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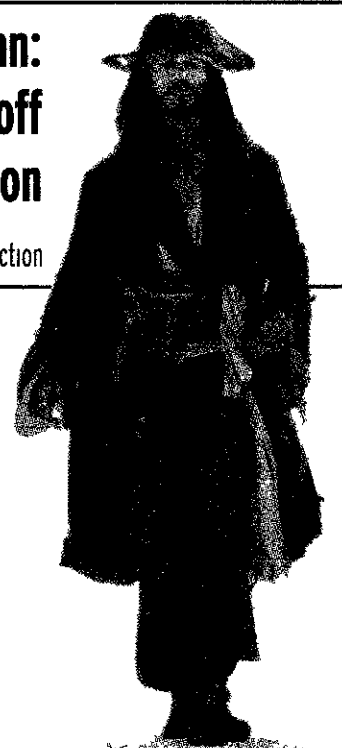
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Burgess to be honored at Memorial Day service

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

John Spencer will lead a Memorial Day service Monday at the Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park to honor all the Canton soldiers who have given their lives in service to their country, including U.S. Marine Bryan Burgess, who was killed by a sniper last fall in Iraq.

Spencer, a Canton resident who works in the township's finance department, has been holding the Memorial Day ceremony since 1993, the year after the Veteran's Memorial was dedicated. He is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter and the Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Chapter.

The approximate 20-minute ceremony, which begins at 11 a.m., will include the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, and Spencer reading the names of Canton's servicemen lost in the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam and Iraq.

According to Spencer, three Canton soldiers died in World War II, four in Vietnam, and two in Iraq - Burgess and Trevor Blumberg, who died in the first week of the war. He said more than 20 Canton soldiers died during the Civil War.

Since he began holding the ceremony, Spencer said the number of people who have come out has ranged from dozens to just a half dozen. But neither low attendance, nor foul weather, will ever deter him from doing it.

"It needs to be done. Whether anyone shows up or not, we need to honor our fallen servicemen who fought and died for their country," Spencer said.



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John Spencer places memorial bricks for fallen Canton Marine Sgt. Brian Burgess at the Veteran's Memorial located behind Canton Township Hall. He's watched closely by Amie White and her children Katie, Jake and Anna. The Whites are new to Canton, moving here from San Diego, California. Dad Michael White is a dental school student at the University of Michigan.



SHAWN CLANNIN

Sybill Obrian (left) and her daughter, Becky Obrian, walked for Team Spring for Hope at the Canton Relay for Life last weekend. The team hails from Ann Arbor, Traverse City, and Plymouth. Becky is a cancer survivor.

Canton Relay for Life raises \$250,000 to combat cancer

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Barb Berberet of Canton was pleased to do the survivor walk at the Canton Relay for Life this weekend.

"It means a lot," said Berberet, a breast cancer survivor who walked with the Geneva Presbyterian Church

team at the Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20, benefit for the American Cancer Society at Heritage Park in Canton. "You see so many people with the same appreciation that you have to be here another year."

Berberet, who faced breast cancer in 2003 and again in 2006, did the 10 a.m. survivor walk Saturday and was wait-

ing to go back on the park track that afternoon. Participants walked continuously from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday, with some 70 teams involved in the ninth annual Canton event, also held for the ACS in a number of other communi-

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School board gives election winner an early jump-start

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education did what many expected when it appointed Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township to fill the unexpired term of former board member Mark Slavens, who resigned May 8 as he was being elected to a third term to become a Wayne County Circuit Court judge.

After interviewing four candidates who expressed interest in the five-week term, the board voted 6-0 to give the appointment to Eggenberger, who finished first in the May 8 election and was slated to begin her own four-year term July 1.

"Your life will never be quite the same again, I can assure you," board Secretary Judy Mardigian said. "I want to thank you for all the years of serv-

ice you've already given the district, and I want to congratulate you for what I think will be very good times ahead under your leadership."

Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township, who also interviewed for the position, told trustees in his opening statement the board should appoint Eggenberger. After Eggenberger was seated, Heise said the board should appoint him when it fills the first year of Slavens' four-year term in July because voters supported him behind Eggenberger and Slavens.

"I think Nancy's elevation establishes a precedent and practice, which I hope will be honored in the future," Heise said. "I think we have to respect the will of the voters and do the right thing come July. When the next vacancy opens up, I think they (the school board) should go for the number three person, and I think that should be me

Judge: Woman can contact husband she is accused of beating

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Is the honeymoon off or on? On Monday, William Baumgartner, 86, of Canton asked a judge to lift a no-contact restriction between him and his wife of five months, Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner, 46. But he has not withdrawn his petition to divorce the woman accused of beating him.



Campbell-Baumgartner

During Campbell-Baumgartner's arraignment at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, Judge Edward Ewell Jr. granted Baumgartner's request that he be allowed to interact with his wife but said the two may not have "assaultive contact." He also set a May 29 hearing for the defense's motion to quash, or dissolve, the case.

After the date was set, Campbell-Baumgartner smiled at her husband, lightly patted his shoulder and motioned for him to follow her.

Campbell-Baumgartner has been accused of injuring Baumgartner with either a knife or a fork while the two were at Max & Erma's in Canton on April 22.

In what Baumgartner described as a "ruckus," Campbell-Baumgartner began yelling at him in the restaurant when he questioned whether she was still angry from a previous argument where she had hit and pushed him. The altercation stemmed from a dispute the couple was having with a neighbor.

At his wife's preliminary hearing, Baumgartner, who was a longtime Plymouth resident, admitted he didn't want to testify against her because they were married.

He has filed for divorce and is represented by Plymouth attorney John Stewart.

At the preliminary, Stewart called Campbell-Baumgartner's actions "elder abuse."

"By no means have I been told to cancel or withdraw (the divorce proceedings)," he said. "This is not an easy case. What's going on is wicked."

After dumping food in her husband's lap, cursing at him and being escorted from Max & Erma's, witnesses observed blood on the right side of Baumgartner's face.

Campbell-Baumgartner has been charged with felonious assault, domestic violence and assault and battery.

If convicted on the felonious assault charge, she faces up to four years in prison.

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Nancy Eggenberger, the newest Plymouth-Canton school board member, is sworn in by Superintendent Jim Ryan (right) while board President Barry Simescu observes.

because I finished third."

Heise said he will put in a letter of intent when the board begins taking applications July 1. Larry Martin of Plymouth Township and John Nichols of Canton Township, who also interviewed Tuesday, said they will seek the July appointment.

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Splash Playground opening

Canton Leisure Services will hold the season opening of the Splash Playground in Heritage Park on Friday, May 25 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Families and friends are encouraged to visit the outdoor splash playground featuring a zero depth play area with all sorts of water gadgets including buckets, water cannons and sprays.

There will be entertainment, food, and arts and crafts to kick off the holiday weekend.

The Splash Playground will be open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Garden walk

The Canton Garden Club's ninth annual Garden Walk will take place from 1-6 p.m., June 24 (rain or shine). The event will feature numerous private gardens in the Canton area.

Tickets for the event are \$6, and can be purchased beginning June 1 from Backyard Birds (627 S. Main Street in Plymouth), Feather Your Nest (10970 Ford Road in Superior Township), Gray's Greenhouse (8820 Lilley in Plymouth), Keller and Stein (42158 Michigan Avenue in Canton), and Plymouth Nursery (9900 Plymouth Road in Plymouth). Tickets can also be purchased by calling Dianne at (734) 254-1023. Proceeds from the event fund scholarships and education in the community.

First Step fund-raiser

The Canton dental office of James E. Ghnski is collecting donations for First Step until June 15. The wish list for First Step can be found at their Web site, www.firststep-mi.org. Donations can be dropped off at 44968 Ford Road. The office is north of the Secretary of State office. Drop off times are from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and other times can be arranged by calling (734) 454-9270.

First Step is an organization serving Canton-Plymouth and Western Wayne County, by providing services for women families and a few men who are in abusive situations. The organization provides counseling, information, and in the extreme cases, a safe place to go if clients need to leave home at any time of day.

Church meeting change

Margaret and Richard Waldecker, of Canton, have changed the location of their upcoming informational meeting on their efforts to bring a Reformed Church to the Canton area. The meeting had been scheduled for June 5 at the Canton Historical Museum, but has been moved to the Cherry Hill School (50440 Cherry Hill). There will also be a worship service at the same location on June 6.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its June networking luncheon on June 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Summit on the Park. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet

lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

June's luncheon will feature guest speaker Bart Patterson, RE/MAX Classic. As the Chamber's past chairman of the board, Patterson will speak about leadership skills.

The luncheon is being sponsored by Outdoor Fun Store, Co. and TDS MetroCom. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, June 1.

Traffic info on Web site

Videos depicting traffic improvements recommended by the Western Wayne Transportation Task Force (WWTTF) along Cherry Hill Road, Ford Road, and I-275 are now available on the Canton Township Web site.

Over the past two years, staff from Canton's Municipal Services Department participated on the WWTTF. The task force served as a forum for local communities and agencies to communicate the goals and needs of transportation in Western Wayne County. The task force commissioned a long-range transportation study in an effort to maximize the efficiency of area roadways, promote a safe roadway system, develop transportation that minimizes negative impacts to the environment, plan roadway improvements, and develop transportation based on realistic financial resources. The results of that study are now available on the Canton Web site along with three videos depicting the impact the traffic improvements would make.

The MDOT I-275/Ford Road/Cherry Hill Service Drive Connector Concept video depicts traffic traveling east on Cherry Hill Road then turning north onto a Service Drive that runs Parallel to northbound I-275. From there traffic will



Promoting renewable energy

Vinay Bhakkad of Canton, a marketing manager for DTE Energy, explains the company's new GreenCurrents renewable energy program to a visitor at the recent Earth Day Expo at Oakland University in Rochester. GreenCurrents is a voluntary program that provides DTE Energy's 2.2 million electric customers the option of 'greening up' their power with renewable energy created from the wind, sun, water and other environmentally friendly sources. For as little as \$2.50 a month, residential electric customers can help improve the environment and support the development of renewable energy in Michigan. Information on the GreenCurrents program is available at www.GreenCurrents.com, or by calling (866) 207-6955.

travel north and merge with exiting northbound I-275 traffic at Ford Road. Service Drive traffic will have the option of turning east or west onto Ford Road or traveling north across Ford Road to merge onto the I-275 entrance ramp.

The MDOT I-275/Ford Road/Haggerty Road North Slip video depicts traffic exiting southbound I-275 at Ford Road then turning west onto a Service Drive that runs past IKEA's parking lot and exits onto Haggerty Road by-passing Ford Road. The MDOT I-275/Ford Road/Haggerty Road South Slip video depicts traffic exiting southbound I-275 at Ford Road and traveling across Ford Road turning west onto a Service Drive that exits onto Haggerty Road by-passing Ford Road. All three videos and the full WWTTF report can be found at www.canton-mi.org/municipalservices. Please note all the videos are concepts only and subject to further study. For questions regarding the WWTTF report,

Make-A-Wish fund-raiser

Students from Canton Premiere Dance in Canton are teaming up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan for their 2007 Showcase on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. and June 16 at 5 p.m., to help raise funds for the Foundation - a non-profit organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. The event will take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"Our dancers donate their time to perform for a number of charitable events. The 2007 Showcase theme is 'Make A Wish.' It just seemed natural to incorporate a fund-raiser for the largest wish-granting organization in the world," said Debbie Custer, owner of Canton Premiere Dance.

Students hope to raise \$1,000, helping them to make a child's wish come true.

through the Kids for Wish Kids Program, a Make-A-Wish program designed specifically for students looking to support the Foundation through philanthropic efforts. To learn more about this event or to get involved, contact Debbie Custer at 734-207-9774.

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics Michigan 2007 Miles for Medals Walk will take place Sept. 30 at Heritage Park in Canton. Wayne County residents and businesses are lacing up their walking shoes to raise funds and awareness for the 15,200 Special Olympics Michigan athletes, a third of which are from the Metro Detroit area.

Individuals or groups interested in participating as walkers can visit www.som1.org or call Holly Fountain at (586) 731-0922 to register.

Home security seminar

Canton Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be hosting a Home Security Seminar from 10 a.m. - noon, Saturday, June 2 at the Summit on the Park. Sgt. Deb Newsome will be discussing options for homeowners to maximize security of their home with or without a security alarm system. Items such as doors, windows, locks and landscaping will be discussed with safety in mind. Sgt. Newsome will also discuss vacation tips for homeowners that are away for an extended period of time.

In addition, Fire Inspector Nichole Hamilton will provide some valuable home fire prevention tips for summer, and Canton's Emergency Management Planner Kathy Rich will talk about severe storm safety and Do 1 Thing, a program designed to prepare residents for an emergency, one step at a time.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call (734) 394-5325 to reserve a spot.

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Wal-Mart moving closer to acquiring former Costco site

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Moving from one big box to another, the township has set a public hearing to consider amending a planned district development agreement in order to make way for a Wal-Mart Supercenter on Michigan Avenue.

A 176,000-square foot Supercenter could be built on the site once slated for a Costco Warehouse. The public hearing is set for 7 p.m., June 4.

In February, Costco abruptly dropped its plans to build a store on 18.76 acres on the south side of Michigan Avenue at Belleville Road. Wal-Mart immediately stepped in and expressed an interest in the location.

"It's a good location for us to serve more citizens," said Wal-Mart spokesman Nick Infante. Obviously, the Canton population is growing.

Infante said a deal has yet to be inked between the township and the Arkansas-based retail giant.

"It's not 100 percent," he said. "We are exploring the possibilities."

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said the Planning Commission is expected to make a recommendation after the public hearing as to whether the Township Board should amend the PDD. The

Board could make a final decision in late June.

In preliminary site plans, the Supercenter has been given an upgraded version of the company's architectural treatments, Goulet said. Wal-Mart will also have to demonstrate how they could benefit the township, such as being an economic engine or a redevelopment catalyst.

Canton has also requested that the company allocate portions of its charitable contributions to township-backed programming.

The possibility of building on Michigan Avenue doesn't jeopardize the standing of Wal-Mart's location on Ford Road, Infante said.

"That store is a benchmark for us. It's a good-looking store," he said. "We not only attract customers from Canton but also the other side of I-275."

Infante said the company has plans to expand the Ford store into a Supercenter.

All of our new construction will be Supercenters, he said. "It's what our customers have come to expect. They get disappointed when they don't have one."

Along with its pull-out from Canton, Costco stopped plans to build new warehouses in Ann Arbor and Woodhaven.

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Postal food drive fills Salvation Army shelves

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Spring and summer months are typically thin months for the shelves of the food pantry at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

When food starts coming in around the holidays, it's usually just enough to cover the families who need food over Thanksgiving and Christmas.

But Salvation Army officials are hoping that won't be the case following a very successful food drive conducted last weekend in partnership with U.S. postal workers in both Plymouth and Canton.

The 15th annual drive, during which donors leave food near their mailboxes and letter carriers transport it back for volunteers to divide, drew half again the amount of food collected a year ago. Donors contributed more than 32,000 pounds of food, including more than 16,000 pounds in Plymouth and another 15,000 pounds in Canton.

The Plymouth donation was more than double what Plymouth donors gave last year.

Food pantry director Tammy Moyer said the postal food drive is an important part of the Salvation Army's mission of helping people who need the help.

"This will get us past Christmas, that's how important it is," Moyer said. "When we do get the food during (the holidays),



Rural Letter Carrier Tanai Walton (left) and Salvation Army volunteer Crystal Sanders of Westland box food donations at the Canton Post Office.

we'll be able to get past the holidays and do more than we've been able to do, even with the economy. This year's been hard."

The postal food drive is a partnership effort between the Plymouth Salvation Army, the Canton and Plymouth post offices and a band of volunteers who help divide and load the food, including Close Up students from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park who logged community service hours with the project.

Dawn Densmore has worked at the Plymouth post office for some 13 years and worked in Livonia before that, so she's well acquainted with the food drive.

"It gives me a chance to help other people the way people helped me when I was down on my luck," said Densmore, a Plymouth letter carrier. "It helps people and makes sure they get fed. Anyone can end up in that situation."

Plymouth resident Jodi Ring, a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton schools, included residents in the Plymouth-Canton area when talking about the team effort it took to carry the food drive off.

"Teamwork is very important," said Ring, who's been involved with the Salvation Army for 14 years. "It's wonderful the postal workers organized it, the kids got Close-Up credit for the community service, and the people were extremely generous. It's really nice to see kids and adults working together. Even though these are hard (economic) times, people are still really good. And it serves a real need, because there are a lot of people in need of food."

One indication of the drive's success: The Salvation Army filled a pair of trucks with food.

"Everybody worked together, and we filled both trucks," Moyer pointed out. "We got 12 pallets of food on both trucks, and we never filled both trucks. It was great!"

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Magazine salesman accused of stealing

Township police are investigating a report that a traveling magazine salesman may have stolen from a Canton resident that let him inside their home.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the department has been in contact with the man and that no charges have been filed

against him.

The man, who's been going door-to-door throughout the township for a couple of days.

"He's been in the area soliciting," Pomorski said. "The investigation continues."

By Tiffany L. Parks

Grand prizes up for grabs as Rotary readies for annual raffle

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The free umbrella wasn't bad, neither was the free round of golf, but Barry Simescu says they both pale in comparison to Italy.

Simescu, a Plymouth resident, was the grand prize winner of the Canton Rotary's 2006 Dream Vacation raffle.

"I had been buying tickets for years and have won smaller items but that one was the big winner," said Simescu, who is a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and buys raffle tickets from his neighbor, Larry Oldford of the Canton Rotary.

Simescu and his wife of nearly three decades, Dorothy, are leaving for their northern Italy excursion in June — but not before they learn if they won the 2007 Dream Vacation prize.

"If we win again we're going to southern Italy," he laughed. Tickets for the Canton Rotary's 23rd Annual Raffle on June 11 are already on sale. The 6:30 p.m. event takes place at Summit on the Park and features a live and silent auction.

Only 150 tickets at \$150 each are being sold in order to qualify for the grand prize. A maximum of 50 dinner-only tickets are available for \$60.

In order to win, participants must be selected from a drawing to receive one of 20 briefcases. Each one will contain a

voucher for at least \$200. One will contain the \$6,000 grand prize.

Five additional briefcases will be given those who win one of the live-auction items.

In years past, the grand prize was touted as a Hawaiian getaway but the Rotary hooked up with the owner of a Plymouth-based travel agency, Kate Rosevear, last year and introduced the grand prize as a dream vacation with the destination up to the winner's choosing. The \$6,000 prize amount, minus \$1,500 in taxes will be applied toward the trip. Rosevear said last year's winnings covered the majority of the Simescu's upcoming two-week vacation. She added that the option of picking your destination can raise the excitement surrounding the annual raffle.

Suggested vacation spots for the grand prize include anywhere in Europe, Hawaii, Mexico or the Caribbean. Simescu, the Plymouth-Canton School Board president, said he and his wife considered trekking to Austria but finally settled on the beautiful country.

"I'm really looking forward to Venice," he said.

For more information on this year's raffle or to purchase tickets call Martha Snow at (734) 455-2000 or Lisa Kennedy at (734) 414-9902.

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Parade gets new route, celebrates history

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Memorial Day parade will have a few new twists and turns when it steps off at 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 28.

Unlike past years, when the parade started at Theodore and Main, then traveled south to Kellogg Park, this year's version will be quite the opposite — starting at Wing and Harvey streets and working its way north on Main Street, ending at the Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School.

"It's a natural flow, now that we have the Veterans Memorial Park, to end the parade there and have the ceremony in memory of all those who served our country," said Frank Pawelak of Plymouth.

American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391, co-chairman of this year's parade. This is a memorial to all the veterans from our area who died, going back to the Civil War, and we want to pay homage to all veterans in the greater Plymouth community.

Pawelak said this year's parade will be led by the Vietnam Veterans of America, and will include the Plymouth Township Police Honor Guard, the Young Marines from Canton, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park will include music played by 150 members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Band, which will be joined by a 25-member choir.

In conjunction with the parade, the Plymouth



Alfred Moore of Plymouth Township was moved to tears after a poem was read at the Memorial Day ceremony in downtown Plymouth last year. This year's parade is set for Monday, May 28.

Historical Museum will host Plymouth Community Heritage Day.

The museum will be open that morning, and there will be free admission for those who belong to veterans organizations, said Liz Kerstens, museum director. "We will have people dressed in costume and a studio where people can get their pictures taken in

costume.

Kerstens said birthday cakes and punch will be on hand to celebrate Plymouth Township's 180th anniversary of becoming a municipality on April 12, 1827, as well as Plymouth, which was incorporated as a village in 1867 and became a city May 19, 1932.

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Man headed to prison for \$4m mortgage scam

A Canton man has been sentenced to more than four years in prison after pleading guilty to defrauding three banks of nearly \$4 million in a mortgage scheme.

Using falsified affidavits and a dead person's social security number, Scott Edward Ashley secured \$3.8 million in loans in 2002 from Wells Fargo Bank, Huntington Bank and Comerica Bank to purchase a Bloomfield Hills home.

Ashley, who is deaf, branched documents that claimed he earned more than \$1 million annually and that he had made a \$1.3 million down payment on the Oakland County property.

According to the indictment, Ashley lived off of disability

benefits. He and his wife reported a joint income of less than \$25,000 per year from 1998 to 2001.

Ashley's plan was to nab a big pay day by reselling the residence for more than \$5 million. When the property didn't sell, Ashley failed to repay the banks and the loans went into default.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Burakoff said after one day of testimony last November, Ashley decided to plead guilty. He was sentenced May 16 by Federal Judge Gerald E. Rosen.

After the sentencing, Ashley was released on bond. He is expected to self-surrender upon notification of his prison assignment.

By Tiffany L. Parks

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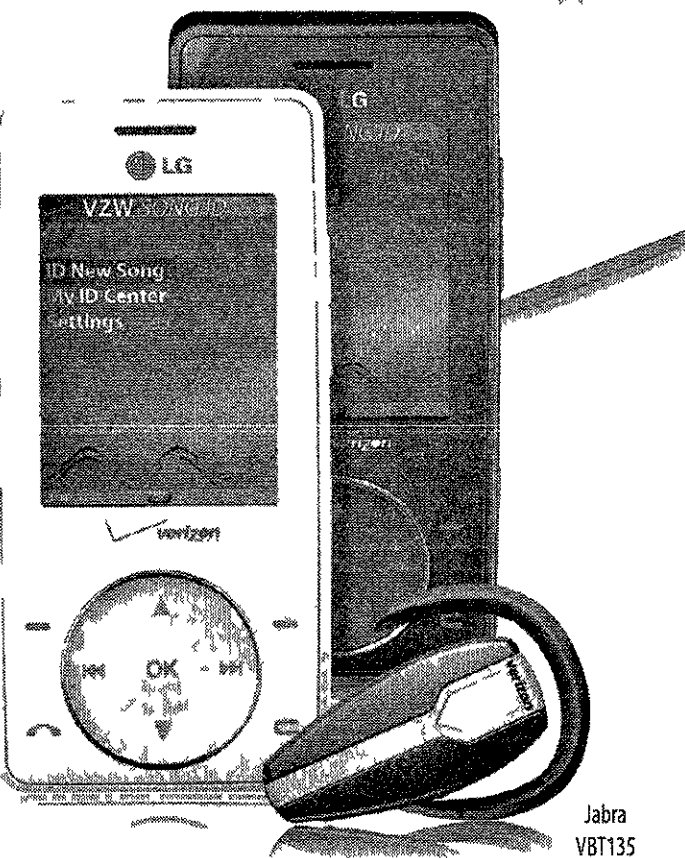
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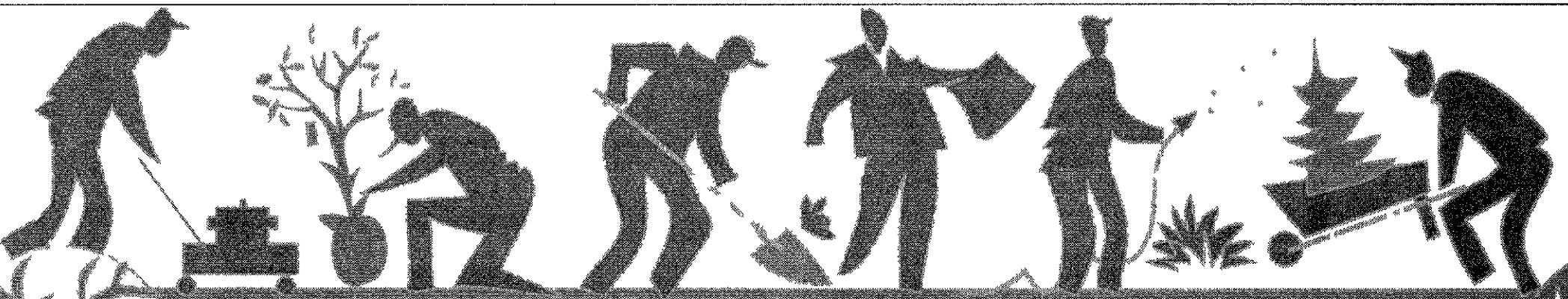
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ties The Geneva team had 22 25 walkers

"I think attitude's the biggest thing, said Berberet of the cancer battle 'Can't give up Ninety-eight percent of the battle is to have a good attitude, not give up'

Nearby in the park was the Dodson Sun Jewels team with a motto of "Lighting a Path Touching a Heart"

Representatives from Dodson Elementary in Canton walked in memory of Principal Cheryl Clason, who died of cervical cancer in July 2006, and student Andrew Holmlund, who died earlier that year of Ewing's sarcoma.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful cause," said Dodson parent Kelly Tullius of Canton, taking a break from volunteer duties Fifth-graders at Dodson chose the team name 'Raising lots of money, hopefully to find a cure'

There were some 35 Dodson team members who appreciated that the rain stopped Saturday "We have some good troupers who walked in the rain," Tullius said "The kids are very upbeat, they're very excited to be involved in the cause"

Before he died, Andrew Holmlund was known to draw a sun on his school papers, so Relay team members had a sun cookie cutter made to create sun cookies in his honor, which they sold along with dolphin cookies for the school

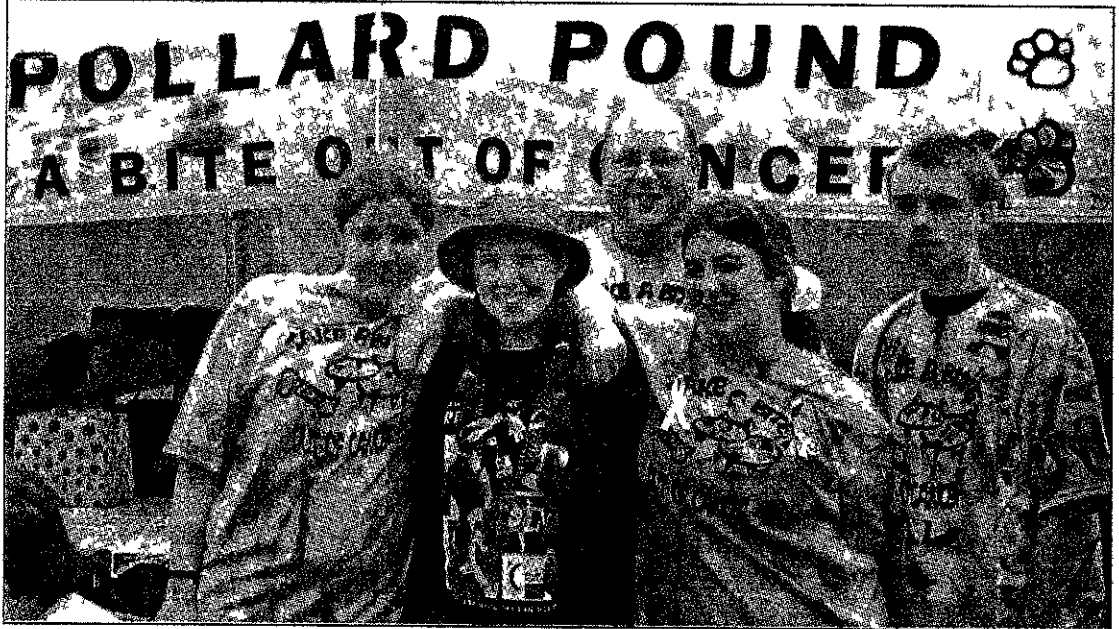


Canton's Matt Schenkel, a member of the Huntin for a Cure team raises money with his musical skills

name Jewelry was also sold, as Clason had made jewelry Down the path was Marcia Barker of Canton, program coordinator of the Canton Public Library This year, we have joined with the (Canton) chamber as part of a larger team, said Barker, whose Friends of the Library/library staff team had about 20 walkers

"My husband passed away from leukemia," Barker said She noted this year's Relay seemed a bit slower than previous ones, although used books at their tent were selling well The library/chamber of commerce team was called Fishing for a Cure'

Barker, who was glad to see IKEA and other businesses involved, had walked the path,



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Cancer survivor Rachael Pollard (second from left) is surrounded by friend Lisa Gibbins (from left), her father Steve Pollard and family friends Nicole Basch and Donovan Duff They were part of the The Pollard Pound team, which was trying to take 'a bite out of cancer'

'spending my money furiously There are some very clever ideas out there I think there are some new ideas this year You certainly won't starve to death if you've got a few bucks in your pocket'

Kathy Hosten of Whitmore Lake was busy at a tent for the Plymouth A M Rotary, Tanger School and Carlson Wagonlit Travel of Plymouth, where she's a travel agent Interact students from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, involved in Rotary's high school arm, donated their time and talents

Team captain Hosten lost her grandfather to cancer, and her sister and dad are cancer survivors She noted the Tanger educators had a ball

toss game for kids with goldfish prizes

"Just because I've had so many friends and family who have been stricken by cancer," Hosten said of her participation in the event, which included a Saturday night candlelit luminary ceremony

Rob Richards of Belleville was busy Saturday afternoon manning the Plymouth Church of Christ tent with wife Deb They sold baked goods to raise Relay funds

"My dad's mom died of cancer when I was young, he said

Church members, under the direction of worshiper Dee Dee Massimilla, were glad to participate The church had some 30 walkers, including

survivors

"It's just been a fun experience today," Deb Richards said, noting she's also with the BeckRidge Chorale, which had a Relay tent as well

The total announced Sunday morning for fund-raiser was \$245,947, a little short of the \$260,000 goal As of Monday, it was \$252,722 52, said Cheryl Gmewek of the American Cancer Society Visit the ACS Web site at www.acevents.org/relay/mi/canton to donate, or call Gmewek at (248) 483-4348

"The event was wonderful It was very well-planned We had tons of people who all really had a great time," said Gmewek, a Canton resident

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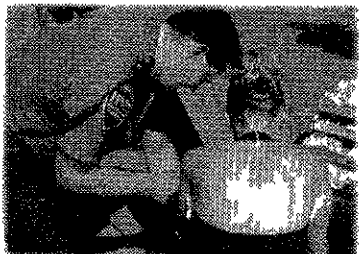
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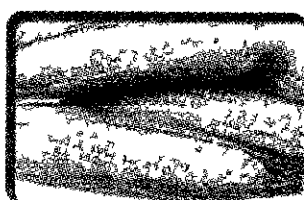


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Congratulations to all college and high school graduates, especially my niece, Jennifer, who has graduated from Michigan State University.

For those who will not be furthering their education — I believe there is no greater investment than a good education — it is important to review some of the basics of personal financial planning.

Graduates must recognize the importance of having their financial house in order. Graduates today will be living longer in retirement than they work. I believe the day you start your career is the day you have to start planning for retirement.

Go back a mere 100 years, when life expectancy was in the early 50s, retirement wasn't an issue. Even 50 years ago, when people retired, life had already taken its toll and people only lived five to 10 years into retirement.

Today, people don't exist in retirement, they live in retirement. To be successful in retirement, you need to make sure you have a rising income.

You can't live on a fixed or a shrinking income like retirees did 50 years ago. Now think about what retirement will be 40 and 50 years down the road. All the rules will change. Graduates today will not have pensions and who knows what the future of Social Security will be.

There are a lot of uncertainties about the future. One thing, however, is certain — graduates today will have to accumulate a substantial amount of money so that they can have a long and happy retirement.

Traditional wisdom says when you start to work you should begin investing in a 401(k) or Roth IRA. However, I believe that there are a couple of other steps to consider.

Anyone carrying a balance on their charge cards needs to begin an aggressive program to pay them off. The average charge card interest rate in America is 18.5 percent. I can't think of any investment that will guarantee that return. Paying off charge cards is one of the best financial moves anyone can make.



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Graduates should also recognize that charge cards are not your best friends and should not be used as a means of financing an item. Charge cards are for convenience only. There is a big difference between being able to afford the item and being able to afford the minimum payment.

It is also important that grads select the right charge cards. For those who do not have balances, the key element is the grace period, the time from when you charge an item to when the payment is due. For those who carry balances, interest rate and how it is calculated is the key factor. An excellent Web site to use in shopping for charge cards is www.bankrate.com.

The second item graduates need to have before beginning an investment program is an emergency fund kept in money market accounts, short-term certificates of deposits or in

ultra short-term bond funds. I recommend three to six months of living expenses — not what you can live on, but what you actually do live on. This emergency fund allows you to have resources for unforeseen events.

As an investor, one of the worst things that can happen is being forced to sell an investment. Having an emergency fund will avoid this problem.

Once charge cards are paid off and an emergency fund is established, graduates should start saving for retirement by establishing a Roth IRA.

A Roth IRA allows money to

grow tax-free, not tax-deferred as in salary deferral programs. Most new grads will likely fall in the lowest tax bracket and the tax saving by using a salary deferral program is minimal. Establishing a Roth IRA and fully funding it is a great way to begin an investment program. Once the Roth IRA is fully funded, then participate in the company's salary deferral program.

For those lucky graduates who work for a company that offers a matching program, I recommend participating up to the matching amount, then use the new money for the

Roth IRA. Once the Roth IRA is fully funded, start again with the salary deferral program.

Congratulations, graduates, as you begin the next phase of your life. Get off on the right track by getting and keeping your financial house in order. Doing that will make life a lot easier in the future.

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



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'Special' effects

Local educators honored for work with special education kids

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Special education students need special attention in class, and some very special Plymouth-Canton Schools personnel were honored last week by parents who appreciate their efforts.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools recognized 19 people throughout the district who were nominated for going "above and beyond" the call of duty in working with their special education students.

A lot of us want our kids to

be as much as they possibly can be in general education settings," said Neva Nahan, SEPAC president. "Inclusion is important to us so our kids can be part of this community as much as possible, and be as much as possible part of general education. And that takes extra-special people to give access to that."

Nahan's daughter, Soma Werda, 14, has cerebral palsy. Nahana credits Discovery Middle School teacher Angie Lipford for Soma's success. "Angie rose to the occasion," Nahana said. "Soma enjoys coming to school, and Angie has figured out ways to give her access to the curriculum that other teachers haven't been able to."

Mary Beth Ryan, a West Middle School resource room teacher who was honored by SEPAC, spends time with stu-

dents who are autistic, have attention issues or are otherwise characterized as learning disabled.

"I try to get them motivated by taking the material and making it interesting and fun," Ryan said. "I present it in a different format than a general education teacher; a lot of hands-on learning to adapt it to their interests."

"I try to teach them some of the life skills they will need to make them successful, like using restaurant menus to learn about counting money," she added.

Ryan noted that learning in her classes is a two-way street. "I learn from them, like how to enjoy the moment and make the best out of every situation," Ryan said.

Colleen Berlingieri, whose son, Geordi, has a developmental disability said, "You

can't say enough about having teachers and others in the district who support their kids efforts."

"When you have a child with a disability, you're so thankful and grateful there are other people out there who care about our kids and treat them with dignity and kindness, who teach them and expect them to learn," Berlingieri said. "Each one is such an individual, and to figure out what it is that works for each child is something you can't put a price on. Their styles have to be so flexible."

Lori Andrews, Bentley Elementary resource room teacher, helps her students by reading curriculum materials to them.

"A lot of my students can do the work, but they can't read it, so I'm a buffer that helps them demonstrate what they know



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Student Kira Wilson gives a hug to Mary Jane Wilk who drives a bus for special education students.

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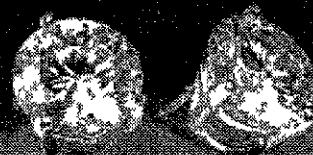
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Take a moment on Memorial Day

For too many people, Memorial Day means the unofficial start of the summer — a time to fire up the barbecue, head to the lake, or hold family gatherings. Not enough of us take the time to ponder the day's true significance, which is to honor the U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country.

This is particularly the case during a time of war, when we see firsthand the sacrifices our troops make defending our freedoms and way of life.

The war in Iraq has now gone on more than four years — longer than our commitment in World War II and approaching the length of the Civil War, two conflicts that consumed our nation. Yet the reality is that this war has not impacted the daily lives of most Americans, which seems unfair considering some Americans have sacrificed everything. Just ask the families of the more than 3,400 service men and women who have been killed in Iraq.

In fact, since President Bush infamously declared 'mission accomplished,' close to 3,300 soldiers have been killed in Iraq. And despite repeated claims from Bush administration officials that things are improving in Iraq, military deaths have continued to increase. More than 400 soldiers have been killed in 2007, including 104 in April, which was one of the highest totals of the war.

Those soldiers hailed from all corners of America, including local heroes Trevor Blumberg of Canton, Bryan Burgess, who had ties to Westland, Garden City and Canton, U.S. Marine Nicholas Manoukian of Lathrup Village, Sajer Georges, a Marine interpreter from Southfield, and U.S. Army Infantryman Joe Blake, a former Southfield Christian student.

Their names are but a part of the latest chapter in a stirring legacy of Americans who proudly served their country and paid the ultimate price to be an American. Dating back to the American Revolution, more than a million American soldiers have died as a result of our wars. Their names fill military cemeteries and monuments across this nation.

Come this Memorial Day, which is Monday, their names should also fill our thoughts and prayers. Because without the sacrifices they made, we would not enjoy the freedoms that we will take advantage of this weekend.

If you have the time, participate in one of the Memorial Day events planned around the area. If you don't have the time for that, at least take a few moments to think about what it means to be an American and the price so many have paid to bestow that honor upon us all.

All-day kindergarten? Let the parents decide!

The state Legislature is considering requiring kindergartners to attend school all day.

Proponents point to research showing higher test scores for students enrolled in full-day kindergarten.

Some districts, including Southfield and Pontiac, already mandate it.

Other districts offer it as an alternative. All-day programs are popular among parents who work outside the home and need to have their children in a supervised setting from morning until afternoon. Open-enrollment districts that offer it increase their numbers and collect more from the state in per-pupil funding.

But, one size does not fit all.

At the young age of 5, not all kindergartners are ready for a full day of school. There is a wide variance among them in their social, emotional and physical development. Some may be able to handle the classwork, but they need less structured time during the day for rest and play.

Just because a child is not in school does not mean he isn't learning. A child at home with a parent who can spend time one-on-one with him every day reading, playing and discovering the world around them may learn more than a child enrolled in school who has to share his teacher with 24 or more classmates.

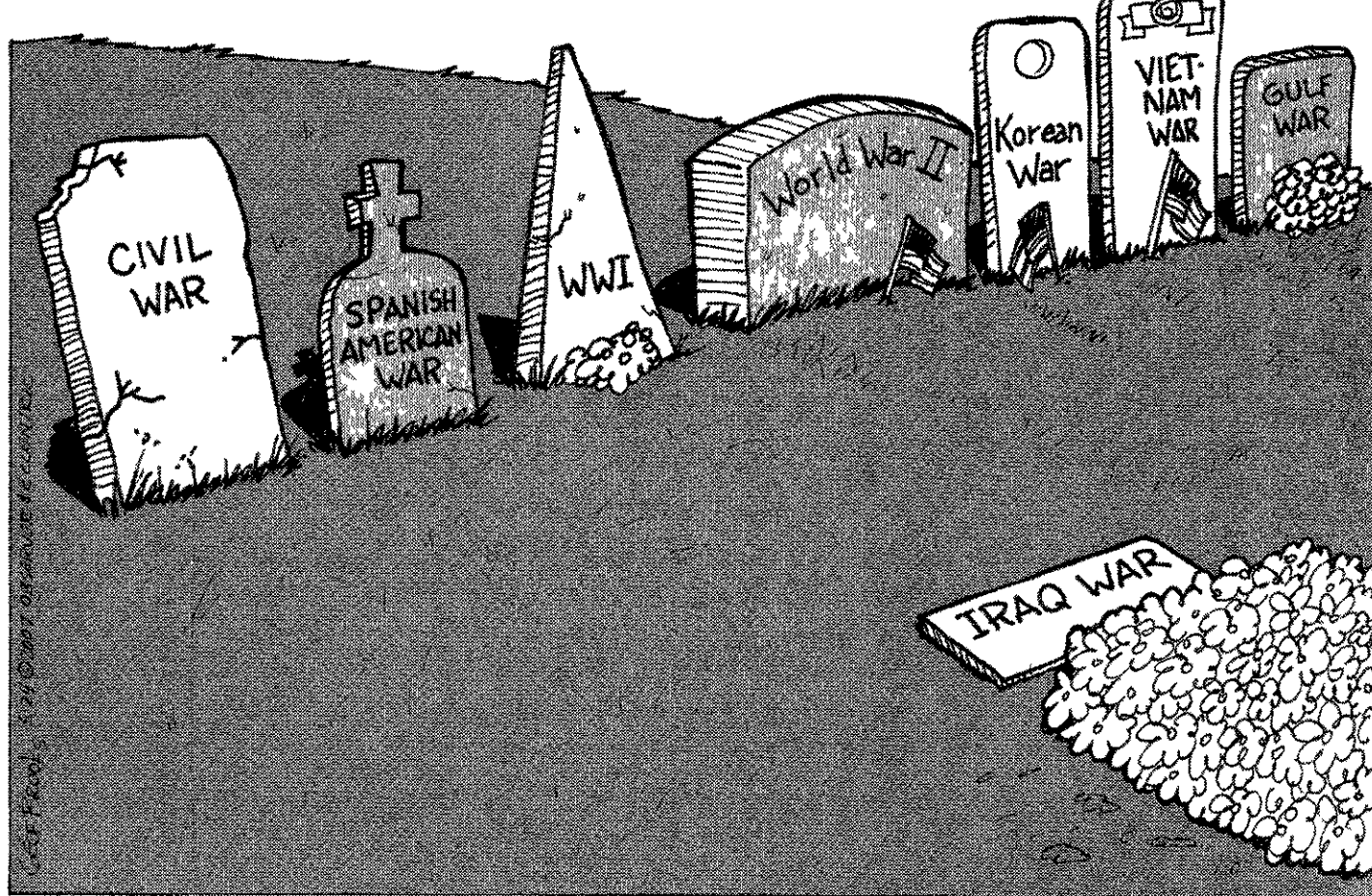
Parents know their children best and understand their individual needs. We think they — not the government — should decide whether their 5-year-old is ready to be in school all day.

Just like all children aren't the same, school districts differ, too. Many are using up their fund balances just to meet their current budget expenses. Requiring all-day kindergarten would double their costs at a time when they can't afford it.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who supports the legislation, has offered \$200 million in her proposed budget for districts that offer all-day kindergarten.

But with the current state budget crisis, we think the money would be best spent somewhere else while parents decide for their own children what's best for them.

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MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28, 2007

LETTERS

Socialist ideas

State Rep. Marc Corriveau seems to have taken a page out of the communist rule book when it comes to trash and landfills.

I have one simple question for Mr. Corriveau: How many landfills does he or the State of Michigan own? I'll tell you: None! Yet he prattles on about how 'Michigan' only charges 21 cents a ton for trash. Landfills are not owned by Michigan, yet Mr. Corriveau seems to think he has some sort of perfect intuition to decide how much landfills should charge. He wants the charge to be \$750 a ton.

I wonder how he decided on that number. Did he do a cost analysis of how much it costs to build and run a landfill? I would guess that his proposed price has more to do with how much money he thinks he can squeeze out of people and that Mr. Corriveau hasn't got the slightest idea of how to run a landfill business.

He states that charging more will reduce the amount of trash that enters the state. Well, duh! It will also probably destroy a rather prospering part of Michigan's economy. I wonder what other businesses he might decide he should be setting prices for next. Maybe gasoline is priced too low, or too high. Maybe milk. Maybe fast food, or paper, or who knows what.

I have to wonder if Mr. Corriveau or people that think like him have ever read or understood the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence. Do the words 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' ring a bell?

I don't remember reading 'unless some pandering politician thinks he knows better' in any of these documents. I think Mr. Corriveau should keep his failed socialist ideas to himself.

Keith Trombley
Canton

Time for a change

It's time for John Santomauro to move on. Somewhere else. Anywhere else. Just so long as it's not Canton.

Why, you ask? Santomauro is scheduled to receive payments in excess of \$1 million over the next five years paid by Canton's taxpayers. That's a combination of salary, benefits, pension, and other perks. In fact, the total is well over the \$1 million mark.

What will he do for all that money? According to official Township records, Santomauro will be an advisor to Supervisor Tom Yack. In today's economy, Canton's taxpayers cannot afford it. We don't need to pay an advisor a million bucks. It's time to call an end to this and send Mr. Santomauro on his way. And today wouldn't be too soon.

And for Mr. Yack, if he really needs a million dollars worth of 'advice' to do his job, then Canton desperately needs a new supervisor.

Homeowners: Wake-up! Let's not end up in the financial mess of many of our neighbors while the top officials live in the lap of luxury today at our expense. The 2008 elections are coming up fast.

Now is the time to consider running for office. Let's return Canton to a government 'Of the People, By the People, and For the People.'

Want to join the movement? E-mail me at jim@sterlingnges.com

Jim Donahue
Canton

Arch is cool

I am writing on the Canton Community Arch. I am glad they put it there. With such a unique piece of art on the southeast corner of Ford Road and Canton Center, it isn't just a plain corner, it's a place where you can look at the arch and say "cool" and just enjoy Canton. Therefore, I am glad they put it there.

Courtney Deska
sixth grader, Discovery Middle School
Canton

Start evaluating teachers

According to *The Nation* magazine, for an annual cost of \$3 billion, or less than one week in Iraq, the nation could underwrite the high-quality preparation of 40,000 teachers annually — enough to fill all the vacancies taken by unprepared teachers each year, seed 100 top-quality urban-teacher-education programs and improve the capacity of all programs to prepare teachers who can teach diverse learners well, ensure mentors for every new teacher hired each year, and provide incentives to bring expert teachers into high-need schools by improving salaries and working conditions.

Students will not learn at higher levels without the benefit of good teaching, a strong curriculum and adequate resources. Merely adopting tests and punishments, as described in *No Child Left Behind*, will not create genuine accountability. Punitive sanctions without investments increase the likelihood that the most vulnerable students will be more severely victimized by such a system.

Recent studies in Massachusetts, New York and Texas show how schools have raised test scores while "losing" large numbers of low-scoring students by utilizing exclusionary policies used to hold back, suspend, expel or counsel out students in order to boost test scores. The child and school are accountable to the state for test performance, but the state is not held accountable to the child or his school for providing adequate educational resources.

Teachers also need to be involved in mentoring their peers. In too many school districts, teachers unions see their role largely as one of defending the rights only of teachers, even when they are incompetent and unfit for teaching. Rarely are teachers unions seen as advocates for improving conditions within schools (for students or teachers) or for upholding professional standards. In the small number of districts where teachers are included in the process of evaluating their peers, teaching standards have been raised and the number of teachers evaluated out of the profession has

increased. Peer evaluation has also resulted in greater support for teachers in need. Unions must take the lead in removing incompetent teachers from classrooms as well as advocating for the rights of children and public education generally.

I think we should definitely call our reps and senators to demand to end this war for yet another reason. I also ask the Plymouth-Canton teachers union to tell us how they are conducting evaluations as referenced in the last paragraph in this letter.

A. Hudak
Canton

Think of the children

I'm so tired of the *Observer* defending, and taking the side of the teachers in funding issues.

Voters have expressed time and time again that they are tired of the excessive spending by the Board of Education. Can you please write a complete and accurate article listing all the salaries (all hidden raises), benefits (health care co-pays), extra pays for all activities, and pensions given to all Board of Education personnel?

The time has come for all Board of Education personnel to start taking salary reductions, pension reductions, and reduce if not eliminate raises. Teachers' time and time again refuse to take any cutbacks. Who do they think they are? Are teachers exempt from cutbacks?

Mr. Ham-Kucharski keeps getting cut off in trying to convey his message to the public. I would really appreciate the *Observer* writing an article explaining to the teachers the need for reductions in their salaries and all benefits. The turn-down of the bond issue numerous times clearly points out where the Plymouth Township residents stand.

It's time we start thinking of our children, not the salaries and future benefits of the teachers! If the current teachers are not happy, I'm confident that the thousands of new unemployed college grads will fit the need.

Keith Martin
Plymouth Township

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Kurt Heise, Plymouth-Canton Board of Education candidate, on raising nearly \$9,000 for his campaign.

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Money hasn't talked – yet – in local school board race

Conventional political wisdom says that, while name recognition and grass-roots campaigning are quant attributes, money generally does most of the talking

It isn't always true, Dick DeVos spent about 80 gazillion dollars in a failed effort to unseat Jennifer Granholm in the last gubernatorial election. And right here in beautiful downtown Plymouth-Canton, it proved not to be true in the latest school board election, where winner Nancy Eggenberger spent about a quarter of what third-place finisher Kurt Heise spent, and won the election handsily, even out-polling incumbent Mark Slavens, who won the second seat on the board and was in the middle in terms of fund-raising.

Eggenberger said her final campaign report will show she spent in the neighborhood of \$2,000 on the race, a pretty respectable neighborhood. Heise, meanwhile, said he spent some \$8,800 — much of it his own money.

Eggenberger came in with the homespun advantages — name recognition (she's been a big part of a variety of committees and activities) and grass-roots support. (Of course, having the teachers' union endorsement didn't hurt, either)

All that means a guy like Heise, who just moved into the district in November, would naturally have to spend a little more money to overcome those advantages (as an irate caller pointed out to me this week).

But four times the amount? That's a lot of overcoming.

The infusion of cash into the local school board race shouldn't come as that big a surprise. Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network — a nonpartisan, non-profit coalition concerned about the influence of money in politics and the need for campaign finance reform in Michigan — said there is more money in campaigns at almost every level of politics, including school board races.

'It may be nothing more than people who think he's the best candidate, or maybe there are people with hopes of getting a contract or favorable consideration,' said Robinson, adding that money in general translates into victory. 'Statistically, in 95 percent of Michigan elections the person with the most money wins.'

And, despite his relative lack of success in running for higher office, Slavens may be as responsible as anyone for turning the local school board race into an actual political contest.

Before Slavens got on the board and began actively seeking seats in the state House and Senate, the school board race was generally a quiet little affair, populated by people simply seeking to serve their school district and, more importantly, their children.

Now, before any Slavens supporters start popping buttons, we've always believed that's why Slavens got into it, too. He's a caring, thoughtful person we believe did a good job while on the school board. But it wasn't long before he was challenging (and losing to) Phil LaJoy for a seat in the state House.

And rumors persist he got his current gig — appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the 3rd Circuit Court — as a reward for taking on (and doing surprisingly well against) political behemoth Bruce Patterson for Patterson's state Senate seat.

Now, word on The Grapevine has it that Heise, a Republican who is director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, was attempting to land the school board seat as a springboard into the state Legislature. At the League of Women Voters forum a couple of months ago, the top names in local Republican politics were in the audience to support Heise.

And, lest you think Heise is the only one who benefited from political sources in this campaign, know this: One of Eggenberger's largest donations, nearly \$1,000, came from the Michigan Education Association, a pretty active political beast in its own right.

Heise's list of contributors includes many political biggies and many others who live outside the district. Among those are Detroit Water and Sewerage Department head Victor Mercado, Patterson and two of his staffers, Suzanne Saremi, Dearborn city councilwoman, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

For his part, Heise downplayed the political nature of his donors.

'I've been involved in public service for over 15 years and I have a lot of friends,' Heise said. 'I'm the new guy on the block and you have to generate name identification and get your message out. That's what happens when you run against two incumbents.'

'Nancy has been active in the community, and the support of the MEA clearly made a difference in this election,' he said. 'I made a personal investment in this race, and I thought it was worth it.'

In the end, it may be, particularly if the political rumblings about Heise's ambitions are true. Heise's appearance in this area provokes something of a chicken or the egg argument: Did he move out here and then decide to get into politics, or did he decide to get into politics and move here because there may be an abundance of opportunity here?

There's no way of knowing, and Heise isn't saying, he was noncommittal on his political future during his endorsement interview with the *Observer*. But this much is true: Republicans would love to make Democrat Marc Corriveau, who beat their anointed one, Mark Abbo, in last year's 20th House district election, a one-term state representative.

There's nothing wrong with political ambition, and Heise makes an attractive candidate. He runs a county department with a \$153 million budget, he's well-spoken and educated himself on local issues in short order. We actually think Heise should get the nod when the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education replaces Slavens in July.

If he gets that spot, and can parlay it into a successful run at the state Legislature, maybe money will have talked in this race after all.

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Change is inevitable, but making progress is optional

It's that time of the year, similar to when the swallows return to Capistrano and the lemmings march off a cliff. From May 30 to June 1, some 1,700 of Michigan's top civic, political and business leaders are expected to attend the 27th annual Regional Detroit Chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference on Mackinac Island.

Here's hoping for a renewed investment in leadership, collaboration, creativity, change, innovation and desire to reinvent ourselves to thrive in the disruptive 21st century global, knowledge economy.

There is no shortage for leaders in the public and private sector to address vexing problems confronting our region and state. What is needed is bold, decisive leadership that recognizes that what we once had is now gone. We are faced with a new reality, an ultra-competitive global competition.

Some refer to the chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference as the 'world's biggest schmooze fest,' an event where you can accomplish "a year's worth of networking in four days." The less charitable call it pogo, or 'vertical vibration,' where a lot of jumping up and down goes on — but not much forward progress takes place.

Will many years of planting ideas, listening to high-priced keynote speakers, networking, overindulging in drinks and fudge — even where political careers are launched — produce tangible results this year or next? Will we see a productive shared vision, common agenda and a set of specific actions that will help move our city, region and state forward?

This year's Mackinac Policy Conference holds out the promise of offering a different vision and outcome because of the 'One D' seeds that were planted far in advance of the chamber's event.

What is "One D" you ask? No, it does not stand for depressed. It is 'One Detroit!' It signifies an effort by a group of regional civic organizations committed to working collaboratively to transform metro Detroit into one of the world's great regions.

Founding members are the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan, Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Detroit Regional Chamber, Detroit Renaissance, New Detroit and the United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

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One D's final report will be unveiled in detail at this conference. Its goal is to

ensure the region works together to achieve measurable goals in six areas of priority: economic prosperity, educational preparedness, regional transit, race relations, regional cooperation and quality of life.

Dennis Archer, chairman of the Detroit Regional Chamber, former mayor of Detroit and now chairman of Dickerson-Wright law firm, promises not only to outline plans, but to provide the community with an ongoing report card on the progress being made to accomplish specific goals.

A year ago, when our state and region was crying out for focus and leadership, the Detroit Regional Chamber began a 10-county regional planning process. Under the direction of then-chamber chairman Cindy Paskey, president and CEO of Strategic Staffing Solutions, and chairman-elect Archer, the organization was able to convince the energetic and able Edsel Ford to champion this planning effort. Ford, not interested in planning without action, integrated the chamber's efforts with similar activities undertaken by Michael Brennan, CEO of the United Way of Southeast Michigan, and Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of Detroit Renaissance.

We certainly have capable individual leaders and organizations in the region. Working together, they can accomplish much.

CHANGE BEGINS WITH YOU

This brings me to you. Yeah, you — don't be looking around for someone else — I mean you! One D also means you. These leading organizations cannot do it alone, anymore than the police can protect your community without your help — you are an integral part of the solution. Your desire to change the way we do business, your upbeat attitude, your willingness to pitch in and help, are critical pieces of the One D jigsaw puzzle. Taken together with the work of the governor, state Legislature, civic, social, religious, labor and local governments, we can accomplish great things.

One D has the potential to be both courageous and contagious. Everyone, regardless of title or background, must realize the true renaissance of Detroit, our region and state, must begin with you.

Will we sail boldly into the future or will we hop on our solo pogo sticks? Which will it be?

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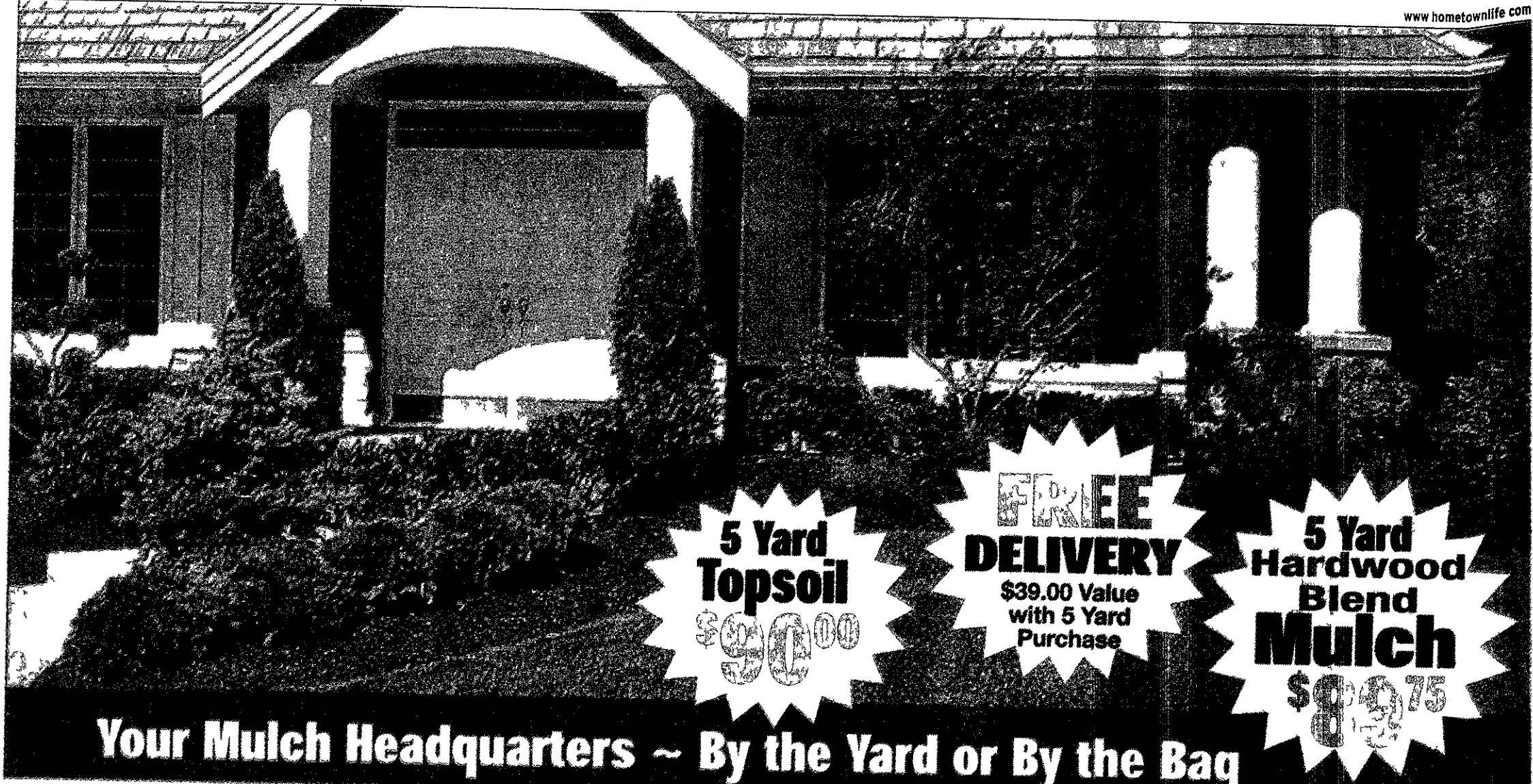
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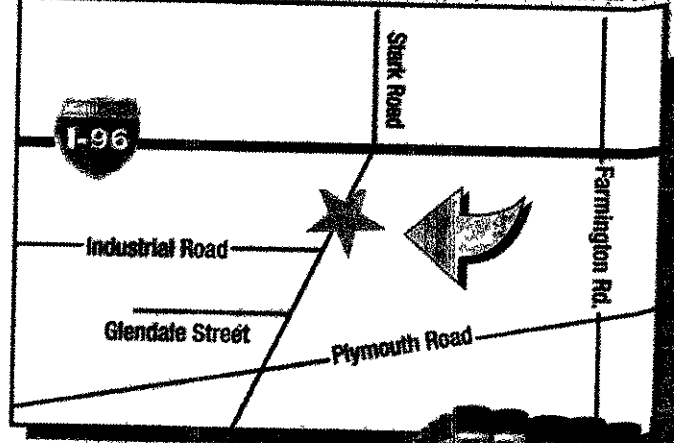
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Black Mulch	2 cu ft	\$4.25	8 sq ft @ 2" deep

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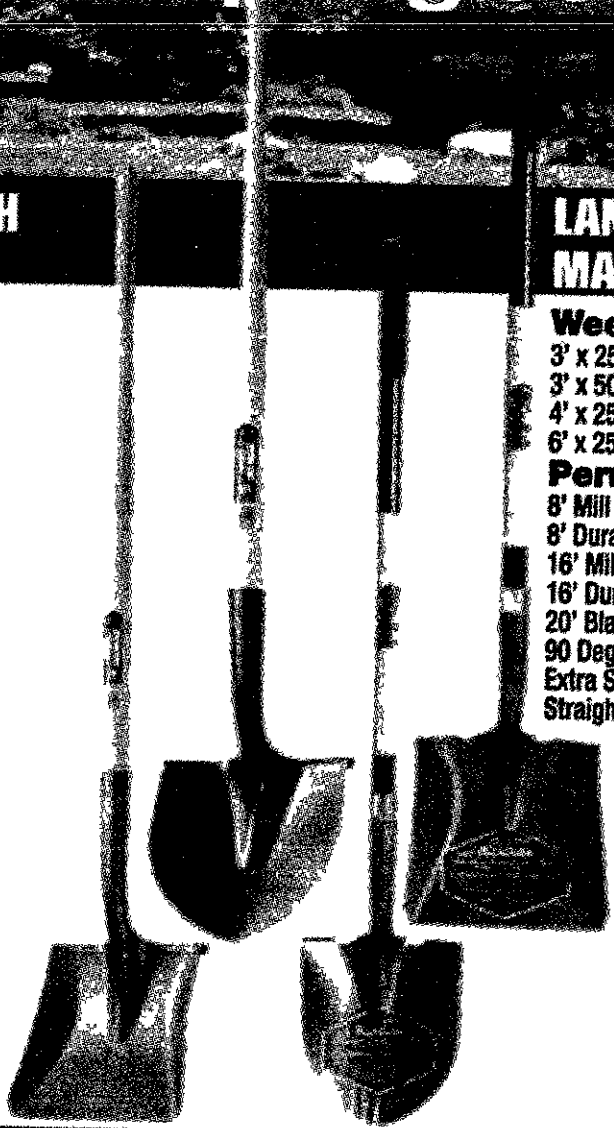
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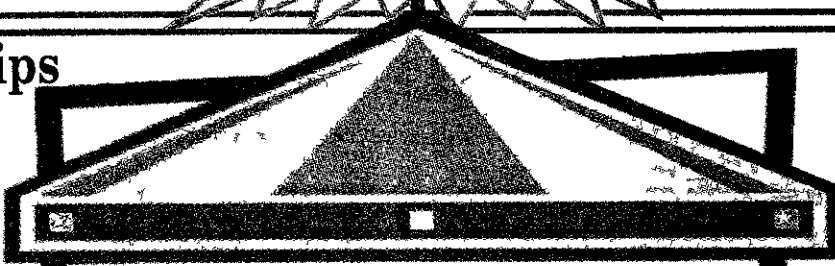
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0260 or (734) 425 0261
Sunday worship
The Power of Love 10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

Summer music ministry
Potpourri May 31 Brass Quintet June 21 and Cabaret July 19 dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5) concert at 7 p.m.

Higher Rock Cafe
Second and fourth Friday of the month doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland
2300 S. Venoy between Michigan Ave and Palmer

Worship service
10 a.m. Sundays at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour 29425 Annapolis Westland Sunday School

J.O.Y. meeting
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month

welcome to join us. There is no charge although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share

Youth wanted
Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church

A healthy you
Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four week class

Divorce recovery
Continue to 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday June 14 at First Presbyterian Church

UPCOMING

Franciscan peacemaking
How do we find personal peace in a chaotic world? How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness

Garage sales
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday Saturday June 12 at Cherry Hill Village and Cherry Hill United Methodist Church

Car wash
Fundraiser for Girl Guard Troop noon to 4 p.m. Saturday June 2 at The Salvation Army 2300 Venoy between Michigan Ave and Palmer

Rummage sale
Sellers wanted for rummage sale to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 from when Riverside Park Church of God

Vacation Bible School
6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday Friday June 18-22 at Memorial Church of Christ

Texas Hold-em
Tournament 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday June 2 at St. John Bosco Church 12170 Beech Daley Redford

Monthly dance
For Bethany Suburban West Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated

Worship service scheduled
The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) holds its first Wednesday evening worship service

Prayer services
How to spice up your prayer life includes Help! I Don't Have Time to Pray on June 7

Preschool registration
Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year

Uplifting church services
Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family but be prepared for what will happen after just one service

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Italian night & auction
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church

presentes the first Italian Night & Auction Friday June 8 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Craft Show 7:30 p.m.

Baccalaureate Mass
And reception for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 4 p.m.

Monthly breakfast meeting
For Bethany Suburban West Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated

Community garage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday June 16 rent parking spaces for \$20 each

Father and Son Dinner
4 p.m. June 16 Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son

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Worship services
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church 600 Wayne Road and Hunter Westland

Kids night
Activities include games crafts mission projects and seasonal events 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month

Classes
NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday March 8

Recovery program
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery a Christ centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts

Bible study
Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed non-threatening setting

Summer safety event
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday June 16 at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

Summer camp
The camps run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday Thursday June 18 to Aug 24 for students in grades K-8

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MARILYN "MIMI" CHAMPAIGNE

Passed away on Saturday May 19 2007 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak following a brief illness

ALLEN J. HERDMAN

Age 82 died Friday, May 18 2007 at Mercy General Hospital in Muskegon, MI Allen was born May 17 1925 in Harrow Ontario

ROY GALDES

May 21 2007 Father of John Roy Brian Noreen Mary and Judy brother of many, grandfather of 17

ANN M. TALBOT

Age 59 of Batavia IL formerly of Plymouth MI unexpectedly passed away Monday May 21 2007 in her home Ann a loving Wife Mother and Grandmother was born on June 26 1947 in Jackson MI

NICHOLAS CAMPBELL

May 18 2007 at St Petersburg, FL age 86 He served in the Coast Guard as a Machinist Mate during World War Two

ROBERT LAGUE NULTY

local resident and business man passed away on May 18 2007 He was born in 1907 in Smith Center KS and grew up in Jewell KS



VIRGINIA BACHUS RICHARDS

Age 76 of Westland died suddenly peacefully surrounded by her family May 18 2007 Beloved wife of the late Stewart Bachus and Gerald Richards

DONALD N CATLETT

Age 65 of Farmington Hills May 21 2007 Beloved husband of Mary Ann for 44 years Loving father of Shannon (Rebekah) Catlett and Sabina Catlett

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CALENDAR

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Worship service
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Worship services
Explore your destiny. God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary) at Grace Lutheran Church 46001 Warren between Canton Center and Beck) Canton. For more information call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship service
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United

Methodist Church 16175 Delaware at Puritan Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from Peter. For more information call (313) 255-6330.

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Personal ministry
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Scripture studies
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support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study
At 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101 at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 W Six Mile Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service
Loving God by loving people meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church 6500 N Wayne Road at Hunter Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities
Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Livonia. For more information call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities
St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro. The Cookie Lady followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsals at 8 p.m. Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday 10 a.m. women's study

group second Saturday of the month and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W S X Mile Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services
All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour for all ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

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Trinity Episcopal Church
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Canton P.D.'s second parenting seminar to look at summer crimes

The Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services are partnering together to present their second Positive Parenting seminar 6-7 30 p.m., Tuesday, June 12 at Canton's Summit on the Park

This is the second in a series of informative parenting seminars sponsored by the police department, and will focus on kids and summertime activities. Guest speakers from Canton Leisure Services will speak on safe outdoor play and water safety for kids. The

police department will present information on prevalent summer crimes committed by juveniles including curfew violation, car and garage 'hopping,' and Canton's open house party ordinance.

The class is geared for parents with kids ranging from toddlers to teenagers, according to Sgt. Deb Newsome, community relations coordinator for Canton Police Department.

'We had an outstanding turnout for the first seminar,' she said. 'The parents were

very interested in the topics, and had a lot of questions. We were very pleased with all of the positive comments we received afterward.'

Parents attending the presentation are also invited to bring their children to enjoy activities and Summit facilities free of charge.

The seminar is free of charge, but seating is limited. Canton residents interested in attending should stop by or call the Summit front desk at (734) 394-5460, by June 8, to make reservations.



New arrival

The Canton Fire Department took delivery of its new 2007 Pierce Aeria Platform Truck on Tuesday. The vehicle was ordered last December for a price of \$818,500. This new aerial platform will give our firefighters unprecedented access to the roofs of commercial buildings, various public assemblies and the roofs of many single and multiple family homes that have significant setbacks, said Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher. This vehicle also provides the department with unique rescue capabilities because of the versatility of its 100-foot ladder and platform. After a two to three week comprehensive training program for firefighters, the truck will then go into service. It will be on display at Liberty Fest.

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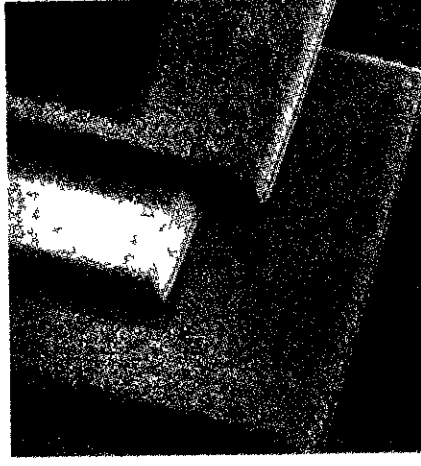
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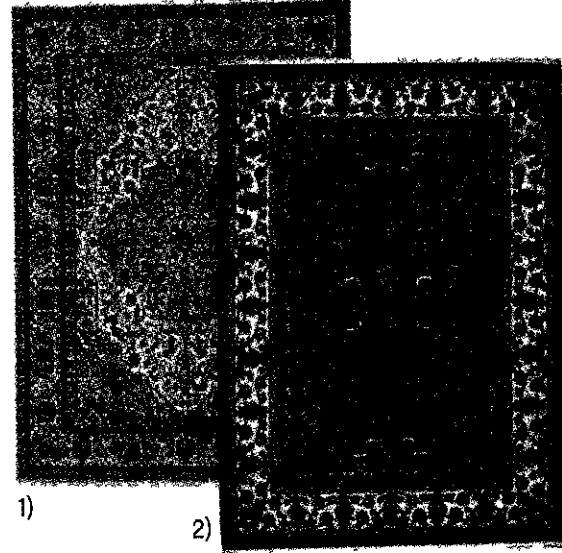
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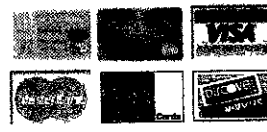
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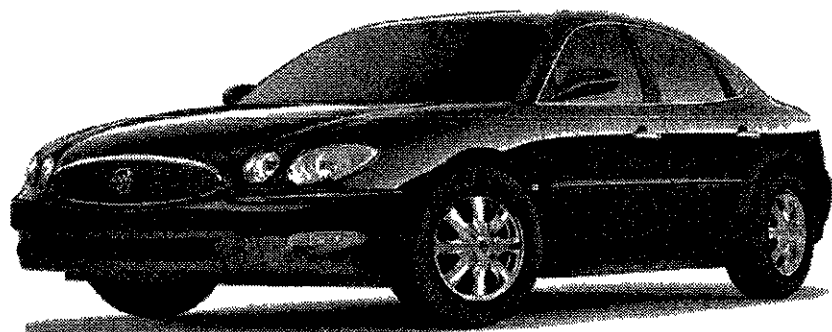
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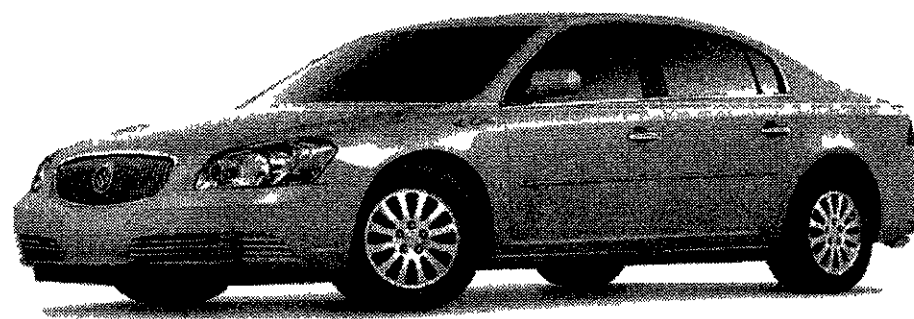
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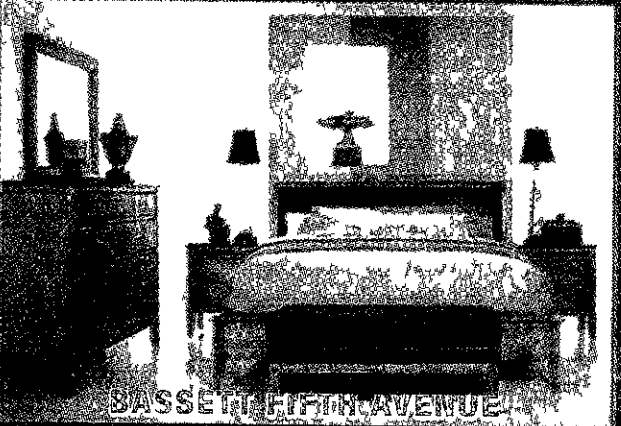
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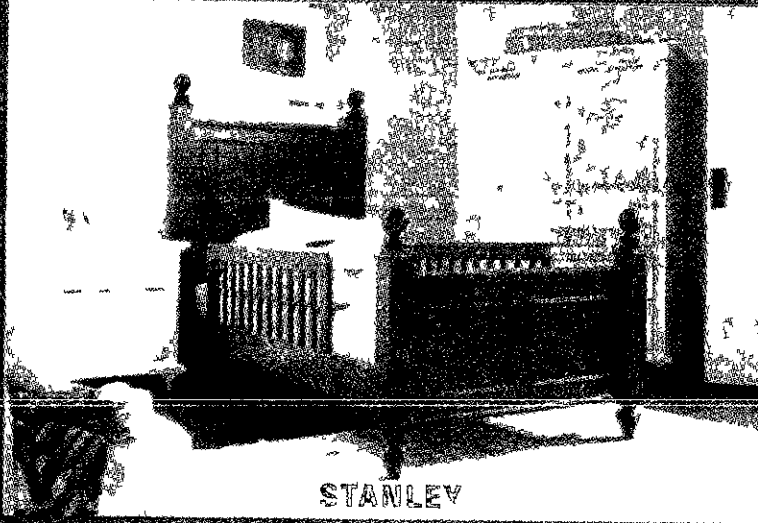
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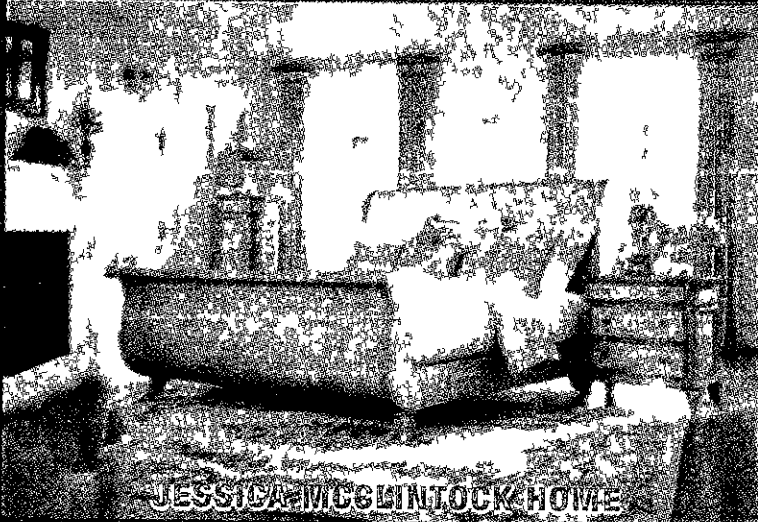
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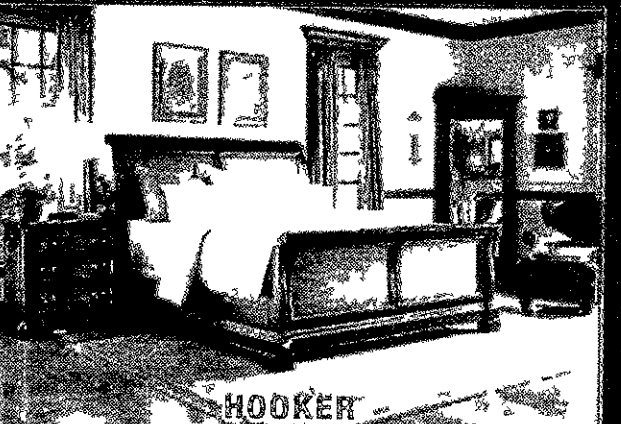
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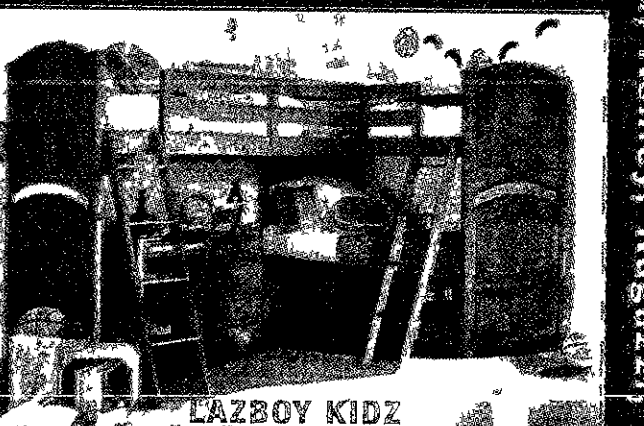
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WLC spoils Wildcats' dreams of WLAA title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's hopes of winning the 2007 Western Lakes Activities Association softball title were shot down by a BB Tuesday afternoon

Walled Lake Central senior pitcher Brittany Burkhardt, who hadn't pitched in two weeks due to a hand injury, threw a two-hitter at the Wildcats in the Vikings' 8-3 victory at Plymouth

A win in Tuesday's make-up game would have earned the Wildcats a spot in Wednesday's WLAA title game against Livonia Stevenson. Instead, they were forced to make a trek to Central on Wednesday for a second-place cross-over game against the Vikings

I'm very disappointed — I can't put it

PREP SOFTBALL

any better than that," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "You can't play like we did today this late in the season and expect to come out on top."

"We had five errors today. I don't think we had five errors combined in our previous 10 games."

The Wildcats lineup was shuffled due to the absence of freshman standout Stacey Klonowski, who missed the game due to a school-related obligation.

I had a weird feeling all day about this game, especially knowing Stacey wasn't going to be in there," said Canfield.

Burkhardt retired 12 of the final 13 batters she faced. She struck out eight and walked three — two in the first inning.

Plymouth pitchers Megan Patterson and Ally Ciotti didn't walk a batter, but they yielded eight hits and three hit batsmen (all in the fifth inning).

The Wildcats grabbed a 1-0 lead when Erin Rodes opened the bottom of the first with a walk, advanced to third on a pair of wild pitches and scored on a passed ball.

Central knotted the game at 1-1 in the top of the third when lead-off hitter Kathy Rusette (who finished 3-for-4 with three runs scored) went all the way to third on a throwing error. She then scored one batter later on Krista Hakola's fielder's choice grounder.

Plymouth regained the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the third when Jessica Cicirelli led off with a single, was sacrificed to second by Rodes and scored on an error.

The Vikings leap-frogged the 'Cats in the fourth, 3-2, when Kara Reickert, who had reached on a double, and Carly Dodge, who had walked, both scored on wild pitches.

Undaunted, Plymouth tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the frame on freshman Amanda Burnard's towering home run over the right-center field fence. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, Burnard's hit was their last against the hard-throwing Burkhardt.

Central scored three pivotal runs in the fifth thanks to a pair of hits and three hit batsmen. Rusette added an RBI double in the sixth.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 21-5.

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In search of slo-pitch sluggers

If you know of an elite slow-pitch softball power hitter who resides in Plymouth or Canton — or you are one yourself — contact Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108 or ewright@hometownlife.com. Wright would like to interview the big hitters for a future feature story.

Schmitt is grand at Grand Prix

Canton High School junior Allison Schmitt had quite a weekend at the Eric Namesnik Memorial Grand Prix swimming event in Ann Arbor May 18-20.

Competing in a meet stocked with former Olympians, Olympics hopefuls and many of the elite collegiate swimmers from across the country, Schmitt had an outstanding three days. Her most noteworthy performance came when she anchored the Club Wolverine 400-meter medley-relay team to a gold medal. When Schmitt hit the water, she was 1.79 seconds behind the Athens (Ga.) Bulldogs, however, she passed NCAA All-American Jessica Cole in the final five meters to earn the win.

Schmitt was also the lone high school swimmer in the 100 freestyle finals. She was fifth after 50 meters, but came back to finish second behind Andrea Hupman, a 2007 collegiate All-American from Northwestern University.

She capped her weekend with a fifth in the 200-meter freestyle.

Diesels to host camp

The Detroit Diesels, a minor-league football team that plays its home games in Livonia, will be hosting a youth football camp June 25-27 from 9 a.m. to noon for kids between the ages of 7- and 14-years-old. Participants will be divided into four age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

Coaching will be provided by the Detroit Diesels coaches and players.

The camp will be held at Emerson Middle School, which is located at 29100 W Chicago in Livonia. The \$30 fee includes a camp T-shirt, a Diesels season pass (\$48 value) and a last-day pizza party.

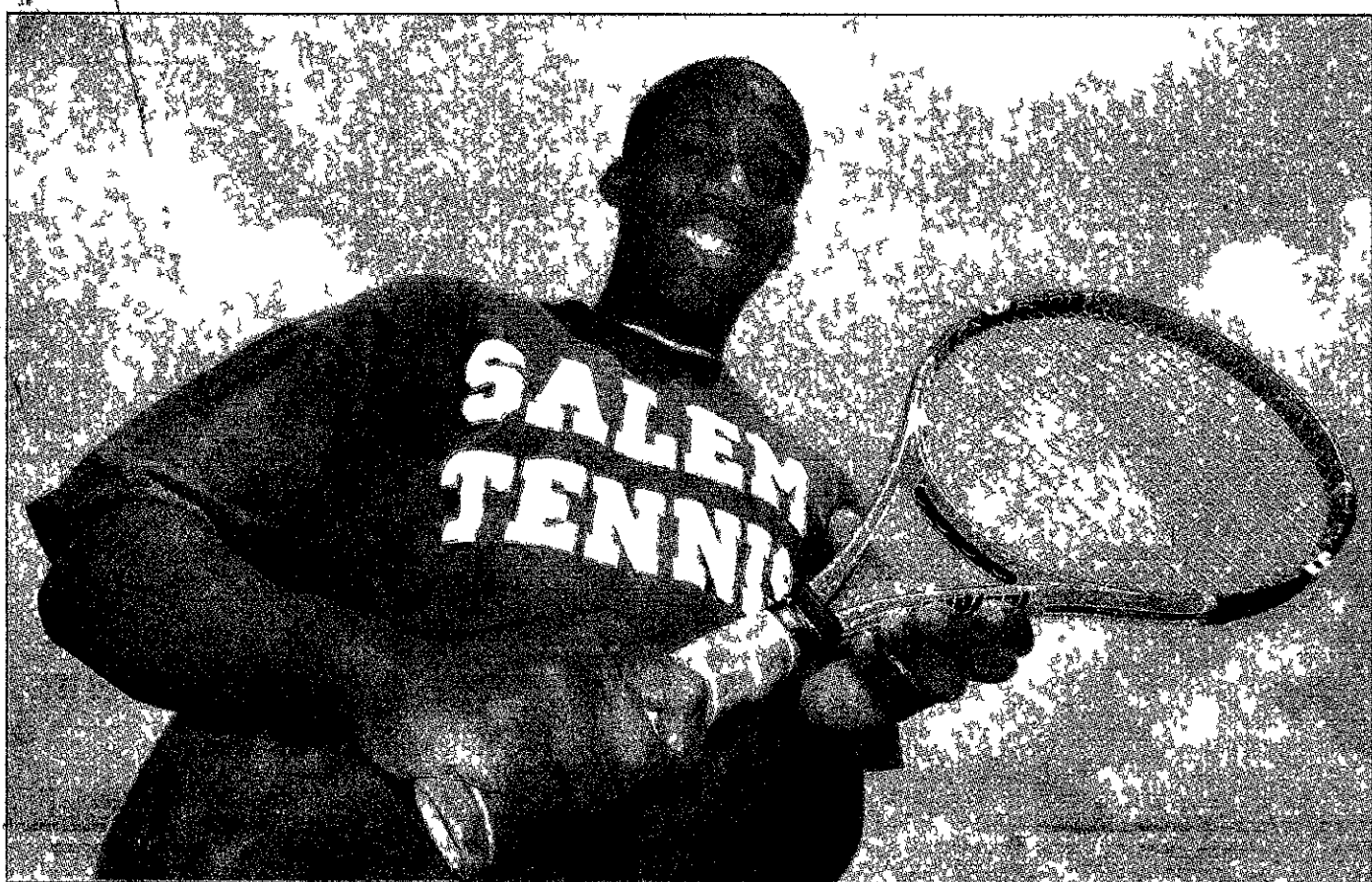
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Belcher sets mark

Canton senior Tim Belcher blazed to a school-record time of 39.6 seconds in the 300 hurdles at Friday's Division 1 Regional meet at the P-CEP stadium. The former record holder was Rodney Preston, who set the old standard of 39.8.

Soccer meeting

All boys interested in playing soccer for Plymouth High School in the fall are encouraged to attend a meeting Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the school's media center.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's top tennis player, Lawrence Washington, enjoyed an incredibly successful junior season as he finished 22-2 with a Western Lakes Activities Association No. 1 singles title.

Smashing success

Strong work ethic makes self-taught Washington an ace

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Flash back for a moment to the summer of 2000.

Each morning, like clockwork, the 10-year-old boy would grab his bucket filled with tennis balls in one hand and his racquet in the other.

He'd then walk from his home on the corner of Sheldon and Palmer roads in Canton to Freedom Park, which was directly across the street.



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When he reached the park's tennis courts, he'd place the bucket just beyond one of the courts' baselines and begin hammering ball after ball through the humid summer air.

On some days his older brother would hit with him. Many days he'd match up with other players at the park who, like him, were hooked on the sport.

The boy's name was Lawrence

Washington, Salem's No. 1 singles player for the past two years.

And the relentless, self-motivated, hours-long practice routines he put himself through as a pre-teen are paying huge dividends now.

UNPARALLELED SUCCESS

Last weekend, Washington advanced to the semifinal round of the Division 1 Regional tennis tournament in Ann Arbor before getting

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Incredible comeback

Rocks erase 8-0 deficit, win 9-8

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Overcoming a touchdown deficit is manageable in football, but highly improbable in baseball.

With that in mind, you can call the Salem baseball team's 9-8 victory over Walled Lake Western Monday afternoon "Mission Impossible."

Thanks to some clutch, two-out hitting by a pair of sophomores and a

dominating relief performance from a junior pitcher, the Rocks overcame

an 8-0 fourth-inning deficit to post the thrilling comeback triumph over the visiting Warriors.

Salem trailed 8-7 with two outs in the bottom of the seventh when sophomore Chris Kordick knotted the game with a sharp, two-strike single to left that plated Sam Ott. Sophomore second baseman Kyle Bricker put the icing on the incredible comeback when he singled in Kyle Powell.

Junior right-handed pitcher Justin Horger no-hit Western over the final three innings to earn the win.

The Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over victory, which was a make-up from a previously rained-out contest, improved the Rocks' record to 10-18. Western slipped to 14-13.

Things looked dire for the Rocks through the first four innings when Western scored two runs in the first, three in the second and third, and

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B3



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Patricia Burns watches one of her drives split the fairway during Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. Burns fired a 105.

Northville golfers ace WLAA conference meet

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

See more golf results Page B7

Order another extra trophy. For the third year in a row, Lavonia Stevenson and Northville will share the Western Lakes Activities Association girls golf crown.

Stevenson, the regular season champion at 11-0, fell eight shots short of the Mustangs in Tuesday's WLAA tourney held at Canton's Pheasant Run.

And based on the formula of total points for the regular season and tournament finish, both teams wound up with 22 points.

Northville's four-player tournament total was 362, while Stevenson finished at 370. Livonia Churchill wound up third with 381, while Walled Lake Western took fourth with 385. Sophomore Alicia Weber was the WLAA medalist with a 77, one shot ahead of defending Division 1 state champion Shannon Warner of Churchill, a junior who fired a 78.

Senior Susan Snyder added an 80 to earn All-Conference honors and was followed by teammates Taylor Johnson (99), Kelley Hill (106) and Aranne Frnk (106).

The Mustangs finished runner-up during the dual-meet season to Stevenson after losing by three strokes, 176-179, in a match

on May 14. Just two days earlier, Northville lost its No. 2 player, Kirsten Freisch to a broken elbow.

"Everybody stepped up, I did not realize we had this kind of depth," Northville coach Mary Jane Ossola said. "Taylor Johnson had not broken 100 and she goes 91 in the (Oak Pointe) regional and 99 today."

"And it helps to have the conference champion (Weber), and she's a sophomore. She's been averaging 88 (for 18) and her previous best was 82 at the regional. Snyder has an 87 average and she goes 80 today."

Stevenson's top scorer was senior Abbey Wolfe, who shot an 86 to make All-Conference. She was followed by senior Chelsea Bathurst (88), the defending medalist, senior Chrissy McHenry (95), senior Lauren Geiger (101) and junior Laura Sums (103) — all of whom made All-Division.

"It was not our best day and we were only eight strokes behind from winning the whole thing," Stevenson coach Jason Delo said. "We lost to a good team. If we had lost to somebody else it would have been more frustrating. It was not a real surprise. When

you have the medalist (Weber), it makes a difference. And their number two kid (Snyder) played very well."

The most troublesome spot on the course was the 231-yard, par-4 No. 15 hole and the 429-yard, par-5 No. 16, according to Delo.

"Those are the hardest holes and it separated a lot of teams," the Stevenson coach said. "There's a lot of water, woods. We probably lost eight strokes right there."

Ironically, Stevenson had won the tournament two years in a row.

"It was not a bad day," Delo said. "We would have liked to be outright champs, but a championship is a championship."

Irvine cards ace

For Westland John Glenn's Heidi Irvine, it was a memorable first WLAA tourney.

The freshman broke 100 for the first time this year with a 97, thanks in part, to a hole-in-one on the 108-yard, No. 7 hole.

"I hit a 7-iron, it landed on the left side of the green and it curved in," said Irvine, who earned All-Division honors along with teammate Jessie Veltz, who shot a 94. "Everybody is screaming. The first person I'm going to tell is my mom (Judy)."

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Plymouth takes Flight 'A' crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's softball team captured the Flight A championship in last weekend's Madonna University Invitational — just not the way it would have liked.

The Wildcats led 8-1 in the third inning in the final over cross-campus rival Canton when Chiefs head coach Jim Arnold pulled his team off the field moments after Canton left-fielder Stephame Sadek was hit by a pitch for the second time in the game.

"I was proud of the way the girls played all weekend, but I was disappointed with the way it ended," said Plymouth head coach Val Canfield. "After Jim took his team off the field and told the umpires he was forfeiting the game, I told my players to line up, shake the Canton players' hands and walk off the field with their heads high. I told them to be proud of their accomplishment."

When reached by telephone on Tuesday, Arnold politely declined to comment on the incident under advisement from Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman.

Heinzman could not be reached prior to Tuesday night's deadline.

According to sources who were at the game, Arnold argued to the umpires that Sadek was hit intentionally by Plymouth pitcher Megan Patterson. Canfield denied the allegation of the intentional beating.

(Sadek) crowds the plate and had been hit by about eight pitches during the tournament," Canfield said. "There's no way we were throwing at her intentionally."

The Wildcats continued their hot streak by going 4-1 over the weekend to improve their overall record to 21-4.

Patterson yielded just 16 hits in five games. "We had a lot of players step up and play well, but Megan was probably our MVP," said Canfield. She did a great job out there and we played great defense behind her."

The Wildcats rocked a pair of home runs in the forfeit-shortened contest against Canton. Patterson helped her own cause with a round-tripper and a triple, and Stacey Klonowski hit a four-bagger that Canfield called, "the hardest hit ball I've ever seen."

Other offensive contributors in the win over the Chiefs were Beth Heldmeyer, Melissa Butzow, Kim Klonowski and Amanda Burnard.

The Wildcats opened the weekend with a 15-2 rout of Livonia Ladywood. Patterson and Amy Ciotta combined on a two-hitter while Heldmeyer (2-for-3, two runs), Kim Klonowski (2-for-4, three runs, RBI), Burnard (2-for-4, two RBI), Stacey Klonowski (3-for-3, two runs, four RBI) and Jill Brennan led the winners' 11-hit attack.

In Game 2, Patterson two-hit Milford in the Wildcats' 8-0 victory. The winners scored three runs in the second and fifth and singles in the third and fourth.

"Our defense played outstanding," said Canfield.

Kim Klonowski went 2-for-3 with a home run. Also excelling at the plate were Burnard (2-for-2, two runs), Stacey Klonowski (2-for-3, two runs), Brennan (1-for-2, run) and Bondy (1-for-3, two walks).



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Plymouth's Amy Bondy, who is pictured sliding safely into home in a game earlier this year against Livonia Franklin played a key role in the Wildcats' success this weekend.

The Wildcats' lone blemish on the weekend was a 6-2 setback to Taylor Kennedy. Half of the runs the Eagles scored in their six-run second inning were unearned. Brennan accounted for Plymouth's only runs when she drilled a two-run single. Plymouth advanced to the "A" final by blanking Novi, 3-0, as Patterson and Ciotta combined on a one-hitter. Stacey Klonowski delivered a two-run triple and Kim Klonowski contributed an RBI single.

SALEM GOES 2-3

The Rocks lost their opener, 12-3, to eventual champion Anchor Bay. Liz Thomas and Amanda Emmons paced Salem's seven-hit attack with a pair of hits each. Emmons also contributed two RBI. "That Anchor Bay team can hit," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "And we're not a morning team."

Salem suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Novi in its second game of the tourney. Starting pitcher Melissa Leach hurled a walkless two-hitter, striking out seven, but she didn't get any offensive support.

"Novi scored their run in the first inning, then we played excellent defense after that," said Southerland. "But we couldn't get a run across the plate."

Liz Thomas, Mary Cox and Christina Parsons accounted for the Rocks' three hits. "We had runners on base in every inning except one, so I thought for sure we would put a hit or two together and get a run," said Southerland.

It was the Rocks who posted a 1-0 victory (over Lincoln Park) in Game 3. In the eighth inning, Kelly MacDonald's bunt scored Mary Cox from third with the game's lone run. Salem's defense shined in the bottom of the inning thanks to great plays by Parsons and Cox. Leach excelled on the mound, striking out nine while yielding just three hits and two walks. Salem did not commit an error.

The Rocks split their pair of games on Sunday, falling to Milford, 3-0, before blanking Marne City, 2-0. MacDonald just missed throwing a perfect game in the nightcap as she yielded just one hit — a seventh-inning single. Kelly Behr, Abby Parritz and Cox paced the offense.

WASHINGTON

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sidelined by the eventual Regional runner-up. His final season record a remarkable 22-2, which included an undefeated record in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The self-taught Washington's achievements are extra-impressive when you consider many of his opponents played year-round and were tutored throughout their formative years by highly paid coaches.

"I'd walk over to the courts across the street from my house and hit for hours," said Washington, reflecting on his introduction to tennis.

"Sometimes, I'd meet people there and play with them, sometimes I'd hit with my brother and sometimes it would just be me. But I played every day because I loved to play the sport."

"I learned the sport by playing it. I played and watched the tournaments on TV 24/7."

LASTING IMPRESSION

Washington made a strong first impression on Salem tennis coach Bill Nelson, who slotted the talented player into the No. 4 singles hole as a freshman. He's been number one on the Rocks' depth the past two springs.

The most impressive thing about Lawrence is his dedication to the game," said Nelson. "He plays as much as he can, whenever he can."

"I know when he was a kid he'd walk over to that park and hit for hours and hours, hitting and serving. He had the drive it took to improve

his game to where it is at now, which is a very high level."

Nelson said Washington's mental approach to the sport is on a par with his lofty physical skills.

"A lot of times, when you watch Lawrence playing in a match, you can't tell if he's winning or losing because he's always so focused," the veteran coach said.

"The exception was after Lawrence won the conference meet this year. He wanted that so bad and when he finally won it, he beamed from ear to ear."

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE

Nelson's admiration for the Rocks' top netter is shared by Washington's teammates, who elected him as one of the team's captains prior to this season.

"In the 20-some years I've been coaching, I've probably only had about three two-year captains, Nelson revealed. "I was a little concerned at first when Lawrence was voted captain because he's kind of a quiet kid. But his leadership skills really came out before the season started. He didn't mess around when it came to leading the team in drills and everything else a captain does."

Washington's serve has been clocked at 108 miles per hour, which, according to Nelson, will improve with time and better mechanics. "I've told Lawrence that if there's one part of his game that needs improving, it's his serve," said Nelson. "It's not that he doesn't have a good serve. He does. But he uses a quick arm movement instead of getting his entire body into

it. Once he does that, watch out."

SWEAT EQUITY

Washington has honed his game with a weekly practice routine that takes up two hours every weekday and four hours on weekend days. He also works out on a regular basis at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

"If I ever get tired of playing so much, I'll take a week off," Washington said. "But that doesn't happen very much."

Washington said many of his classmates have had a lukewarm opinion of tennis — until they come watch one of his matches.

"Once they see one of our matches, they say, 'Oh my gosh, you're pretty good!'" he said. "I'm trying to get them to come around to the sport."

THE NEXT LEVEL

Washington is destined to play the game at the collegiate level, he's just not sure where quite yet.

Temple, Villanova, Lehigh and Depauw have shown interest in me so far," said Washington, who has a stellar 3.5 grade-point average. "If I had to pick one now, I'd probably pick Temple because it's a good business school."

Nelson noted that Washington does more than improve his own game during the summer — he helps other, less-fortunate, players hone their skills.

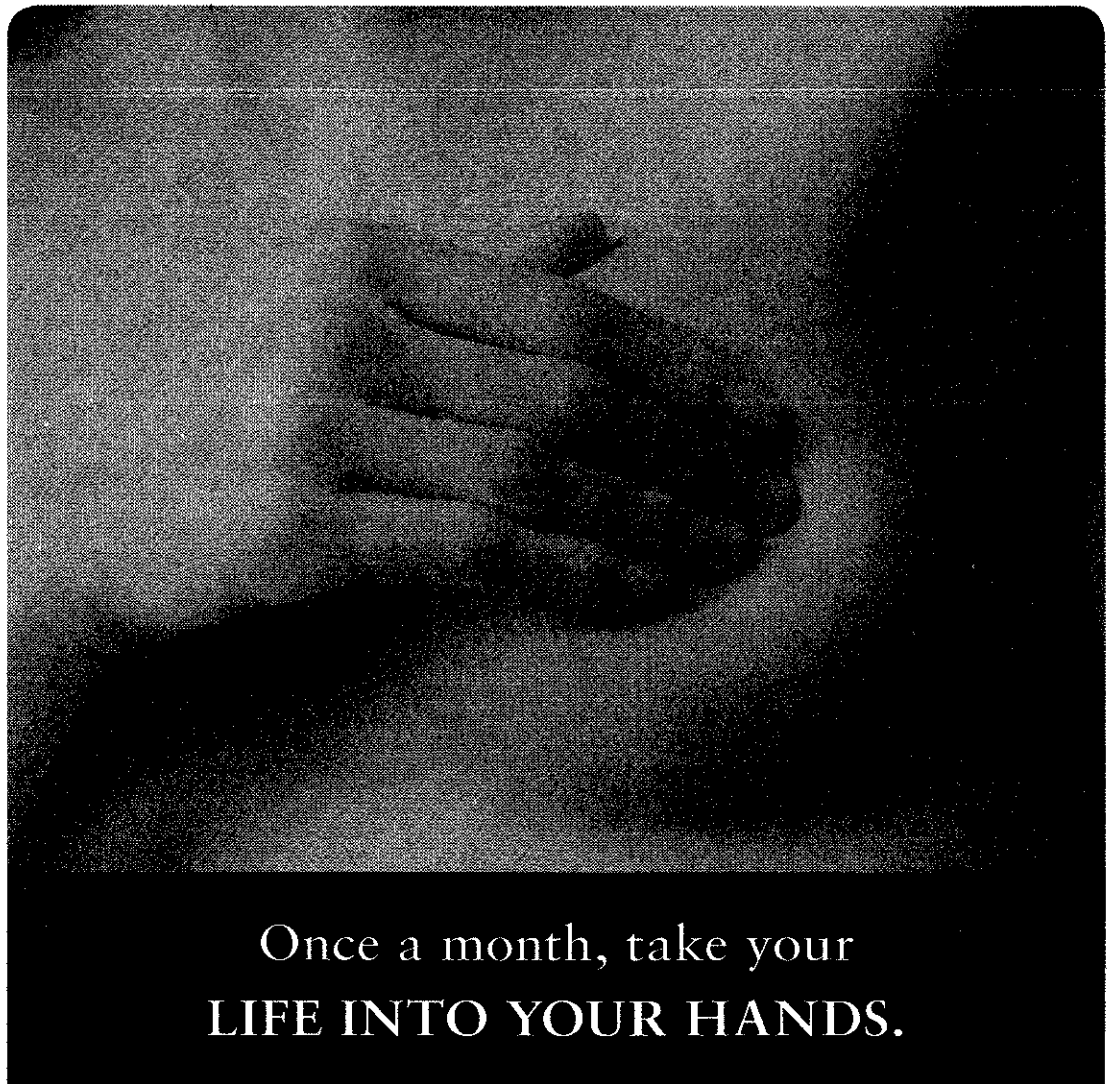
"Lawrence and his dad are involved in a program that teaches the sport of tennis to inner-city kids," said Nelson. "It's his way of giving something back to the sport."

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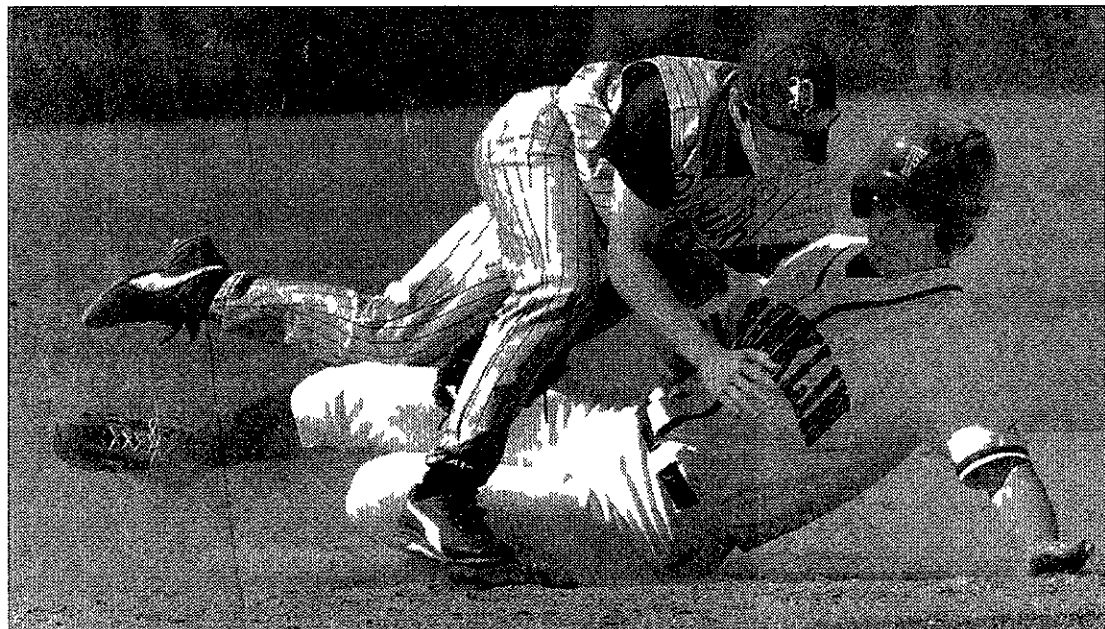
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Plymouth's second baseman Ben Kosmowski puts the tag onto Franklin's Sean Sciba during a WLA Western Division game last week. Kosmowski played a key role in the Wildcats' success at Saturday's Gibraltar Carlson Invitational.

Agape rally edges B-M, 4-3

Canton Agape Christians baseball team constructed a dramatic three run seventh inning rally Tuesday afternoon to edge visiting Britton Macon, 4-3, in a non league contest played at Griffin Park in Canton.

The Wolverines improved to 9-4 behind thanks to the rally and a complete game, four hit pitching effort from junior right-hander Jared Miller (5-2). Miller struck out 13 and walked three.

Ethan Walker ignited the rally with a lead-off triple. He

scored on a single by Kevin Reith, who scored on Tyler Majeski's one bagger. Miller then delivered the game-winning single plating Donald Mullett.

Reith finished the day 3-for-3 with two RBI.

AGAPE 8, FRANKLIN ROAD 6 On Monday, the Wolverines chalked up an impressive victory in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game played at Griffin Park in Canton.

The victory improved the Wolverines to 8-4 overall and 5-

3 in the MIAC. Franklin Road slipped to 7-7 and 5-1, respectively. Agape trailed 6-4 before mounting a four-run, fifth-inning rally. Franklin Road out-hit the winners, 6-5.

Brandon Pierson earned the complete-game victory on the mound for the Wolverines, striking out six. Mark Knudsen suffered the loss for Franklin Road. Kevin Reith (1-for-3 run, two RBI), two stolen bases) Daniel Walker (1-for-2 two runs, double) and Pierson (three runs) paced the Agape offensive attack.

'Cats win CG tournament

Plymouth's baseball team earned a trophy -- and some much-needed momentum heading into next week's Division 1 District tournament -- last weekend by capturing the Gibraltar Carlson Invitational.

I think we're peaking at the right time, said Wildcat coach Chuck Adams. "We are getting quality innings from our starters over the last two weeks and we're finding ways to win ball-games."

I would still like to see our defense tighten up a bit more, but, overall, I'm happy with our effort and our play at this point in the season."

Plymouth and Carlson both finished 2-1 in the tourney, but the Wildcats were declared the champs because they yielded fewer runs than the Marauders.

The Wildcats' only loss came in the opener when they fell 2-0 to Trenton despite a solid, complete-game pitching effort from junior Garrett Reban.

Plymouth then rocked Flat Rock, 14-3, thanks to Tyler Locklear's complete-game mound gem. Sophomore Ronnie Goble earned a complete game victory in the finale, a 10-6 victory over Carlson.

Chiefs fall to Panthers in final of RU Classic, 9-0

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For an inning or two Saturday, Mike Taylor had that "here-we-go-again" feeling.

His Redford Union varsity baseball team trailed Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 4-0 after just a half-inning of the Redford Union Baseball Classic semifinal. It was reminiscent of how the Panthers were defeated last month in the opener of the Hank Klotz memorial tourney.

This time, however, the host Panthers rallied for a 7-6 win and went on to pound Canton, 9-0, in the championship to improve to 24-5 entering Monday's crucial Mega White showdown with league leading Ypsilanti.

It crossed my mind," said Taylor, about possibly again not being in the title game for a tournament on RU's home field.

Redford Union bounced back in the opener when they scored three runs in the second and two in the third, to tie the game at 6-6. Third-inning RBI singles by Nick Levinson and Tristin Lompra (2-for-3) knotted the contest, and the Panthers won the matchup when senior Eric Mullen (3-for-3) singled in junior Chris Gazley with two outs in the sixth.

Also registering three hits in the opener was Jason Matties.

In the championship game against the Chiefs, who had routed Riverview 11-3 at Pearson Educational Center (where other tourney games were held), it was Mullen's time to shine. He pitched a complete-game shutout, scattering nine hits (two each by Brad Barath and Kyle Grung).

The Panthers came out strong with a six-run first, a surge featuring senior Toby Matchulat's two-run double, a laser beam over the centerfielder's head which scored the games first two runs.

Before the big inning came to an end, Mullen helped his own cause with a two run double

down the left-field line and Levinson knocked in another with a hit.

In the meantime, Canton (12-12) could not get a clutch hit despite numerous scoring opportunities.

The Chiefs had runners on the corners with no outs in the third on singles by freshman callup Cody Blakuta and Matt Barylski only to leave them stranded.

HOT AT THE CORNER

Then, in the fifth, singles by Blakuta, Grung and Ryan Neu loaded the bases with one out. But Panthers third baseman Lompra stymied Cantons bid with successive defensive gems.

First, Lompra fielded a hot shot off the bat of Dan Milus and threw home for the force. The next batter, Daniel Stoney, smoked a one-hopper to Lompra, who fielded the ball and fired a strike to first baseman Matchulat (2-for-3, four RBI).

"We had the bases loaded a few times late," said Canton head coach Scott Dickey, lamenting his team's inability to hit with men in scoring position. "But when you're down 8-0, it's tough to play small ball."

Redford Union tacked on runs No. 7 and 8 in the fourth on a double to right by Matchulat. The Panthers made it 9-0 in the fifth, following a leadoff triple by Matties and a single by Lompra.

"That second game surprised me a little bit," RU's Taylor said. "Canton's a nice program and we did a nice job jumping out on them early."

Taylor praised the job turned in by Mullen as well as the fielders behind him.

"Mullen pitched a great game" he continued. There were two innings where he had guys on third but he kept changing speeds. We had good defense, too, which kept them at bay."

The Chiefs took care of Riverview in their first game, behind a strong pitching effort by freshman Kevin Delapaz.

BASEBALL

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one in the fourth. The eighth run came on Ryan Warwick's towering home run in the fourth.

Salem's rally started in the bottom of the fourth when Matt Woster walked, advanced to third on a pair of wild pitches and scored on Powell's RBI ground-out.

The Rocks got back into the game big-time in the fifth when they mounted a four-run rally with two outs. Horger ignited the fuse with a single, Heath Parling walked and Woster singled, loading the bases for Sam Ott, who ripped a long triple to left-center to make it 8-4. Ott then scored

on a fielder's choice to bring Salem to within 8-5.

Following a non-productive sixth inning, Salem erupted in the seventh when Parling led off with a single and scored on Woster's double. After Western starting pitcher Zach Gatten was relieved by Marc Carnacchi, Ott walked and Drew Grabowski reached on an error to fill the Sacks with Rocks.

After Powell narrowed the deficit to 8-7 with a fielder's choice ground-out and the next batter popped out, Kordick and Bricker delivered their dramatic game-tying and game-winning hits.

Salem out-hit Western, 10-8, thanks to two-hit efforts from Ott and Woster. Woster scored three

times and Ott knocked in three. Lead-off hitter Brett Lubanski and No. 3 hitter Andy Buchanan both ripped a pair of hits for the Warriors.

Horger retired eight of the 11 batters he faced after taking over for starting pitcher Joe Posler to start the fifth. Two of the base runners reached on errors, the other a walk. Carnacchi reached first to start the fifth, but he was erased on a Bricker-to-Parling-to-Kordick double-play.

Gatten allowed eight hits and struck out five in six-plus innings of work. Carnacchi suffered the loss when he gave up the tying and winning runs in the seventh.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS-May 15, 2007

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday May 15 2007 at 11:50 Canton Center S Canton, Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the pledge of allegiance Roll Call Members Present Bennett LaJoy, McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Members Absent Caccamo (on Military leave) Kirchgatter Staff Present Director Faas Director Conklin Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda Motion carried by all members present
STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1 Growth Works Update Dale Yagnela, Founder of Growth Works Brian Spitsbergen Youth Assistance Director Growth Works Discussion on the current status of the Canton Human Services Building and update on the Youth Assistance Program Item 2 Youth Advisory Council Ann Conklin Leisure Services Director Jon LaFever Recreation Coordinator Youth Advisory Advisors Laura Schulz & Dam Fordell Youth Advisory Council Members Amanda Baydoun Cassie Johnson, Ari Patel & Preethi Bandri An update on the activities of the Youth Advisory Council Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to close the study meeting and move to the Board meeting at 7:40 pm Motion carried by all members present GENERAL CALENDAR PUBLIC HEARING Item 1 PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2007 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:42 pm to hear comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs pursuant to the Township Sidewalk Ordinance and Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as Provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 Motion carried by all members present Several residents spoke in disagreement of markings showing residents responsibility and would require an additional inspection Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to close the Public Hearing at 8:25 pm after hearing the comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs to the Township Sidewalk Ordinance and Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 Motion carried by all members present Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the attached resolution requiring replacement of sidewalks in Mayfair Village 1 & 2 Wilshire Windemere Sunflower East 1 & 2, Sunflower Village #5 Oak Vale and Miscellaneous Locations as indicated on the attached list and published in the Canton Observer on May 3 and May 6 2007 Motion carried by all members present Director Faas stated for those who may not have been able to attend the public hearing please call Public Works at 394 5150 as soon as possible if they feel a resumption is warranted Item 2 CONSIDER ACCEPTING STANTEC CONSULTING MICHIGAN, INC PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2007 WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECTS (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to authorize and award Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc to provide professional engineering services for the 2007 Water Main Construction and Replacement Projects in the amount of \$86 645 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$8 665 for a total of \$95 310 Further to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement Motion carried by all members present Other: Supervisor Yack stated there is a regular Board meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday May 22, 2007 at the Administration Building First Floor Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188 Adjourn Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo at 8:43 pm to adjourn Motion carried by all members present
-Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval
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OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK BESTS
SHOT PUT
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 40 9
Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 40 7 7 5
Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 36 9
Brigid Molloy (Ladywood) 35 3 5
Ashley Price (Franklin) 34 7
Olivia Rork (Luth Westland) 34 6 25
Ryan Anderson (John Glenn) 34 4
Chrysten Guyton (Plymouth) 34 3 5
Becca Bartek (Stevenson) 34 1
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Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 5 1
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the Partial Re-Roofing of Salem High School Bid documents are available by phoning the Districts Construction Management firm of McCarthy & Smith Inc at (248) 427 8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc 24317 Indoplex Circle Farmington Hills MI 48335 FW Dodge Plan Room Southfield Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room Bloomfield Hills Daily Construction Reports Plan Room Detroit Builders Exchange Grand Rapids Construction News Service Grandville and Reed Construction Data Novi MI

The bid division description for this project is 109 Roofing A pre bid meeting will be held at 10 00 a m on Friday May 25 2007 in the McCarthy & Smith Inc site trailer located at Salem High School 46181 Joy Road Canton Michigan 48187 Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope All bids should include 2 copies (1 original 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1 00 p m Tuesday June 5 2007 where they will be opened and read publicly For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JUDY MARDIGIAN Secretary

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2007 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 It will be available for review by May 24 2007 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor located at 1160 Sheridan Street Plymouth Michigan between the hours of 8 30 am and 4 30 pm

In addition a public hearing will be held on Wednesday July 18 2007 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street Plymouth Michigan at 6 30 pm Everyone is invited

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Madonna-bound

Canton senior Ryan Waidmann, a three-year varsity standout for the Chiefs basketball program, has signed a letter of intent to play for Madonna University beginning with the 2007-08 season.

Whalers drop their 2nd straight in 'Cup'

Tyler Ennis figured in on all four goals and Brennan Bosch added a goal and an assist as the Medicine Hat Tigers led from start to finish in a 4-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in a 2007 MasterCard Memorial Cup game played before 12,601 at the Pacific Coliseum.

wing past Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth. Ennis scored from the right hash mark and when he beat Neuvirth five-hole at 4:25 of the period to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

were n't ready" Plymouth didn't get many breaks in the game. Tom Sestito missed an empty net on the left wing lip of the Medicine Hat crease midway through the first period and later in the game hit the crossbar in an attempt to score a shorthanded goal.

The Whalers are now 0-2 and have to defeat Lewiston (1-1) to remain alive in the tournament.

Medicine Hat improved to 1-1.

Vancouver leads the four-team field with a 2-0 record.

In all, Ennis — a '89 birthday who scored 26 goals and 24 assists for 50 points in 71 games during the regular season and entered the game with eight goals and four assists in 22 playoff games — scored twice with two assists.

Daine Todd added the other Medicine Hat goal.

James Neal scored the lone Plymouth goal, his third of the tournament and 16th of the playoffs.

Medicine Hat led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 after 40 minutes.

Bosch started the scoring at 1:57 of the first period for Medicine Hat when he batted home Ennis' shot from the left.

"I thought Smith played pretty well," Vellucci said in a post-game press conference.

"He hasn't been in net for us in quite a while, so he's going to be rusty. Even though he was thrown in there at the start of the game, I thought he made some big saves for us.

He played well for not being on the ice for awhile. Michal didn't get a whole lot of support and it was more to try to change the momentum of the game.

The Whalers were hoping to get off to a good start, but it didn't happen that way.

"We got down two goals real quick — be it they weren't great goals, but I'll take full responsibility," Vellucci said.

"They came out flying and we weren't ready. It's the coaches' job to get them ready and they

weren't ready."

Plymouth didn't get many breaks in the game. Tom Sestito missed an empty net on the left wing lip of the Medicine Hat crease midway through the first period and later in the game hit the crossbar in an attempt to score a shorthanded goal.

Ennis scored his second goal of the game at 1:43 of the second period to give Medicine Hat a 3-0 lead when he one-timed a shot past Smith from the right circle.

Todd scored on a rebound at 0:38 of the third period before Neal came back with the Whalers lone goal at 1:32.

Medicine Hat outshot Plymouth, 37-24.

"It's a one-game elimination from here on out," Vellucci said.

"We give ourselves a chance with a win tomorrow (against Lewiston) and then, whatever happens between Vancouver and Medicine Hat on Wednesday, there could be a three-way tie. We have to show the character we've shown all season — we started the season at 8-9-0-0 (in November)."

"Everyone counted us out and we ran off a great record. So now it's a one-game elimination and anything can happen."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS DIVISION 1

at WAYNE MEMORIAL Tuesday, May 29 (A) Westland John Glenn vs (B) Wayne Memorial 4 p.m. Friday, June 1 Belleville vs A/B winner 10 a.m. Garden City vs Romulus noon championship final 2 p.m.

at LIVONIA STEVENSON Tuesday, May 29 (A) Livonia Churchill vs (B) Livonia Franklin 2:30 p.m. (C) Livonia Stevenson vs (D) Plymouth 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2 Canton vs A/B winner 10 a.m. Salem vs C/D winner 12:30 p.m. championship final 3 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS DIVISION 1 at WAYNE MEMORIAL Tuesday, May 29 (A) Westland John Glenn vs

(B) Wayne Memorial 4 p.m. Friday, June 1 Garden City vs Romulus 10 a.m. Belleville vs A/B winner noon championship final 2 p.m.

at LIVONIA STEVENSON Tuesday, May 29 (A) Livonia Stevenson vs (B) Plymouth 2:30 p.m. Livonia Franklin vs (D) Livonia Churchill 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2 Salem vs A/B winner 10 a.m. Canton vs C/D winner noon championship final 2 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS DIVISION 1 LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host) Tuesday, May 29 (A) Livonia Stevenson at (B) Pinckney 7 p.m. (C) Livonia Franklin at (D) Livonia Churchill 6 p.m. (E) Northville at (F) Plymouth 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30 A/B winner vs C/D winner 5:30 p.m. Salem vs E/F winner 7 p.m.

Friday, June 1 Championship final 4 p.m. WAYNE MEMORIAL (Host) Tuesday, May 29 (A) Ann Arbor Pioneer at (B) Canton 7 p.m. (C) Garden City at (D) Wayne Memorial 6 p.m. (E) Ann Arbor Huron at (F) Romulus 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 31 A/B winner vs C/D winner TBD Westland John Glenn vs E/F winner TBD Friday, June 1 Championship final 7 p.m.

DIVISION 4 ANN ARBOR GREENHILLS (Host) Tuesday, May 29 (A) Ypsilanti Calvary Baptist Christian at (B) Plymouth Christian Academy TBD (C) Ann Arbor Greenhills at (D) Lutheran Westland TBD

Thursday, May 31 Allen Park Cabrini vs A/B winner TBD Saline Washtenaw Christian vs C/D winner TBD Friday, June 1 Championship final 5:30 p.m.

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Lady Warriors excel in western excursion

The Plymouth Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team split in two to compete in a competition on the west side of the state

The Lady Warriors' "B" team defeated Kalamazoo United, 8-4, in the opener thanks to goals from Chelsea Olson (four), Melissa Gianni (two), Megan Burke, Jennifer Herzfeld, Stephanie Pettovello and Natalie Sitko. The winners' defensive effort was led by Laura Koehler, Stephanie Poe, Brittany Lewis and goalie Lauren Miller.

The "B" squad dropped its second game on Saturday, 8-1, to Portage Northern. Pettovello tallied the lone goal.

The "A" Lady Warriors knocked off Portage Central, the No. 2-ranked club lacrosse team in the state, 11-5. Katie Spangler led the impressive victory with five goals. Also finding the back of the net were Lauryn Ebersole (four goals), Amy Coleman and Emily Cox.

Stephanie Matusiak, Jessica Murray, Nicol Sheldon, Arielle Pietron and goalie Nicol Rottell paced the winners' defensive effort.

The Lady Warriors capped a



The six seniors on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team were honored prior to the Lady Warriors' May 11 game. Pictured are (front row from left) Megan Early, Sarah Palczynski, Lauren Patterson, Ashlie Forchione, (back row from left) Jillian Miller, Rhiannon Haller, Heather Duncan and Alex Rabe.

victorious day with a 7-4 triumph over state-ranked Battle Creek United. Ebersole tallied six goals while Spangler netted one. Defensively, PCS was led by Alex Rabe, Heather Duncan, Lauren Patterson, Ashlie Forchione and Jillian Miller.

"It was a pretty good day for us," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "We walked away with a 3-1 record after beating the number one and two club teams in the state."

The successful effort left the Lady Warriors with a 9-6-1 record.

PCS lacrosse team wins 17-1

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team edged its record over the 500 mark May 17 with a dominating 17-1 victory over Romulus.

The Warriors built an 8-1 halftime lead and never looked back to improve their ledger to 9-8.

Led by Devin Murphy (four

goals), 11 Warriors found the back of the net. Scott Darel, Ben Feeley and Norm Freda tallied two goals each while Danny Norris, Scott Wisniewski, Nick Thompson, Paul Gustafson, Alex Avramoski, Ken Herzfeld and Kyle Dunleavy scored one each.

The following players

chalked up assists for the winners: Connor Martin (two), Jacob Underwood (two), Darel, Murphy, Wisniewski, Freda, Patrick Downey, John Olevnik, Mac Ganzak, Sam Kokoszka and Feeley.

PCS outshot its foe, 43-9, and won the ground-ball battle, 65-19.

GOLF RESULTS

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TEAM STANDINGS 1 Northville 362 strokes 2 Livonia Stevenson 370 3 Livonia Churchill 381 4 Walled Lake Western 385 5 Walled Lake Northern 413 6 Walled Lake Central 422 7 Livonia Franklin 427 8 Westland John Glenn 427 9 Plymouth 435 10 Wayne Memorial 494 11 Salem 516, 12 Canton 714

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Medalist: 1 Alicia Weber (N) 77 All-Conference 2 Shannon Warner (LC) 78 3 (tie) Marni Weinstein (WLV) and Susan Snyder (N) 80 each 5 Sarah Johnson (WLC) 81 6 Abbey Wolfe (LS) 86 All-Division 7 Chelsea Bathurst (LS) 88 8 Allie Buttery (WLN) 93 9 Jessie Veltri (WJG) 94 10 Chrissy McHenry (LS) 95 11 Danielle Lesnak (LC) 96 12 Heidi Irvine (WJG) 97 13 Michelle Cha (WLV) 98 14 (tie) Taylor Johnson (N) and Paige Scarpace (LF) 99 each 15 Marni Meyers (LF) 100 16 Amanda Dobos (LC) 102 17 Melame Wilkerson (WLV) and Laura Sims (LS) 103 each

80 Taylor Johnson 99 Kelley Hill and Arriane Frink 106 each Eve Audoulos 114 Stevenson (370) Abbey Wolfe 86 Chelsea Bathurst 88 Chrissy McHenry 95 Lauren Geiger 101 Laura Sims 103 Elizabeth Grace 113 Churchill (381) Shannon Warner 78 Danielle Lesnak 96 Amanda Dobos 102 Lexi McFarlane 105 Jessica Burdett 106 Gina Jordan 160 W.L. Western (385) Marni Weinstein 80 Michelle Cha 98 Melame Wilkerson 103 Megan Purcell 104 Amanda Schwandt 106, Andrea Newcombe 125

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FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(Based on dual meet/tourney) 1 (tie) Northville and Stevenson 22 points each; 3 Churchill 18 4 W.L. Western 17 5 (tie) W.L. Northern and Franklin 13 each 7 W.L. Central, 8 Plymouth 9-9 John Glenn 7-10 Wayne 4 (tie) Canton and Salem 2 each

Dual meet standings 1 Stevenson 11-0 2 Northville 10-0 3 (tie) Churchill and W.L. Western 8-3 each 5 Franklin 7-4 6 (tie) W.L. Northern and Plymouth 5-6 each 8 W.L. Central 4-5, 8 John Glenn 2-8 10 (tie) Wayne and Canton 3-0 each 12 Salem 0-10

Western Division standings: 1 Northville 5-0, 2 W.L. Western 4-1 3 Franklin 3-2 4 Plymouth, 3-5 5 Wayne 1-4, 6 Canton 0-5

Lakes Division standings: 1 Stevenson 5-0 2 (tie) W.L. Northern and Churchill 3-2 each 4 W.L. Central 1-2 5 John Glenn 1-3 6 Salem 0-4

Salem prepares for District with 4-0 win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Bring on the Division 1 District tournament — Salem's soccer team appears to be ready.

Proof of the Rocks' high-level preparedness was written all over their 4-0 victory over Walled Lake Western Monday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association game. The victory improved Salem's record to 5-9-1 heading into next week's Division 1 tournament that will be hosted by Livonia Churchill.

"The game was a lot closer than the final score would indicate," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Western played a very spirited game."

Salem's two goal-keepers — Jill Slabey (first half) and Ashley Tucker (second half) — were solid as a rock, each stopping three shots.

"Jill and Ashley did everything we needed them to do," said Nora. "They kept everyone calm in the back, which is what we need to succeed."

Lindsay Newton staked Salem to its 1-0 halftime advantage when she scored 20 minutes in off an assist from Sara

Stanslawski

Katie Shull expanded the Rocks' lead to 2-0 a short time into the second half when she converted a penalty kick after getting dragged down in the 18-yard box.

"We kind of took off after Katie's goal," Nora said.

Rachel Gzicki cemented the victory when she scored off an assist from freshman Taylor Burgoon with 10 minutes to play. Burgoon, who was playing in her first varsity contest, capped the scoring a few minutes later with a goal that was assisted by Cally Brooks.

"The girls gave us exactly what we asked for tonight," said Nora. "We wanted to see the same intensity level throughout this game that we saw during the last seven minutes of our game against Flint Powers last week, and that's what we saw."

W.L. CENTRAL 2, PLYMOUTH 1: On Monday in a WLAA cross-over contest, the Vikings prevailed thanks to Sam Echols' two goals. Val Klemmer netted the only goal for the Wildcats.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 2, CANTON 1: On Monday, turnabout was fair play as the Spartans avenged a

girls soccer loss three days earlier with a 2-1 victory at Canton in a Western Lakes Activities

Association crossover between second-place division finishers.

Canton took a 1-0 lead on Kerry McWhirter's goal in the 32nd minute. But Stevenson, pushing up more offensive players late in the game, struck for the equalizer when freshman Kayla Kumble scored from Kathleen Griffin on a play started by Victoria Slavin.

Griffith then scored the game-winner with only three minutes remaining off a corner kick from Taleen Mergian.

"That was a good win for us, especially after Friday," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said of the 2-1 setback at home. "There was some redemption there. But more importantly, it's good to finish the regular season with a win prior to the districts."

"I was pleased with the girls' effort level tonight, and to tie and win the game in the last 10 minutes take character and perseverance which we definitely had tonight."

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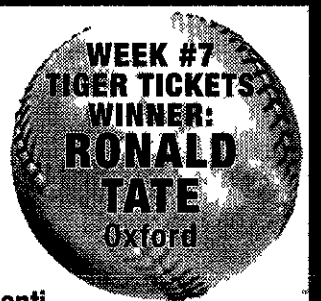


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		2	4			9			5
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6	9	2	7	4	1	8	7	3
4	7		3	1	6	8	9	2
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THE WORKAHOLIC DILEMMA - BETTER LEADING?



WORKWISE
by **Mildred L. Culp**

"I just don't feel complete as a boss," confesses a businessman, who asks not to be named

"The gratification of achieving something can be so much more than just planning for it and stepping aside and letting others do that work. Delegating may be important, but it's hard to let go of the other stuff"

Reactions to workaholicism are mixed. "It is both criticized and applauded in our culture," points out BJ Gallagher, workplace behavior management consultant at Los Angeles' Peacock Productions. "Workaholics are dedicated, committed, loyal and willing to put the company first. We reward them with promotions and raises. We speak out of both sides of our mouth. If workaholicism were generally frowned upon and punished, people wouldn't do it. Instead, they make more money, get promotions and get recognition."

OPPOSING VIEWS

Discussions about workaholicism often make workaholics feel guilty, as the anonymous person above reveals. Eric Darr, provost and associate professor of Management at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in Harrisburg, Penn., explains that there are degrees of delegation. "A workaholic would be tempted to delegate a piece of work and have second thoughts about whether the person is up to the task," he observes.

"This is a sure-fire way to destroy team member morale and motivation." Also, he maintains that the delegation may be inauthentic, because it doesn't allow an employee to make decisions. He manages all 75 faculty and staff at the University of California, Los Angeles, describes her perspective as "contrarian." She advises you to "understand your own motivation for being a workaholic. If -- you love it, -- it gives great enjoyment, and -- it's fulfilling, do nothing and keep doing what you do, because that's what made you successful. A workaholic who loves to work is cool. If you're driven by insecurity, the fear of being a fraud or perfectionism," she adds, "that will keep you from moving up, because you'll hold onto responsibilities you should be delegating."

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Eric Darr speaking to new students at Harrisburg University Science and Technology in Harrisburg, Penn., on managing workaholicism and work life balance (L to R) Meghan Flynn, director of Advancement Services; Carol Descak, vice president for Enrollment Management; and Taleen Palmer, Advancement assistant. Darr is provost at the University and teaches management. Photo credit: Jason Minick

their tails off," he comments, "as sole producers. This is no longer a good trade-off for an organization. Your primary role is to tap into, develop and leverage other people. You're robbing the organization if you're not developing others."

You can enlist the aid of people around you, too. Darr says to seek out a workaholic with a balanced approach on another team as a possible role model. "Workaholics will accept other workaholics," he states. They're often people who, like entrepreneurs and professionals, when they don't work, aren't paid. Harkavy indicates that getting help from others can aid in developing realism.

Should you really ask for help? "I would suggest that your readers leave the

workaholic leader alone," Gallagher mentions. "Let him do his thing and enjoy his work. The only danger is that workaholics often expect others to be workaholics, too. You might have to help your workaholic boss understand that not everyone lives to work. Some people work to live. And that's okay, too."

"Workaholics are motivated by intellectual stimulation, a high need for achievement, and a sheer love of the process of working," she continues. "They feel most alive when they are working long and hard. In short, working makes them happy. Certainly, there's nothing wrong with that."

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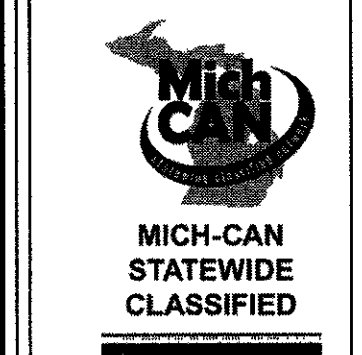
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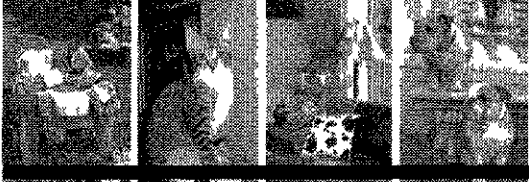
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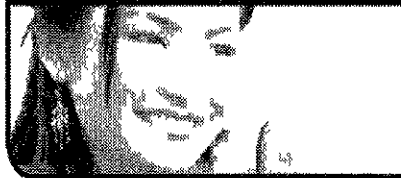
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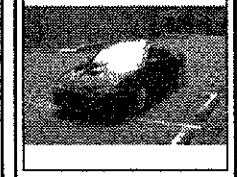
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By Dale Buss

Senior drivers are one of the biggest challenges - and yet greatest marketplace opportunities - on the road today. Elderly motorists have the highest crash rates of any American demographic, and as a group they're driving more miles than ever. But that also means that they're growing as a target for auto makers, including Ford and Toyota, who design their vehicles to try to appeal to them.

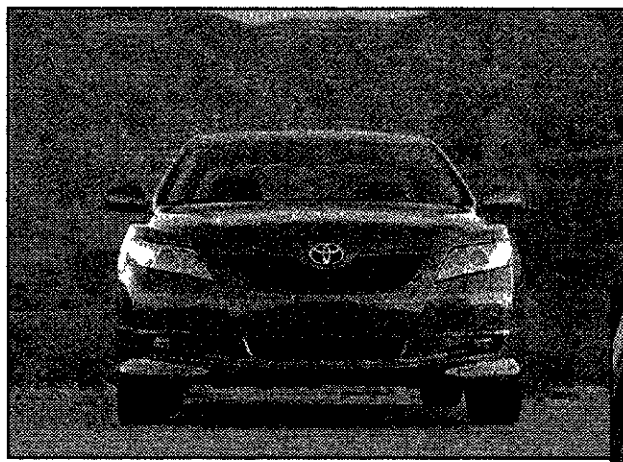
One thing these auto makers and others are eyeing is the fact that the typical U.S. driver is only going to get older as the baby boom generation approaches retirement age and beyond. Today, one in seven licensed drivers is 65 years old or older, but within two decades that ratio will be almost one in four. And rather than hanging up the keys because driving might be getting a little more difficult for them, this cohort is going to be aggressively searching for products and companies that help them stay comfortably and safely behind the wheel.

"This is a huge number of people, and they are people who were all born and raised and grew up with cars in their families," noted Eero Laanso, human-factors engineer for Ford Motor Co. "They've led active lifestyles involving cars. And just because they reach a certain place in their lives, they're not going to say, 'I'm too old to drive now.'"

Toyota is one company that has learned this lesson well. It placed five Toyota and Lexus vehicles on the Top 10 Vehicles for Seniors list on Edmunds.com, the automotive web site. Toyota Avalon, Toyota Prius, Toyota Sienna, Lexus LS 460 and Toyota Camry and Camry Hybrid. And Ford placed the Ford Five Hundred sedan.

"That self parking system [on the LS 460] is the kind of design feature that's really helpful," said Elinor Ginzler, director for livable communities for AARP in Washington, D.C.

One feature that is prominent in these models is what Toyota calls "360-degree handles" that allow doors to be opened from the outside using only major arm muscles -- in contrast to paddle handles that require strength in the



The Taurus X offers many senior-friendly features, including "command" seating that is a few inches higher than average for its SUV segment.

fingers and wrists, which often is compromised by arthritis and other conditions in the elderly.

Toyota also is rolling out brighter instrument displays in many vehicles using what is called vacuum fluorescence technology instead of liquid crystal, the conventional but dimmer method. Designers have begun to incorporate larger type fonts throughout vehicle interiors -- including the clocks. And while other makers have migrated toward joy sticks or other multi input devices for manipulating navigation screens, Toyota has stuck with touch screens.

"They're easier and much more intuitive for entering destinations," said Fred Lupton, manager of the human-factors group at the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Toyota's most specific design nod to seniors is what Lupton called an "assist plate" in the Camry: a sturdy palm rest about the surface size and shape of a pack of playing cards, that is positioned on the door side of the driver's seat shield. As an elderly person turns in the driver's seat to get into and out of the vehicle, they can use this specific spot to push themselves up and out, or guide themselves in, Lupton explained.

Meanwhile, Ford has been using a contraption it calls a Third Age Suit to allow product developers to experience first-hand some of the limitations of aging around which they want to design. It's essentially a big jump suit with

Toyota Camry boasts many features that elderly owners especially like, including a special touch plate located by the front seat to assist entry and exit.



enough extra material straps and other contraptions to cramp vision and hearing and to limit severely the mobility of every joint and appendage.

It's something that a 35-year-old engineer can wear and it does a good job of simulating for him what it would be like to be one of our customers who is 30 years older, explained Laanso.

Ford has quietly been modifying some of its vehicles based in large part on insights from using the Third Age suit over the last few years. Senior friendly enhancements are most prominent so far in the upcoming 2008 Taurus X, an overhaul of the mild-selling Freestyle SUV.

For example, doors open wider than in most other models which the elderly appreciate. Another plus is that the seats in the Taurus X are three to four inches higher, than the segment average, easing entrance and exit. Senior drivers also appreciate the greater visibility afforded by the resulting command seating, Laanso said.

And in what Laanso called the direct result of a eureka moment with the Third Age suit, Taurus X features a wide-angle mirror that can be flipped down where a sunglass holder typically resides. It allows the driver to see and maintain eye contact with everyone in the second and third rows of the vehicle instead of having to turn his neck, which gets more difficult as you age," Laanso noted.

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Notebooks that won't break the bank

If the market for a new PC? I recently took three notebooks for a spin, all of them priced below \$1,000.

What can you get for under a grand? More than you might think. Let's start with the \$899 Acer Aspire 9300-5005 (us acer.com)



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

With its mammoth 17-inch screen, full size keyboard, roomy hard drive and other impressive features, it's designed to take the place of a desktop PC. Seriously, you wouldn't

want to travel with this model. It weighs more than 9 pounds and measures nearly 16 inches from end to end, making it a poor fit for backs and backpacks alike.

But as a permanent resident on your desk, it's a welcome sight. My favorite feature is the built-in webcam, which makes for easy video-conferencing.

The webcam can face you or rotate 180 degrees to face away from the notebook. Sign up for the free Ustream tv service and you can use the Aspire to broadcast live events over the Internet.

The notebook also comes with a dual-core AMD processor, a 120GB hard drive, 1GB of RAM, and Windows Vista Home Premium.

In short, it has the muscle to handle any mainstream computing task, though you might find it sluggish for things like video editing.

In fact, the Aspire could really use another gigabyte of RAM. Unfortunately, you'll have to replace the existing RAM modules to perform this upgrade, so it'll cost you more than if you could just drop in an extra module.

My other complaint with the Aspire is its woefully weak speakers, a poor match for the big, beautiful, movie-friendly screen.

You can always plug in external speakers, but the jack resides in the front, creating an aesthetic boo-boo.

GATEWAY NX570X

The Gateway NX570X (<http://tinyurl.com/yvak2s>) starts at just \$699.99, though my review unit was priced at \$858.99 owing to a processor upgrade.

Personally, I'd skip that small bump in processor speed and spend the \$150 on an extra gigabyte of RAM (Windows Vista will run much quicker for it). I'd also throw in an extra \$50 to swap the 80GB hard drive for a 120GB model.

As you may have guessed by now, Gateway offers a boatload of configuration options. You can pick and

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THE BEEF CHECKOFF

Garden Herb Top Loin Steaks are seasoned with thyme, oregano and garlic.

Put these tips in your barbecue and smoke them

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Maybe it's all about being outdoors. Perhaps it's the aroma of the mesquite, hickory or cedar woods or the smell of a Texas-style rub or sweet and tangy tomato-based sauce that wafts through neighbors' open windows, spurring neighbors to jest, "Hey, I'll be over in a few minutes to eat."

Memorial Day ranks as the traditional time to fire up the grill, which may draw snickers from the diehards who grill year-round. But 65 percent of consumers rank Memorial Day as the second most popular barbecuing holiday (behind only the Fourth of July), according to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association.

Grilling is as American as the hamburger.

PLEASE SEE GRILL, D3



THE BEEF CHECKOFF

Try this Mini Burger Buffet with the Smoky BBQ Cheddar (left) Taco or Buffalo Style burgers.

Here are grilling recipes, courtesy of The Beef Checkoff.

GARDEN HERB TOP LOIN STEAKS

2 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks cut 1 inch thick (about 10 ounces each)

Salt

Seasoning
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel
3 cloves garlic chopped
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Combine seasoning ingredients in small bowl, reserve 2 teaspoons for garnish. Press remaining seasoning evenly onto beef steaks. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered

coals. Grill, uncovered, 15 to 18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Carve steaks into slices. Sprinkle with reserved seasoning and salt, as desired.

Makes 4 servings
Cook's Tip: To prepare on gas grill, preheat grill according to manufacturer's directions for medium heat. Grill steaks, covered, 11 to 15 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. (Total preparation and cooking time: 35-40 minutes.)

Nutrition information per serving: 219 calories, 9 g fat (3 g saturated fat, 4 g monounsaturated fat), 84 mg cholesterol, 64 mg sodium, 1 g carbohydrate, 0.4 g fiber, 31 g protein, 8.9 mg niacin, 0.7 mg vitamin B6, 1.8 mg vitamin B12, 2.2 mg iron, 36.2 mcg selenium, 5.8 mg zinc.

PLEASE SEE BEEF, D3

Barbecue & grilling tips

Here are some pointers for grilling from Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef and instructor of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College.

- Wipe off excess oil from marinades
- Season with salt and pepper
- The best looking or presentation side of the item always goes down on the grill first. Once the item is turned to the second side, it shouldn't be turned again.
- To make hatch marks on a grill, gently work a spatula under the food and

give it a quarter turn. Let the food cook on the first side another minute or two before turning it over.

- Whenever a barbecue sauce or glaze is used, it is usually applied near the end of the cooking process in several thin coats rather than one thick coat. Turn the food once to cook the second side.
- Since most foods cooked by grilling are relatively thin and tender, they shouldn't require much cooking time once they have been turned.
- Thicker cuts or those that must be cooked to a higher internal doneness may need to move to the cooler portion of the grill so that they don't develop a charred exterior, or they also may be moved from the grill altogether and allowed to finish cooking in the oven.

Tell us about cooking with your Dad

Two weeks ago we honored mothers with recipes and stories from readers.

Now we'd like to honor fathers in the same way. Tell us about your cooking experiences with Dad, or your memories of how he'd work in the kitchen or at the grill preparing his special dishes.

If he gave you favorite recipes that you use today, let us know about those as well.

We'll share the recipes and stories with our readers in articles

for Father's Day. If we use your recipe and/or story, we'll send you a cookbook.

Please send a short summary with the recipe, the community where you live and a phone number where you can be reached in the daytime.

Send to Ken Abramczyk, food editor, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail kabramc7@hometownlife.com

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Clean your washer for sake of health

My friend Diane Armstrong, who writes a column for the *Timmms Times* newspaper in far northern Ontario, sent me the following e-mail

It's very important in more ways than one, which I will further explain. "You can clean a washer very effectively with 2 cups of Arm & Hammer baking soda and the hottest water available. "Take a brush, dip it into the water and brush all around the upper ring between the tub and top of the washer. "It's just astounding to see the amount of crud (can't think of a

better word) that builds up around that upper ring. "Let it go a full wash cycle, and by the time it has finished the 'wash,' there will probably be enough suds to do three loads of laundry!!!!

My Kenmore washer was bought in 1976 when we still had four kids living at home. I clean it with baking soda at least every three months and it's still working like a charm.

"The only repair done in the past 31 years was to replace the hoses a few times - not that they were leaking, but as a precautionary measure.

"Just thought I'd share this with you and your readers."

Just how important a task this is, I will let you be the judge. Several years ago there was a study conducted by two different universities in Florida and Arizona.

The studies confirmed that on top-loading washers there could be an accumulation of fecal matter and other bacteria built up under the top lid of a washer. You can call it the stain effect - or for families using diapers, the source is obvious.

This study prompted the state of Maryland to pass a law mandating that appliance repair technicians must wear rubber gloves when working on a consumer's washing machine.

It is thought that a busy service technician can spread some grade of hepatitis from house to house.

Another published fact of the university studies proved that once bacteria accumulated under the lid, it could be rinsed free in the following wash loads and deposited into other clothes.

I might call that a never-ending cycle unless you take the time

and effort to perform the cleaning task at hand.

All of this reminds me to ask you to be considerate of the service technician who comes to your home when called to fix a major home appliance. Clean up the area in which that person will be working. During the hot summer months, these repair people may have already changed shirts three times before they arrived at your door. Someday I'll tell you the story of the guy who kept a house full of pet snakes. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971 1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded.

White delights bloom in spring and summer

Spring is here and summer is officially on the way. Hearty winter menus and big red wines gradually yield to lighter fare at this time of year. Long-cooked meats such as lamb shanks or pot roast accompanied by cabernet, merlot or syrah will be replaced by gazpacho, summer salads and anything grilled outdoors.

Such menu changes signal light reds and whites as wines of the season.

In warm weather, dining moves from the kitchen or dining room to the deck where al fresco equals casual eating outdoors. Selected wines need to be refreshing - which translates to chilled.

HOT WINES TO CHILL

Our recent tastings have showcased a plethora of unique white wines from all over the globe, many of which are recommended in the list accompanying this column at www.hometownlife.com.

Don't limit your "wines to chill" choices to chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. Be a little adventurous and try wines made with some delicious, but unusual grape names. Remember, too, that not all wines, especially those from European countries, have the grape name listed on the label.

Pinot grigio is enormously popular, but have you tried the great Spanish white wines made from the albariño grape? How about Italian whites made from vermentino, fiano, gavi, greco or falanghina? Great white wines from France's Rhone Valley are made from viognier, roussanne and marsanne.

Chenin blanc has its home in France's Loire Valley, but several delicious versions are produced in California. Riesling is home to Germany and France's Alsace region, but the recent resurgence of its popularity has given rise to more riesling from California, New Zealand, Australia and even South America.

We believe, however, some of the best rieslings and gewurztraminers are grown in Michigan.

One fine example is the 2005 Peninsula Cellars Mangold Gewurztraminer \$20 that won the Chairman's Award (unanimous gold) in the first week of May at the prestigious 26th Annual Riverside International Wine Competition in California.

BE ADVENTUROUS

Wine retailers and restaurateurs have told us that wines



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

WINE PICKS

If you must have more color in your glass, try these refreshing Rosé wines. They pair well with Mediterranean-style tapas, meze, roast chicken, grilled sausages, salmon and sushi.

- 2006 Marques de Caceres \$8
- 2006 Kenwood \$9
- 2006 Goats do Roam \$10
- 2006 Vina Robles Roseum, Paso Robles \$13
- 2006 Abacela Southern Oregon Rosado \$14
- 2005 Pietra Santa Rosato \$14
- 2005 I'M Napa Valley Rose of Cabernet Sauvignon \$15
- 2006 Sterling Napa Valley \$18
- 2006 Tablas Creek \$27 - an ultimate expression!

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

with unfamiliar names are a hard sell. It's understandable that consumers prefer recognizable names.

Wine aficionados are experimental, so why not try something new or unusual? We've tasted each of the wines listed below and believe that you can perk up your next outdoor event by pouring a great white wine with an uncommon name or grape variety.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines and Tries* residents who write about wine spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Simple steps can reinvigorate decor

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Look at your collections and in your closet - creative ways to rejuvenate your home decor are right at hand.

That was the message from Katherine Scully of *Architectural Digest*, at a slide presentation she gave at Drexel Heritage in Bloomfield Hills last week.

"Collections are a way that you open up yourself to your guests," Scully, executive director/home furnishings for the magazine, told the estimated 120 guests Tuesday evening. "You tell your story with your collections."

"If they're not out, they should be. Let 'em live, let 'em breathe." Scully, who in her job oversees all aspects of the home furnishings industry, suggested displaying collections in an interesting container (such as buttons in a bread bowl) or in an artistic arrangement (such as hanging hats on a wall in a grouping that makes the cluster look like a wall sculpture).

In other examples, black and white photos of New York were displayed in similar frames containing chrome, which was reflected in the chrome of the furniture, and curves of a collection of spheres were echoed in the

shape of the furniture and the line in a painting.

"Let the collection dictate the other things in the space."

Items in your closet, indicating what you're comfortable in, could offer ideas for room color, Scully said. She gave an example of a choice of colors that was influenced by those in a Ferragamo scarf.

"Color is one of the important ways to set the tone for your home," Scully said.

She advised balancing warm and cool colors in a room. In an example, the white chairs offset the red in the sofa and rug.

"Art can certainly suggest color in a space," Scully said. For example, the blue in a painting was picked up by the blue in the chairs and in the vase of hydrangeas.

Paint a small area first and live with the color, seeing how it changes in the light, Scully said.

Windows are another important feature.

"People are drawn to the light," Scully said. If you have dramatic windows, consider leaving them completely uncurtained (concealed, motorized shades can provide privacy when wanted) and placing low furniture by them, she said.

If you have shutters or blinds, remember that their shadows can add a dramatic element to a room, she said.

Among other suggestions from Scully:

■ To make a two-story foyer more welcoming, add a large table and put a piece of art, a plant or something else interesting on it. "You need a focal point."

■ To dampen an echo in a space, have a soft and absorbent object in it, such as a rug or a tapestry.

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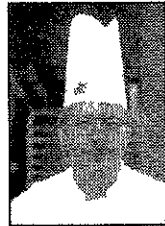
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GRILL

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er, as 74 million U.S. households own at least one barbecue grill, according to the HPBA.

Before you jump headlong into working with that grill you got for Christmas or for a birthday, take time to learn how to work the grill, whether it is the trademark kettle charcoal grill from Weber or the high end gas grills with what appear to be enough BTUs to heat your back yard.



Gabriel

Just remember these few pointers from two chefs before you stoke those flames.

"One of the biggest mistakes is people like to load the grill up with charcoal and it's too hot," said Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef and instructor of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College in Lavonia.

If they're grilling anything in a marinade with an excess amount of fat or oil, it hits the coal and catches on fire, creating a chemical fire. "Usually that's the biggest problem. All that grease starts dripping, it ignites and you get a chemical-type flavor in the food."

Jamie Purviance, who like Gabriel is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., has written several cookbooks for Weber Grills, including the just-released *Weber's Charcoal Grilling: The Art of Cooking with Live Fire*. "You'll get someone who cooks everything over the same heat, and I'm talking about charcoal here, and they'll cook like it's going to get done at the same time, but with certain foods it's going to require a lower temperature for a longer period of time," Purviance said.

BARBECUE VS. GRILLING

And don't confuse barbecue and grilling. They aren't the same technique.

"Grilling is cooking tender, small cuts of meat, fish or poultry over direct heat. Barbecuing is using more of the indirect heat (heating or placing the coals on one side and placing the food on side with a lower temperature), used on whole chickens, leg of lamb or complete slabs of ribs," Gabriel said.

With direct heat, it is easy to overcook or burn items, Purviance said.

The grill also is covered for indirect heat with the vents open.

"If it isn't vented, the smoke will turn yellow and give the food a really bad taste," Gabriel said. "It always has to be vented."

Too many cooks flip the food too often, too. "Another problem is leaving the lid off for too long or too often," Purviance said. "It's important to keep the lid on to cook evenly. The indirect heat creates a current of heat and allows it to circulate. It's a roasting heat."

"If you have the lid off, you let too much air in and it causes flare-ups when you cook off grease."

GREAT GRATES

Another critical part of grilling is searing to get the caramelized, crispy crust on chicken, ribs, omons, pineapple and other foods.

The grate also has to be hot enough to sear the food and when the lid is removed, it also lowers the temperature of the grate.

"The grate has to be hot enough to sear the food," Purviance said.

Grillers shouldn't move the food around too often, either.

"Every few seconds they might move it to another section of the grill, but they really should let it sit and caramelize," Purviance said.

"Let it develop a crust and a texture on the surface and the food will release off the grate more easily."

Too much flipping causes the food to stick, fall apart and lose that solid crust.

Some ill-advised cooks use barbecue sauces as a marinade. That's a no-no, too.

"It's meant to be a glaze, and only used right before it is done," Gabriel said.

Gabriel likes rubs on chicken.

"If you grill a chicken, it tastes better with a rub, and you should leave the skin on. It produces a protective coat that leaves the moisture in. And if you don't want to eat the skin, you don't have to. Just leave it on when you're grilling it."

Rubs are best on larger cuts to be barbecued (cooked over indirect heat), Gabriel said.

Purviance said a rub "is the fastest way to add flavor to food."

It also creates a little bit of crust, Purviance said.

Sauces should complement the flavor of the rubs, Purviance said.

"If you have a Latino rub, you should have a Latino sauce," Purviance said.

Gabriel said cooks don't need to make fancy sauces.

"Wine sauces and cream sauces don't go with it." He suggests sun-dried tomato vinaigrettes, olive tapenade and salsas. The tapenade goes great on a Mediterranean-style tuna with olive oil.

Gabriel's favorite?

"I like grilling salmon, as it's a fatty fish," he said. Shrimp without the shell gets dried out, so the shells should be left on. Big prawns can be split and left in their shell for a great grilled meal, similar to lobster tail.

For side dishes, try seasonal foods, such as asparagus salad, marinated tomatoes and roasted potato salad, Gabriel said.

Don't spend a lot of time in the kitchen, but rather spend it at the grill outside.

Gabriel teaches a one day class June 11 at Holiday Market in Royal Oak (this class is sold out) and will teach a two day class on June 26 and 27 at Schoolcraft College. (Visit webadvisors.schoolcraft.edu for information.) Purviance's Weber Grill cookbooks are available at all bookstores.

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BEEF

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MINI BURGER BUFFET

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large clove of garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Flavor variations

- Smoky BBQ
- Buffalo Style or Taco (recipes follow)

Combine basic mini burger ingredients in medium bowl, adding desired flavor variation ingredients and mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into twelve 1/2-inch thick mini patties.

Place patties on grill over medium, ash-covered coals.

Here are recipes, courtesy of Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef and instructor of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College.

BARBECUE MARINADE

- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 ounces bourbon
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1 ounce Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 teaspoon chili powder

Mix all ingredients together. Pour over meat or fish. Marinate 2 hours or overnight in refrigerator.

DRY RUB FOR RIBS AND CHICKEN

- 1/2 cups Old Bay seasoning
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons basil dried
- 2 tablespoons oregano dried
- 1 teaspoon marjoram dried
- 2 teaspoons dark chili powder
- 1 tablespoon thyme dried
- 1 tablespoon coriander ground
- 1 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin

Grill, covered, 8 to 10 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning once.

Serve mini burgers as directed in desired Flavor Variation. Makes 12 burgers.

Smoky BBQ Cheddar: Add 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese to Basic Mini Burger mixture. Halfway through grilling, baste patties with 1/2 cup prepared hickory barbecue sauce. Place burgers on bottoms of 12 split small dinner rolls. Top evenly with 24 sweet or dill pickle slices and 1/2 cup prepared coleslaw. Close sandwiches. Serve with additional barbecue sauce, as desired.

Buffalo Style: Add 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper and 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese to Basic Mini Burger mixture. While patties are grilling, combine 3 table-

spoons melted butter and 1/2 cup hot pepper sauce. Set aside. Place burgers on bottoms of 12 split small dinner rolls. Top evenly with thinly sliced celery, shredded carrots, as desired, and some of the hot sauce mixture. Close sandwiches. Serve with blue cheese dressing, as desired, and remaining hot sauce mixture.

Taco: Add 1 package (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix to Basic Mini Burger mixture. While patties are grilling, combine 1/2 cup dairy sour cream and 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice. Set aside. Cut burgers in half and place both halves in each of 12 taco shells. Top evenly with shredded lettuce, chopped tomato, shredded Cheddar cheese or Mexican cheese blend, prepared salsa and sour cream mixture, as desired.

- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Dry blend all ingredients together. Liberally rub entire surface of the meat. Allow to cure overnight under refrigeration before smoking. Hot or cold smoke as desired and, if necessary, finish cooking in oven until desired doneness.

ASIAN BARBECUE SAUCE

- 2 cups hoisin sauce
- 2 cups Cattleman's Barbecue Sauce
- 1/2 cup dark sesame seed oil
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemongrass minced
- 2 tablespoons garlic minced
- 2 tablespoons ginger minced
- 2 tablespoons cilantro chopped
- Juice of one orange

Mix all ingredients together. Refrigerate until ready to use.

TOMATILLO SALSA

- 8 ounces tomatillos husk removed small diced
- 3 tablespoons red onions finely minced

- Juice of 1 lime
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup cilantro chopped
- Salt as needed
- Black pepper as needed
- Sugar a pinch if tomatillos are too sour
- 1/2 cup tomato juice

Mix all ingredients together. This salsa goes especially well with simple seafood, such as grilled shrimp, tuna or scallops. It is great with shrimp cocktail or raw oysters, Gabriel says.

PINEAPPLE SALSA

- 1 cup pineapple ripe peeled and cored small dice
- 2 teaspoons dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar or white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon jalapenos seeded minced
- 1/4 cup red peppers small dice
- 1/4 cup scallions thinly sliced
- Juice of one lime
- 1 tablespoon cilantro chopped
- Salt as needed
- Pepper as needed
- 2 tablespoons orange juice

Mix all ingredients together. Serve with tuna or shrimp.

BROIDA

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choose just about everything, which is rare for notebooks and ideal for buyers who have specific needs.

The core system has a travel weight of about 7 pounds - heavy, but not bad considering its 15.4-inch screen, multi-format DVD burner, and six-cell battery (which should last you four to five hours between charges).

I liked the NX570X's snazzy looks and scratch-resistant outer lid, but I had trouble getting used to the curved, speed bump-style mouse buttons.

But that's a small complaint about an otherwise solid notebook. Even the \$699.99 base system would be more than sufficient for a student or moderate user, though I really do recommend a RAM upgrade.

HP COMPAQ 6515B

I also recommend more RAM for the \$929 HP Compaq 6515b (hp.com), a business-class notebook that's lighter and more compact than the Gateway.

Though it won't win any beauty contests (or speed races), the 6515b excels in the

all-important areas of security, connectivity and portability.

Just how secure is this notebook? In addition to various password-protection tools, it offers a fingerprint scanner you can use to lock out other users entirely.

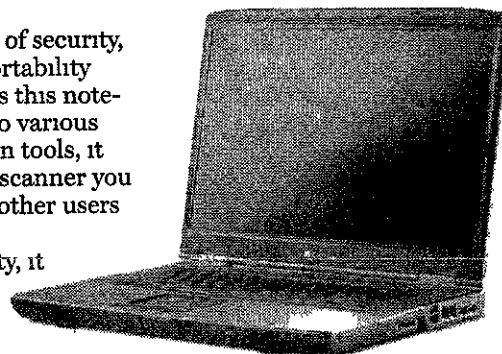
As for connectivity, it supports the a, b and g varieties of Wi-Fi.

You can also get it with the newer Draft-N protocol, or opt for built-in broadband wireless service via Cingular or Verizon. (All these options cost extra, of course.)

If you've ever struggled to connect a notebook to a projector, you'll appreciate the 6515b's Presentation button. One push optimizes the display and power settings for use with a projector.

The 6515b weighs 5.5 pounds, not including its AC adapter, and measures 13 by 9.4 by 1.5 inches. The trade-off for this travel-friendly design is a slightly smaller screen (14.1 inches).

HP offers half a dozen different configurations, each with slightly different specs (and different prices, natch), but you can't customize the 6515b like you can the Gateway.



Gateway's

NX570X starts at \$699.99 and lets you choose the processor, RAM, hard drive and other features.

Even so, it's a fine choice for business users. I also have no qualms about recommending the Acer and Gateway models.

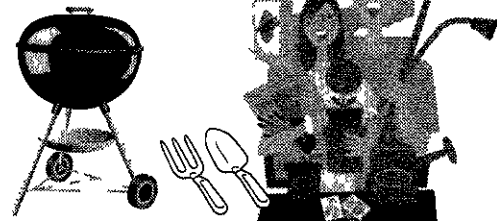
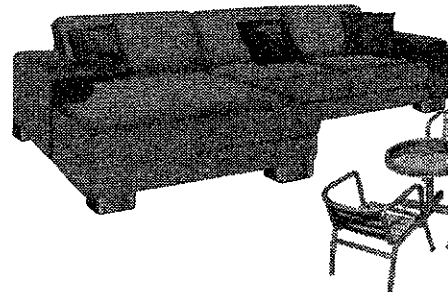
But consider spending a little extra to get more than the standard 1GB of RAM. Windows Vista is a resource-hungry operating system, and the last thing you want a new PC to do is make you wait.

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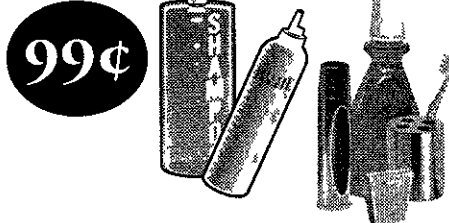
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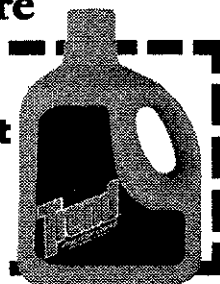
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Gold bangles

Understand It!

Arabic — great to learn, especially in Michigan!



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Ladies boots by Tony Lama — hand-crafted in El Paso, Texas — line the shelves at Scott Colburn Western Wear in Livonia. Options include a square-toed boot with a turquoise shaft adorned with white and brown stitching (front) to more traditional pointy-toed 'cowboy' styles in different color combinations.

Cowboy Boots

Kick up your heels with Western flair

By Wenszy Von Buskirk

Once, on a road trip through the Grand Canyon, I fell in love with a pair of cowboy boots in a small shop in Arizona. The Luchese boots were black and white, hand-tooled from leather soft as butter. They felt like a million bucks — with room in the toe and slip in the heel — but they were \$325. To this day, I remember that pair as 'the one,' and kick myself for not bringing them home with me.

According to author Jennifer June, such footwear infatuation is hard to shake.

In her book, 'Cowboy Boots: The Art and Sole' (Rizzoli New York, 2007) June says boots have a way of capturing the imagination. Her small tome makes cowboy boots larger than life, with 300 full-color photos, fashion tips, a buying guide and brief history of the great American accessory.

Cowboy boots debuted in the 1860s as purely functional footwear for work on the Western ranch. As fashion, cowboy boots have enjoyed several peaks in popularity. Singing cowboy Roy Rogers inspired legions of little boys to wear them in the 1950s. The movie Urban Cowboy spurred a boot trend in the '70s, while the early '90s line-dancing craze roped in a new legion of fans.

Yet despite fads, cowboy boots have endured as a wardrobe staple that never really goes out of style.

At Scott Colburn Western Wear in Livonia, cowboy boot devotees range from horseback riders to motorcyclists, along with everyday men and women who just like the fit and feel of a great boot.

"The biggest part of our business is people wearing them on the weekends with jeans and a T-shirt," said Boot Sales Associate Mike Bishop. "People say once you wear a boot you don't go back to anything else."

Sarah Colburn, who took over the shop from her late father, also inherited his love of cowboy boots.

Scott Colburn's feet were short and wide, Sarah said, and it was almost impossible for him to find shoes that fit — until he met Victor Borg of Stewart Custom Boots in Tucson, Ariz. For the rest of his life, Colburn had his boots handmade by Borg, and to this day Borg flies in to measure Scott Colburn's



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Sarah Colburn tries on a pair of flashy Old Gringo cowboy boots at her Livonia store.

clients for custom boots. The shop sells more of that brand of boots than anywhere in the world, and counts more than 800 members in its Stewart Boot Club.

As for Sarah Colburn, she owns 30 pairs of cowboy boots of all different labels, many made from exotic materials like lizard, python and horn-backed gator. She even has a pair just for Christmas, adorned with red pomsettias.

"Wearing cowboy boots presents an independent American image. It kind of makes you stand a little taller, lean back a little farther. People saunter when they wear them," she said. "I'm going to the opera tonight and I'm wearing my brown ostrich cowboy boots with my Eileen Fisher."

According to Linda Leannais, owner of Arizona Saddlery in Rochester, there's always a specialty market for boots. Her customers include children who want to bring cowboy dreams to life at Halloween or costume parties, and riders on the rodeo circuit. German tourists often stop in looking for authentic American souvenirs.

"You can wear them all year 'round. They go good with everything — skirts, pants,

How to Buy:



● Since boots are an expensive and lasting purchase, brush up on different brands and styles. "Cowboy Boots: The Art and Sole" by Jennifer June (Rizzoli New York, 2007) is an inspiring place to start.

● For an authentic pair, purchase boots at a specialty store. Set aside an hour to try on different pairs, and consult with a boot expert to find the perfect fit.

● Try other Western-inspired trends, such as straw cowboy hats, embroidered shirts, turquoise jewelry or big belt buckles. Just don't go overboard with the cowgirl look.

shorts. They give a lot of expression to your outfit, they show a lot of character," she said.

Distressed brown leather boots are the most popular right now, Leannais said, although her current favorite is a pair of pink boots adorned with pink and brown stitching.

"I'll wear those boots with my blue jeans and more of a fashion top, with my turquoise earrings and rings. I like to cross over, mix it up, wear street and Western together," she said.

Mixing styles is the key to pulling off cowboy boots, according to Lexa Leatherdale of Neiman Marcus, Somerset.

"It's really nice when the cowboy boot is used as an accent piece," Leatherdale said. "A really great cowboy boot makes a great statement. They're a really fun accessory."

Hollywood trendsetters have lately made vintage cowboy boots a coveted look, adorned with everything from hearts and cacti to hula girls and guitars, but boot experts recommend starting with something more subtle for your first pair.

Set aside at least an hour to test drive several boots, and invest in a pair of basic brown or black.

And remember, if you're far from home and you fall in love with a pair that seems a bit expensive, don't leave them behind on the long and dusty trail. They're probably meant to be.

Arizona Saddlery is located at 315 Main St. in Rochester. Call (248) 651-1031 or visit www.azsaddlery.com. Scott Colburn Western Wear is located 20411 Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (248) 476-1262 or visit www.scottcolburnwestern.com.



SALLY GERAK

Alluring Fashion

Alexandrea Coe (left) and Chelsea Von Mach take a break from modeling at Linda Dresner in Birmingham. Dresner, a style icon who operates eponymous high fashion boutiques in Birmingham and New York City, presented an enchanting fashion show during the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's 25th Annual Dinner, "An Evening of Allure," at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi on Saturday. Forty models presented the season's hottest looks during the show. Dresner, a 10-year cancer survivor, also hosted a pre-party at her store (above).

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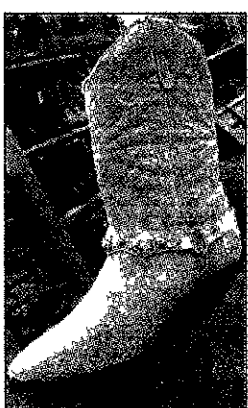
We asked a couple performers at Detroit's Downtown Hoedown this past weekend about their cowboy boots.

"I have a ton. I have my couple favorite pairs because they're really comfortable and molded to my feet. In the winter I wear them with just jeans and a cute shirt, and in the summer with dresses. That's pretty much my staple outfit."

Jessica Harp, The Wreckers

"I have at least six pairs in different colors, some with jewels. You can put jewels on them yourself. I always wear cowboy boots on stage, either that or bare feet!"

Sarah Lenore, Solo Artist, from Plymouth, Mich.



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