-25th, 9-4pm.

Farmington Hills, Garage Sale (Gigantic multi-family), 6/22-6/25 9-5, 28845 Raleigh E. Middlebelt, S of 11 Mile. Clothes, teen, women 3-14 (some petite), men, evening wear, women's shoes, books, holiday purses, kitchen, bar, frames, office, teacher's items, linens, vases.

Farmington Hills Green Hill Annual Sub Garage Sale: June 23-25th, 8:30-4:30. 9 MI near Halsted, 7+ Homes.

Farmington Hills HUGE Moving Sale 28900 Hidden Trail, June 23-26th, Thurs/Fri: 9-7pm, Sat: 9-6pm, Sun: 9-5pm. Furniture, household items, wall art, appliances, kitchen, MORE.

Garage-Tag Sale

Formington Hills TIMBER CREEK Sub Sale - Thurs-Sun June 23rd-26th 9-5p off Orchard lake rd S. of 11 mi.

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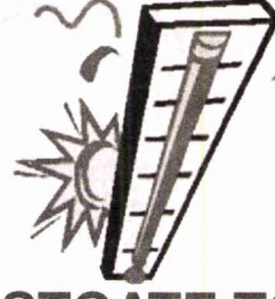


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