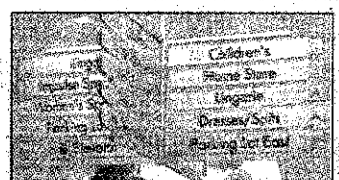




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## Shoppers start your engines: IKEA opening a week away

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

In just a little less than a week, IKEA Canton will open its doors and show its customers - as if they needed instructions - how to shop.

So what's inside the big yellow and blue building in Canton? Just about everything for the home, said

IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth. The store carries more than 10,000 different items, displayed in 56 room settings, and three complete modular "homes," ranging from approximately 250 square feet up to nearly 700 square feet.

The shopping experience begins just inside the front door where a large sign tells shoppers, "Canton, go to your room." Shoppers can pick up baby strollers, or check children into a supervised play room. There are pencils, a map and shopping list, and tape measures available at the front door, so shoppers are prepared

to select everything they need for the home. The escalator just inside the front door is the starting point for nearly 2 million shoppers expected to visit every year.

Arrows on the floor direct shoppers through the 311,000 square feet of shopping space. Displays are

### IKEA CANTON

Address: 41640 Ford Road, Canton. At Haggerty, just west of I-275.

Web site: www.ikea.com

Open: June 7, 9 a.m., with a grand opening ceremony beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Hours of business: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily.

Phone number: (734) 981-6300

Parking: Besides the parking lot in front of the store, IKEA Canton will have two off-site parking lots. One is just east of the store, across Haggerty Road. The other is northeast, also off Haggerty Road. Shuttle busses will transport shoppers to and from the parking lots.

Getting there: IKEA is just off I-275 in Canton, halfway between I-96 and I-94. Take the Ford Road exit, and head west. IKEA is on the north side of Ford Road, and is visible from I-275.



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Visual marketing specialist Josh Elliott, at right, of Canton, shows Anthony Garcia how to set up a display. Elliott tells Garcia to treat the display of \$1.49 waste baskets the same as you would treat a display of expensive items. Garcia lives in White Lake.

set up to include every element - from sofas to shelving and entertainment stands, to tables, candles and picture frames, to throw rugs and blankets - and are designed to look as if the people living there simply left the room for a minute.

The only difference is the fact every item has a tag - either red or yellow. Red tag items can be found and carried out of a massive warehouse area on the first floor. Yellow tag items (such as large furniture - sofas and the like) must be retrieved by IKEA staff from a ware-

house located just off the self-serve warehouse area. Tags specify what warehouse aisle, row and bin number each item will be found.

Shoppers are directed through home office and IKEA in the workplace

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## District plots bond choices

February vote possible as board tries to recoup money spent on property

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Less than a month after Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters sent a clear message by defeating two bond proposals worth \$120 million, Superintendent Jim Ryan is working to develop another bond issue that could come before voters in February.

"My No. 1 need, as superintendent, is to try and recoup the \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund budget for the purchase of the middle school

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## Fire erupts after car hits Crow's Nest bar

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The damages to a local watering hole could have been much worse than they were, when a driver ran into the side of the Crow's Nest on Canton Center Road, hit a gas line, and caused a fire.

The fire started at approximately 9:46 p.m. on Memorial Day. Because it was a holiday, the Crow's Nest had a full crowd, according to Fire Marshal Frank Barrett.

Yet, all customers inside the building were able to escape safely, and there were no injuries.

The only casualty was the back one-third of the building, which was damaged badly, Barrett said. But quick thinking by firefighters kept the building from being destroyed, and kept the broken gas line from causing an explosion.

"We originally got a call about a car fire," Barrett said. "In responding to that, we found it was a building fire. A car had hit the building, and had hit the gas meter, and broke the gas line, causing a fire."

It took approximately two hours for the fire department to coordinate with the gas company and the electric company and get power to the building shut off. In the meantime, firefighters had to keep flames away from the broken gas line.

"We put up a water curtain on the inside," Barrett said, explaining that a water curtain is a spray pattern from the hose, which keeps the fire from being able to pass through to other areas of the building.

"We maintained that for a couple of hours until we could get the power turned off," Barrett said.

Firefighters also cut a trench in the roof, which allowed smoke to escape the building, and used positive pressure at the front door, which pushed a lot of heat and smoke to the rear of the building.

"The front two-thirds of the building is intact and in great condition. It smells like smoke, but then again, it's a bar," Barrett said.

The driver of the car that struck the building was given a breathalyzer test, and was not drunk, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

"We don't know what caused the accident in the first place," Pomorski said.

## O&E, CBS Radio form online partnership

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the CBS Radio Detroit group have teamed up to bring readers and listeners a new online resource that offers the most extensive community news and information throughout southeast Michigan.

Six CBS-owned radio stations in Detroit - 104.3 WOMC, WWJ Newsradio 950, 99.5 WYCD, WXYY 1270, V98.7 Smooth Jazz and Live 97.1 WKRK - have launched DetroitAtHome.com, an online resource for everything going on in and around metro Detroit. All stations will have a DetroitAtHome.com presence on their Web sites, on-air and on their streaming broadcasts, too.

Beginning today, all of the radio station sites link to local news and sports at hometownlife.com

"This partnership with CBS Radio takes the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers a step closer to a local 24/7 media resource for our readers, advertisers and online users," said Peter Neill, vice president and general manager of the O&E. "The convergence of print, online and broadcast is the way forward in the world of instant information. The coming together with DetroitAtHome.com gives our online users one unique place where they can discover everything that is happening in the

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### Challenging for the Cup

Liridon Gjocaj of Westland (in red) fights Canton's Gregg Rupp for possession of the ball during a Canton Cup match last weekend. The 2006 Canton Cup attracted 449 teams, which played a total of 743 games at Independence, Heritage and Griffin Parks. Twelve Canton teams won titles and 18 finished runners-up in this year's tourney. To read more about the Canton Cup see today's sports section, Page B1.

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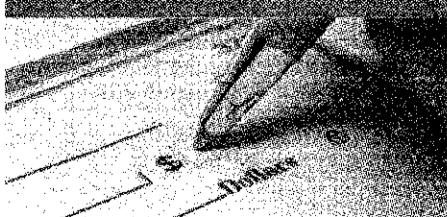
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### Coming Sunday

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. New research is discovering the benefits of eating apples. In Health.



**New mom's group**

Canton Area Moms 4 Community, is hosting a picnic in Canton's Heritage Park at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 4. Moms from the Canton area are invited to get information about this new mom's group or to join. Membership is open to all local moms. For more information contact Bridget at (734) 729-0121.

**Chiefette bottle drive**

The Canton High Chiefette Pom Pon Squads will hold a bottle drive on Saturday, June 3 throughout Canton and Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the squads in the upcoming competition season.

**Dog walk**

The 4th Annual Tails & Trails Charity Dog Walk, normally held in September, will be held on Saturday, June 3, at Heritage Park in Canton. Registration/check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the event will begin promptly at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Along with the new date, the

event will also feature new entertainment and a new designated charity: the Humane Society of Huron Valley. This is a pledge event with 100 percent of the pledge dollars collected by participants going to HSHV. This annual event is one of the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's major fundraisers and allows them to sponsor community programs throughout the year.

Activities for the day will include agility and obedience demonstrations by Canine Training & Sports Center of Canton, a pet care seminar courtesy of Michigan Vet Specialists, vendor booths with pet-related products, food concessions and contests for owner and dog alike to participate in, with lots of prizes to be awarded. A variety of local rescue groups will also attend. Emcee for the day is Channel 7's Skycaptain Dennis Neubacher.

Registration is \$15 per dog in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Walk-ups are welcome, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged and the

first 150 registered dogs will receive a free goody bag. Current vaccination records must be presented at time of check-in.

For more information or to request a registration form, visit [www.pckiwani.org](http://www.pckiwani.org), e-mail [info@pckiwani.org](mailto:info@pckiwani.org) or call Carol at (734) 451-3500. Anyone interested in being a vendor or sponsor should contact the Kiwanis Club for more details or visit their Web site at [www.pckiwani.org](http://www.pckiwani.org).

**Salon helps fight MS**

On June 11, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Blondie & Lefty's Hair Salon, 42013 Ford Road in Canton (Sears Plaza), will be offering haircuts for \$20 and partial foil highlights for \$30, with all proceeds going to the MS Foundation. They will also have hot dogs and bake goods for sale. Come and help support MS treatment and research.

For more information, call (734) 981-6190, or visit the Web site [www.blondieandleftys.com](http://www.blondieandleftys.com).

**Party help**

The 2006 Senior Class All

**Night Party needs help.**

The decorating committee is in need of many more volunteers to help create and paint displays for this yearly event. The committee will also need help setting up the party on June 10.

Parents of current seniors and juniors are encouraged to sign up.

For more information, contact chairperson Joanne Kokoszka at (734) 453-5233.

**A soulful performance**

Acclaimed folk music singer and songwriter Don Conoscenti will make a special appearance from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at the Canton Public Library's Open Mic program. The acoustic musician is known for his live performances, in which he fuses a blend of rock, jazz, blues, folk, funk and country. He has been spotlighted on NPR, World Café and Acoustic Café. Admission is free.

For more information about the Open Mic series at the Canton Public Library, visit [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for future dates and times or call the library at (734) 397-0999.



**River rescuers**

Volunteers will again head out to Canton's Flodin Park for the annual Rouge Rescue from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3. The park is located on the southeast corner of Saltz and Morton-Taylor roads. The event will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages, including residents, students and scout troops, are encouraged to participate. Activities will include guided nature walks, building birdhouses, planting of native plants, shrubs, and bulbs, removing a silt fence, river cleaning efforts, and streambank stabilization. The event will also focus on educational topics such as the removal of invasive species and a living science exhibit with live bats will demonstrate how important they are to our environment. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt, donuts and drinks for breakfast, and a barbecue lunch. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather, and jeans and boots should be worn. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of Flodin Park. For more information call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150. For more about Rouge Rescue, please see page A13.

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**Physical Therapy UPDATE**  
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UPLIFTING ADVICE

Back strain due to overexertion accounts for an estimated one-fourth of all workplace injuries. Many of these injuries are the result of poor lifting technique. To begin with, bring the load as close to your body as possible before you lift. Also, recognize that lifting below knee height or above shoulder height is more strenuous than lifting between these points. Since leg muscles are stronger than back muscles, it is better to bend and push off from the knees than the waist. Separate your feet, placing one slightly in front of the other when you lift.

Avoid twisting your body when carrying a heavy load. In addition to incorrect bending and lifting, repetitive stress from working on a computer, or sitting for long periods of time without periodic exercise can cause work related injuries. If you have suffered a work-related back injury, have your physician refer you to HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth and can be reached by calling 455-8370. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

*P.S. Contrary to popular perceptions, a back belt is not a personal protective device that will help avoid lifting injuries in the workplace.*

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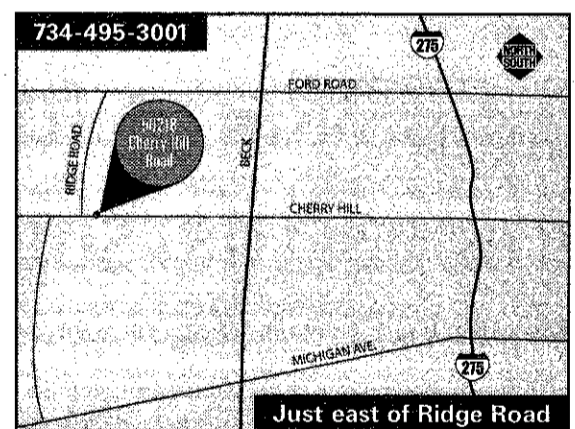
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# Layoff forces homeowner associations to turn elsewhere

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Since 2000, Canton had been the only community in Michigan to have a go-to person for developing, new and in-transition subdivisions. But at the end of April, when the township eliminated its unique neighborhood coordinator position, Canton homeowners groups were left uncertain of who they should call when they need information on everything from replacing trees to problematic sewers.

"I just don't want it to be like it was before the neighborhood coordinator position was created," said Charles Mott, president of the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council. "You didn't know who to talk to, and we'd have to call many departments before we finally got the right person to help us."

Because Canton Township homeowners associations must arrange to provide services that would normally be provided for in a city - such as street snow plowing, subdivision road repairs and landscaping maintenance in common areas - and homeowners association boards seats are filled by volunteers who have little to no knowledge of how to contract for those services, the township hired a "go-to" person to help those communities in transition, under development, and those which were already

up and running and addressing long-term maintenance issues.

Canton Township created the neighborhood coordinator position in 2000, when the township's residential building boom was still in full-swing. The township board hired Kris Sanders to do the job.

But the slow-down in residential development - and the 70 percent drop in revenue once generated by residential building permits - prompted the township board of trustees in April to eliminate the neighborhood coordinator position, despite the fact that Sanders had shifted much of her professional focus away from new development and toward existing neighborhood associations, as a result of the slower building activity and the existence of maturing neighborhoods in the township.

It was in fact part of the township's long-term plan for the neighborhood coordinator position, according to the minutes of a March 30, 2004, township board meeting, at which Municipal Services Director Tim Faas stated that as Canton matures, Sanders' time would be primarily spent with homeowners associations. Sanders herself said at the April meeting when the public learned her position would be eliminated that she had been spending only about 15 percent of her work week helping transitioning associations and 85

percent of her time helping existing neighborhoods.

Her dismissal has left Mott wondering who will pick up the phone to answer questions when one of Canton's homeowner associations is having a problem with their sewers. Or their landscaping contractor. Or with a developer who is still working on a new subdivision.

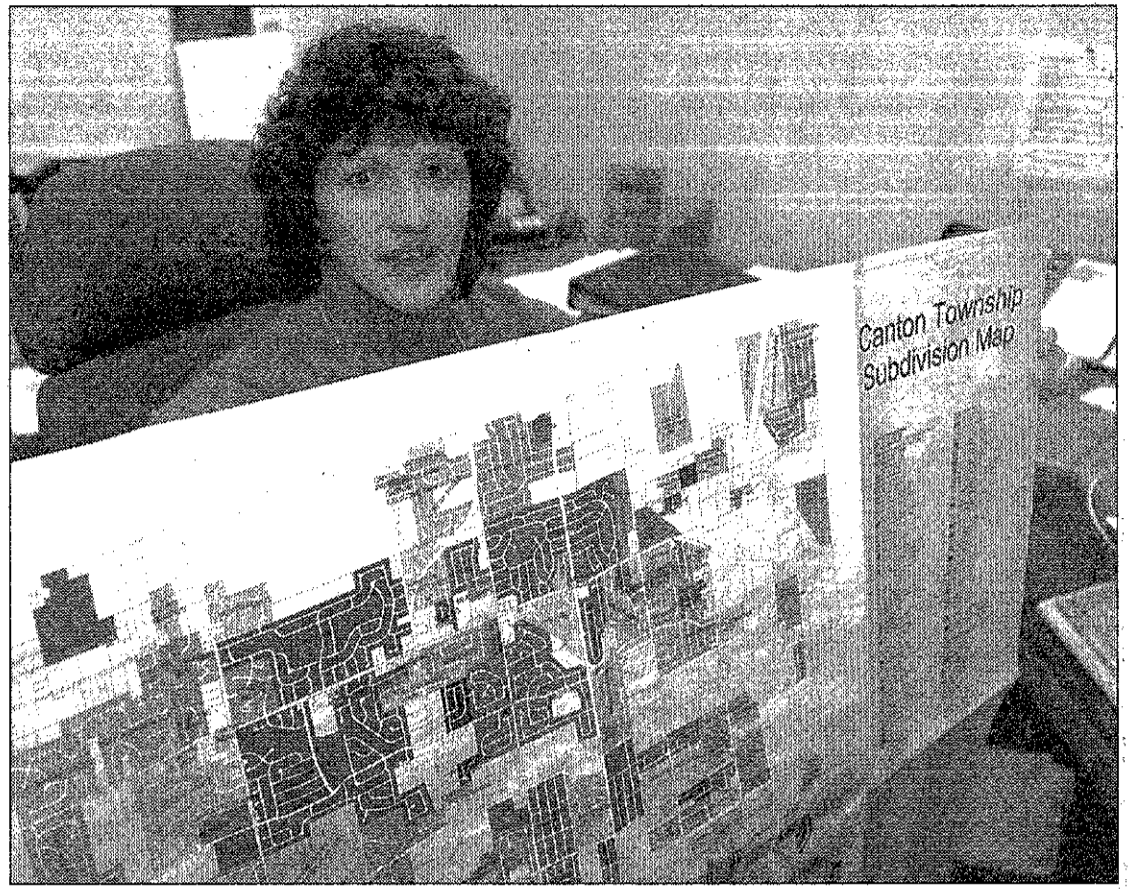
And there are plenty of those. Currently in Canton, there are 25 residential construction projects underway, and another 39 are under review by the planning department.

The elimination of the neighborhood coordinator position will mean that Mott and other homeowners will call the Township Supervisor's office, the Municipal Services Department or the Leisure Services department, depending on the situation, said Municipal Services Director Tim Faas.

"This is how it is in other communities. To the best of my knowledge, Canton was the only municipality in the state to have a neighborhood coordinator," Faas said.

So now, to get help, residents may call:

- Township Supervisor's office at 394-5185 if it's an issue in a neighborhood with an established homeowners association. Faas said examples of these calls would be associations that need help dealing



Now that Kris Sanders, former neighborhood coordinator for Canton Township, has been laid off, homeowners associations will have to look elsewhere for answers to their problems.

with complaints or need information on special assessment districts for roads, sidewalks and sewers. The Homeowners Advisory Council will call the supervisor's office as well.

- Municipal Services at 394-5160 if it's an issue in a subdivision which is still under construction or in transition.

- Leisure Services at 394-5460 for information on the township's Beautification Awards and Council for Community Excellence.

Although he's not necessarily happy about it, Mott has faith it'll work out now that Sanders is gone.

"We have to make it work,"

he said. "The way the township is handling eliminating that position should work out OK for us, or better than it was before (Sanders) was hired. The township has always worked really well for its citizens."

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## DEATHS

<p><b>A</b></p> <p><b>Alice S. Aho</b> Aho, 94, of Northville, died May 28.</p> <p><b>D</b></p> <p><b>John William (Jack) Dewalen</b> Dewalen, 84, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died May 29.</p> <p><b>E</b></p> <p><b>Walter H. Ekberg Jr.</b> Ekberg, 84, formerly of Birmingham, died May 26.</p> <p><b>G</b></p> <p><b>Helen Giacobazzi</b> Giacobazzi, 91, of Farmington Hills, died May 21.</p> <p><b>Teresa Giffels-Byrne</b> Giffels-Byrne, 79, of Novi, died May 27.</p> <p><b>K</b></p> <p><b>Claudette Krumm</b></p>	<p><b>L</b></p> <p><b>Krumm, 71, of Plymouth, died May 25.</b></p> <p><b>M</b></p> <p><b>Mary Alice Leyh</b> Leyh, 73, of Bingham Farms, died May 24.</p> <p><b>R</b></p> <p><b>Leah S. Morton</b> Morton, 98, formerly of Rochester, died.</p> <p><b>T</b></p> <p><b>Mary Jane Roberge</b> Roberge, 84, of Redford Township, died May 22.</p> <p><b>Robert B. Thompson</b> Thompson, 87, of Birmingham, died May 7.</p>
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Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18.

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Don Conoscenti, acclaimed folk music singer and songwriter, will make a special appearance Saturday, June 3 from 2-5 p.m. at the Canton Public Library's Open Mic program. Summer reading programs start in June. This year, adults can join in the fun with Drive In to Summer Reading for readers ages 18 and older. Read Around the World is the

theme for the Teen summer reading program. Sign up for adult and teen programs beginning June 12. Children's Summer Reading Celebration sign up begins June 19.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

- Teen Advisory Board: June 3, at 2 p.m.
- Teen Book & Pizza Club:

June 3, at noon. *All-American Girl* by Meg Cabot.

- Teen Father's Day Card: June 8, at 4 p.m. Create a unique card for your dad.
- Open Mic: Date Changed to June 3, at 2 p.m. featuring special guest Don Conoscenti.
- Teen Tuesdays: at 3 p.m. Hang out in Teen Place, make a craft, play a game, use the computer.

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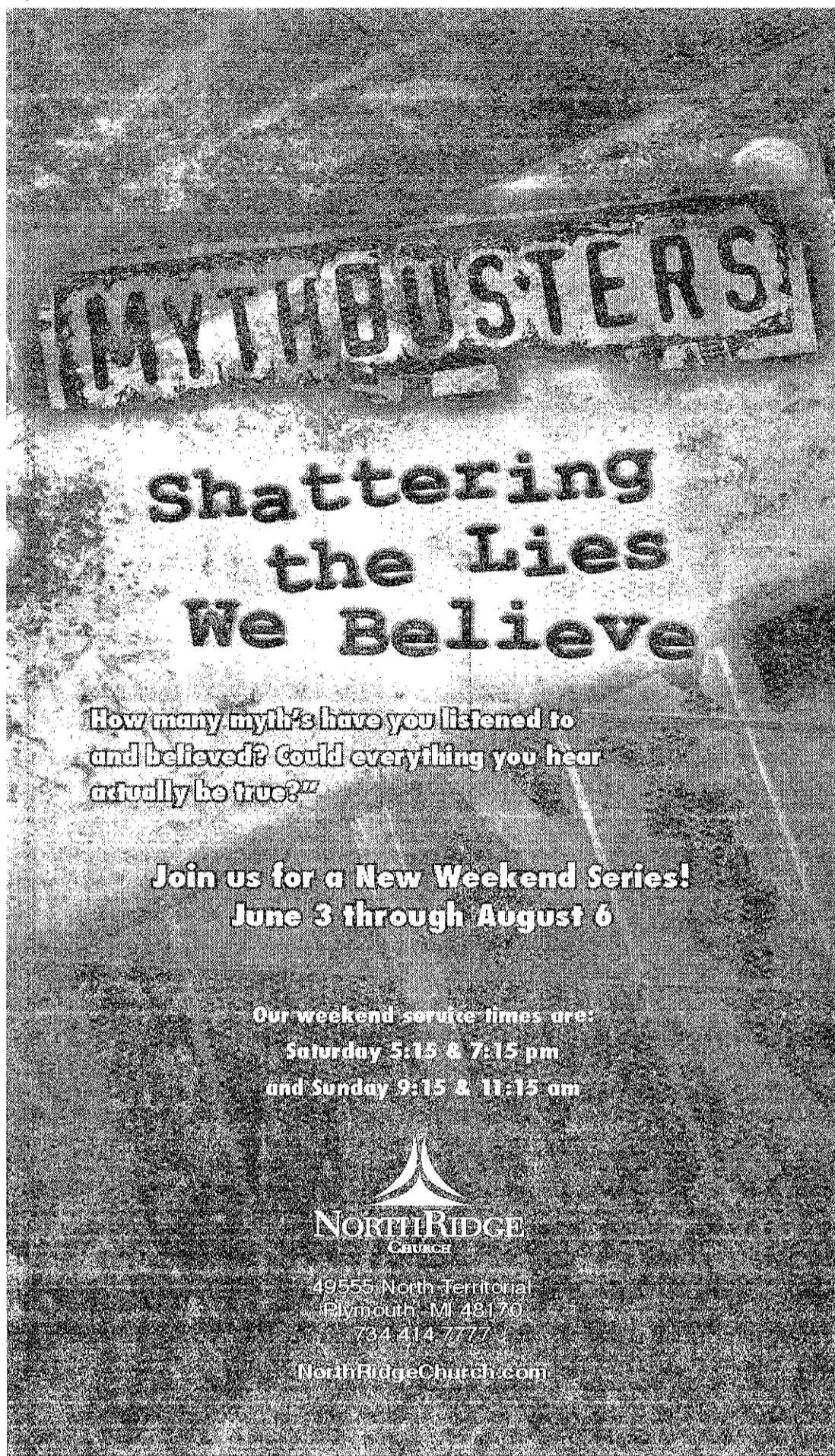
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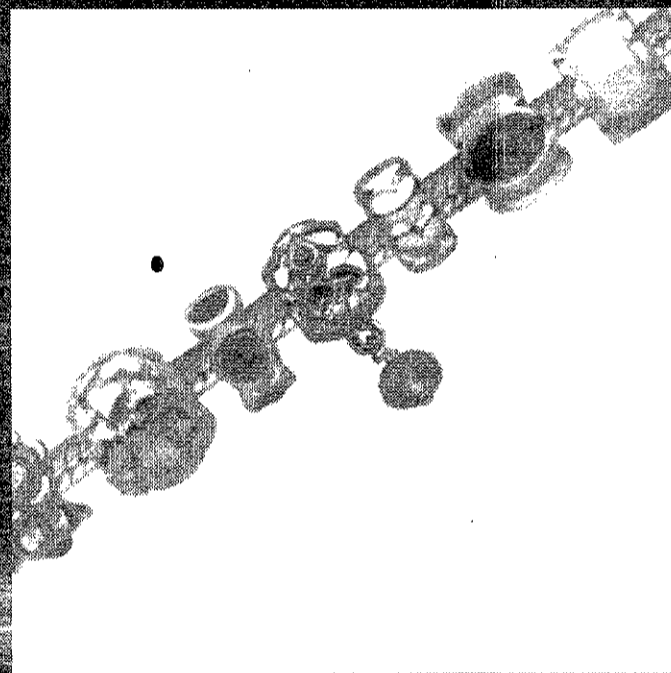
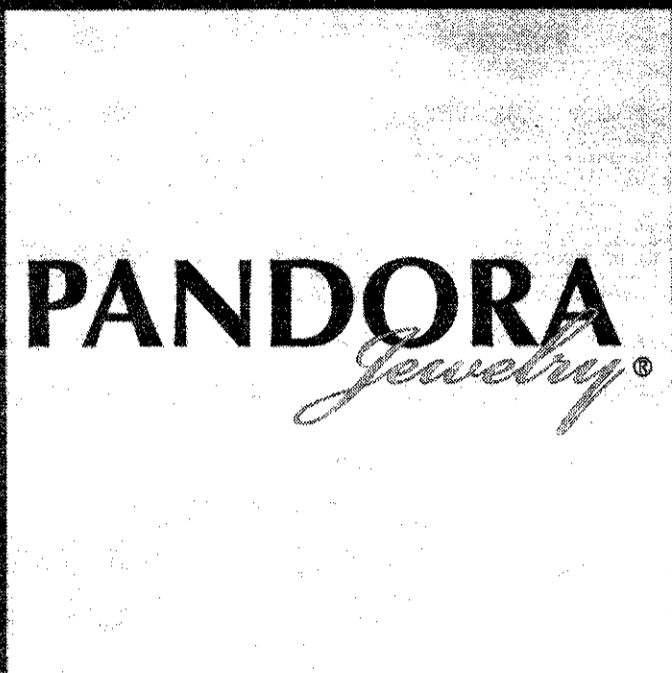
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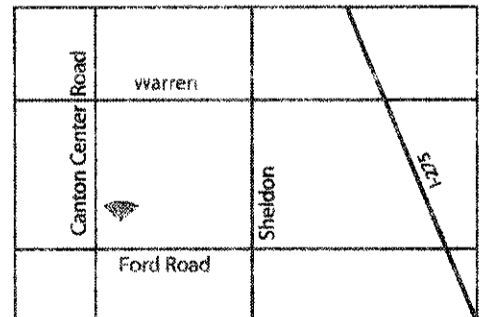
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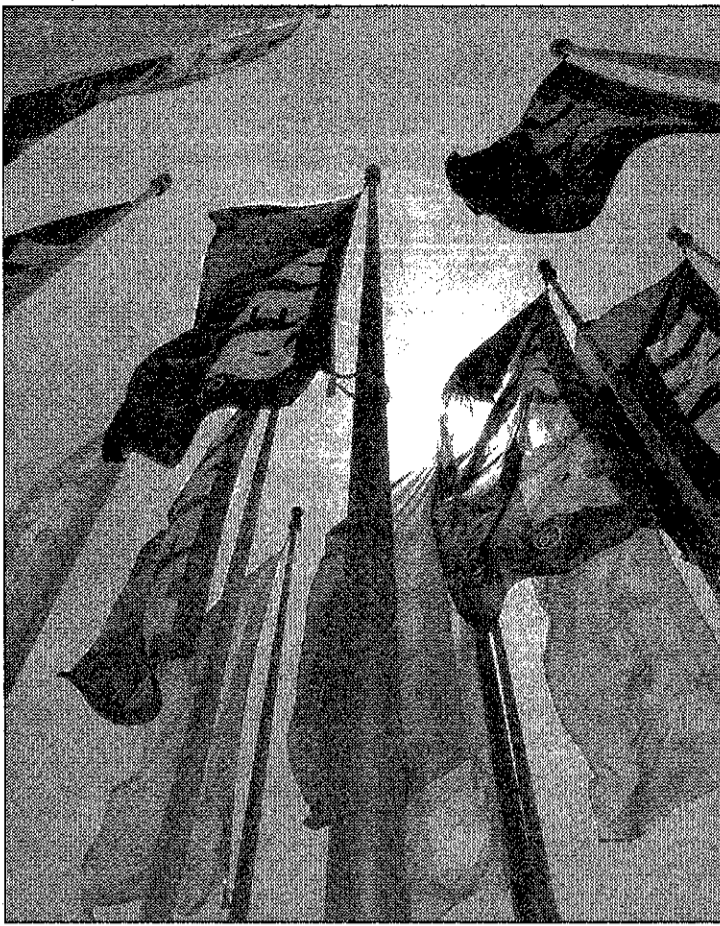
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**Presidential scholar**

Mary L. Radcliffe of Canton was among 47 Western Michigan University seniors named a 2006 Presidential Scholar. The award is WMU's highest honor presented to an undergraduate. Students are nominated for the award by faculty members. They are selected on the basis of their general academic excellence, academic and/or artistic excellence in their major and intellectual and/or artistic promise.

Radcliffe was named a Presidential Scholar in Mathematics. Radcliffe is majoring in both mathematics and Spanish and has prepared herself for a future career as a university professor after she graduates this December. In addition to teaching opportunities through the Undergraduate Teaching Assistant program, she worked on a graph theory research project with a faculty mentor that has resulted in three scholarly papers, one of which has been accepted for publication. Radcliffe is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society, WMU's Lee Honors College, and vice president of Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor society. She has won several university honors, including a Medallion Scholarship, WMU's highest honor for an incoming freshman, and an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award. She is the daughter of David Radcliffe of Westland and Linda Radcliffe of Saline.

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**Sorority honor**

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**Albion honors**

Several local students were recently honored for exceptional academic achievement during Albion College's annual Honors Convocation. Albion College faculty chose the following students to receive awards, in recognition of their outstanding scholarship.

Kara Christenson received a Jay Olson Memorial Essay Award in German. She is a

senior majoring in English and German. She is the daughter of Keith and Dawn Christenson of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Sarah Jose received a Jean Keller Memorial Essay in Spanish Award. Jose is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

**Outstanding student**

Canton's Chris Lamasse recently received the Outstanding Student Award from the Business and Management Department during the annual Honors Convocation at Siena Heights University.

Lamasse, a senior who received a bachelor's degree in business administration May 7, is a member of the Siena Heights chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, the National Business Honors Society. He was a member of the SHU men's soccer team, earning all-conference honors.

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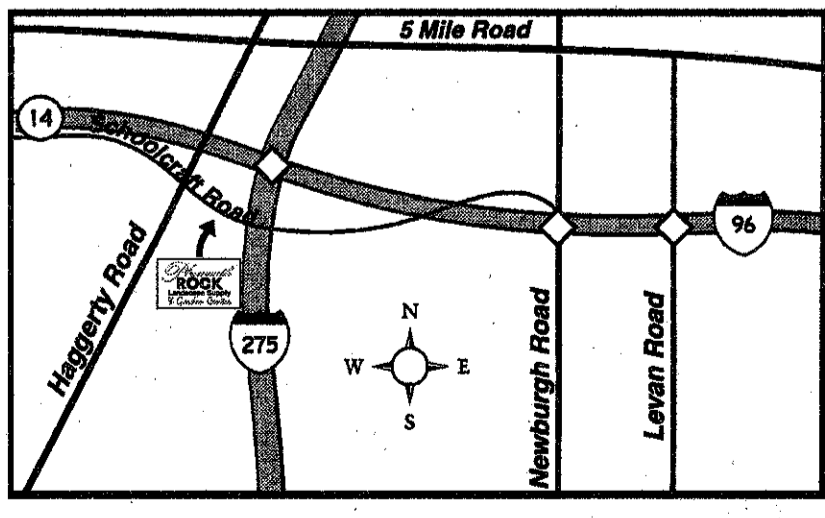
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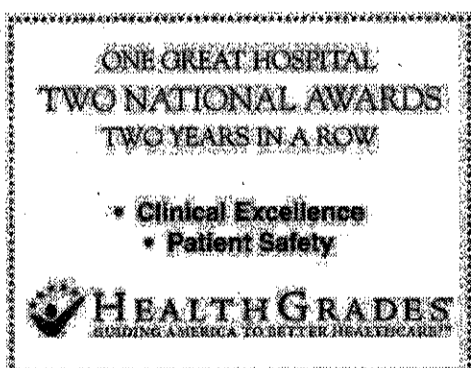
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# Metro authority unveils model of north terminal

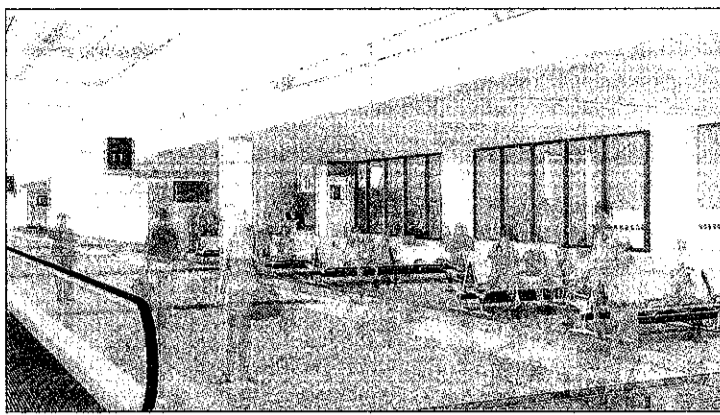
The Wayne County Airport Authority May 25 unveiled a model of the north terminal which is under construction at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. The eight-foot-long model of the 26-gate terminal was displayed at the Authority Board's meeting along with 13 large conceptual renderings including interior views.

"We have been talking about this terminal and showing drawings over the past couple of years," said airport CEO Lester Robinson. "But the three-dimensional model provides the viewer a much better understanding of how the terminal will look and operate."

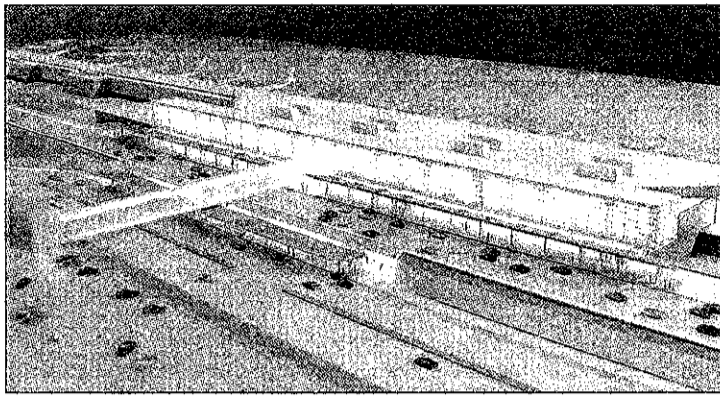
Also on display at the meeting were samples of a variety of materials and interior finishes proposed for the \$418 million project.

Site preparation is well under way, with the old Davey Terminal demolished and massive wrecking equipment continuing its assault on the former Marriott Hotel, which should be down early in June.

Work on installing a mat foundation for the north terminal check-in building has begun and soon the old apron (aircraft parking area) will be broken up. Bids have been received for structural steel and steel piles and the construction and installation of a hydrant fueling system which are being reviewed by the project team. In the meantime,



Artist's view of the passenger waiting area in the new North Terminal.



An artist's rendering of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's new North Terminal

Spirit Airlines will soon be closing three gates on the north side of old concourse C and shifting those operations to gates on the south side to make room for the north terminal project. This will have no impact on customers.

According to north terminal project director Jon Hypnar, the design should be 100 per-

cent complete by the end of June and approximately 7,000 tons of structural steel will begin arriving on the construction site early this fall. Twenty-six jet bridges have been purchased and the baggage system contract has been awarded.

"With its simple linear design and modern conveniences, the north terminal will

represent a significant upgrade in customer conveniences compared to the Smith and Berry Terminals," said Robinson. "It will also provide a considerable improvement in efficiency for the airlines."

Scheduled airlines to relocate from the aging Smith and Berry Terminals to the new north terminal include: Air Canada, American, Air Tran, Frontier, Southwest, Spirit, United, USAirways/American West and USA 3000 as well as non-scheduled airlines such as Champion Air, Ryan Air and others. International carriers

British Airways, Lufthansa and Royal Jordanian will move from the McNamara Terminal. Northwest Airlines and its SkyTeam partners, Northwest Airlin, Air France, Continental and Delta will remain in the McNamara Terminal which opened in February 2002.

The north terminal is still on schedule for a 2008 grand opening. The Airport Authority plans to install the model in the check-in lobby of the Smith Terminal and display renderings at www.metroairport.com.

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## OUR VIEWS

# After 20 years, Rouge Rescue lives up to name

It's been 20 years since a group of volunteers embarked on an ambitious journey to restore the Rouge River, which had become one of the most polluted rivers in the country after decades of mismanagement.

At the time of the first Rouge Rescue, in June 1986, many areas of the Rouge were filled with trash, smelly and dangerous. Although organizers weren't sure how many people would show up, some 2,000 volunteers came out, proving there was plenty of interest in restoring the highly urbanized watershed.

In that first year, volunteers descended on the river at 18 different sites and concentrated their efforts on pulling shopping carts, cars and other manmade debris from the river, and cutting away the many logjams that impeded the river's flow.

The Rouge River, and Rouge Rescue event itself, have come a long way since that first year. The health of the river has improved dramatically, as municipalities, flooded with federal money, have fixed aging sewer systems and enacted stricter planning laws to comply with the federal Clean Water Act. Public education has also been a big part of changing people's habits and attitudes. Most people now know you shouldn't pour used motor oil down a storm drain at the end of the street.

While there is much work to do before the restoration is complete, the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project is now a model of how to reclaim a river system. Throughout the Rouge, dissolved oxygen levels, so important for aquatic organisms, have improved and dangerous E. coli bacteria levels have dropped.

Rouge Rescue, always held the first Saturday in June, has also evolved. Because trash isn't as prevalent as it once was, volunteers now perform more constructive activities, such as planting native plants or removing non-native invasive plants, building trails, or just going on a guided nature walk. They also don't tear out all the logjams anymore, something that proved harmful to the river in the past.

This Saturday, about 3,700 volunteers are expected to come out to 44 sites in 27 Rouge communities, according to Friends of the Rouge, the organization that was born of that first Rouge Rescue 20 years ago. And while the volunteers will do plenty of work, the event will also be a celebration of how far the Rouge River has come since the spirit of those first volunteers changed its course. We can't wait to see how the river looks in another 20 years.

# Authority best plan for mental health

The Wayne County Commission is moving forward on a plan to transfer control of the Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Agency from the county to an independent authority.

A resolution was introduced last week to separate mental health services from county government.

Under the proposal, the authority could begin replacing current staff by September 2007. Mental health workers would become employees of the authority and not the county. The executive director would hire top staff members instead of the county executive. The authority would approve purchases and make contracts without county approval.

The county's allocation for mental health funds would be frozen at the 2005-06 level of about \$17.7 million.

The authority would have control over millions of dollars in state and federal Medicaid funding, currently at risk.

The commission is expected to move on the resolution in the next two weeks.

The action follows years of wrangling over the county's handling of state and federal funding. Proposals in the state House and Senate threaten to withhold funding unless an authority were created to replace county control.

County Executive Robert Ficano has long argued that many of the problems within the county Mental Health Board were caused by the current board makeup of six members appointed by the executive and six by the mayor of Detroit. Last week, the commission passed a resolution to change the board makeup to 13 members all appointed by the executive, subject to approval by the state Legislature.

Ficano has said he wants what's best for mental health clients and wants a "local solution" short of an independent authority.

At this stage, it looks like the commission will move ahead on an authority. It is also clear that the current state Legislature, which controls the purse strings, will not accept anything less.

It is time to move forward on creating an authority.



Rouge Rescue is June 3

## LETTERS

### What a Relay

On May 20-21, Canton hosted its eighth annual Relay for Life. Once again, it was a tremendous success. As we closed the 24-hour event on Sunday morning, we announced that we had raised over \$250,000. All the funds that were raised will be used to fund valuable research in the hope of one day finding a cure for this dreadful disease and provide important services for cancer patients.

As I step down, after eight years as chairperson of the Canton Relay for Life, I realize that the Canton Relay has touched so many lives. We honored 205 cancer survivors during the Survivor Walk that kicked off this year's event. It was an amazing experience complete with smiles and tears. At dusk, we lit over 5,000 luminaries in honor or memory of those who have battled cancer. When each of us reflect back on this year's Relay we realize that hundreds of people were touched, new friends were made, many wonderful stories were shared, we cried together and joined in many celebrations. There were so many emotions in such a short time. What an experience!

I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate the hundreds of people who in some way supported the Canton Relay for Life. Thank you first and foremost to our awesome Relay for Life Committee, their dedication to this event is the main reason we are so successful. Thank you to all the team captains and participants - you are critical, our generous sponsors, Canton government - especially Canton Leisure Services, the local churches for all their support, all the enthusiastic youth teams, all the volunteers who gave freely of their time to support this event. To each and every one of you, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks. It would not have been possible to accomplish what we did without the dedication of ALL OF YOU!

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chair, Canton Relay for Life

### Incredible AI staff

I am writing to thank Mrs. Hasse, Mrs. Bachmann, Mrs. Tavierne, Mrs. Jatzak, Mrs. Devriese, Mrs. DellaMora, Mrs. Roemer and Mrs. Remski of Gallimore Elementary School's Autistic Impaired (AI) second-, third-, and fourth-grade program, under the elementary special education directorship of Julie Woodhams, at Tanger Center and our district's AI coordinator, Renee Schmoekel.

A few years ago, I wrote to this very same paper, concerned about what offerings were available to my AI and HI (hearing impaired) son in our district, as he graduated from the excellent IPSEP (Infant Preschool and Special Education Program) under the supervision of Mary Kay Herr and staff. The right fit did not seem available to him, until this past year, when the new elementary AI programs were implemented into our district, into the very same school, Gallimore, in which I was worried our son might not find the right "fit." Boy, was I wrong.

My son, Alex Ham-Kucharski, is in the AI program at Gallimore, which has been so incredible under Mrs. Hasse and Mrs. Bachmann, and our son is thriving, socially and academically, under their instruction. Alex is benefiting from his AI program at Gallimore Elementary School, and his reading, writing, and spelling have so improved, with math as his favorite subject.

He loves his classmates, whom he calls "The 11 of us," and they have taken such fun, appropriate, and educational field trips this year, recognizing that education can also flourish outside the classroom. They have been to the Henry Ford Museum, two plays, a senior center playground, an animal classroom in Northville, a Coney Island, and to our local bowling alley for a pizza party, and yet to come, in June, is a trip on a riverboat and a visit to putt-putt.

The teachers are clever, original, and adaptive in their instruction, including such attention-getting activities as PJ parties at school with their sleeping bags while enjoying such movies as *The Wizard of Oz*. Alex loves specials - especially gym, under direction of the very supportive and flexible Mrs. Rotramel and "Features Friday" when they get an afternoon movie.

For us, Alex has been in the district since age 1, with Early On, when he was only HI (Hearing Impaired) and speech and language impaired. At age 3 came the AI designation, in which one in 166 children will be diagnosed somewhere on the autistic spectrum.

My son may always have to be in some type of centered based program in our district but he does get for him, Least Restrictive Environment for lunch, recess, library, music, and gym, where he, along with his classmates, are included together with other general education students, which is so supported, also, by the school's principal, Mr. Kevin Learned, who has created a fair learning environment in which all students can academically and socially thrive.

The AI staff at Gallimore go above and beyond the call of educational duty. They have created buddy systems for their AI students with other students at Gallimore, creating an enriching experience for all of the students. They know, specifically, the sensory/neurological needs of each AI student, whether it involves carrying a koosh ball to squeeze, wearing headphones to tune out noise, or the comfort of a weighted vest. Each child is independently comforted and challenged in their awesome learning environment.

I grew up in our school district, moved there in first grade and haven't left since - 30 years later. The district, for the most part, has always been an innovative leader in our state, forward thinking and accommodating to all. And while we are not perfect, in our schools and community, we have come pretty far.

I have many friends of general ed children, who are working together with special ed parents for equality for all: when we couldn't get a handicap parking spot at Gallimore to accommodate our son, who also has mild cerebral palsy, as a few parents illegally parked in them at dropoff and pickup times, the PTO group took over and the PTO officers, parents of gen ed kids, now wear orange vests and in rain, snow, or sun, voluntarily patrol those spots at pickup times.

Finally, I want to ask the district's administration and board to please visit or contact the AI classrooms and commend the staff and the students for the incredible work they have done.

Dawn Ham-Kucharski  
Canton

### IKEA is in the eye of beholder

Some of us are meant to understand some things and not others. I can't imagine why anyone would care about a bunch of overpadded men in helmets trying to throw a ball and tackle one another. Many seem to enjoy it, especially the Super Bowl, which I like only because it empties the supermarket and anywhere else I might want to go that day, if I'm aware of it at all.

Certain things are appreciated by some more than others. Some of us have driven 300 miles because we appreciate what IKEA has to offer. It seems that the *Observer*, in sending Kurt Kuban to IKEA, erred as much as they would if they sent me to review anything I've ever seen advertised at the Silverdome.

That said, I'm sure that they told you that they have a competition going on. May I send an invitation? If you register, I'll get 50 points. If you vote for me, I'll get another 30 points. Yes, it's shameless on both my part and IKEA's, but then again this is a great event for some of us.

Mort Potter  
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## QUOTABLE

**"We're going to talk a lot about the strengths of our district, and how we are efficient by self-funding our health insurance, our energy management program and how well our students are achieving ... We'll also talk about our challenges. The long-term financial picture is difficult for our district, and about the very real funding inequities that exist between us and our surrounding neighbors."**

- Judy Mardigian, school board vice president, on what district officials were scheduled to talk about in front of the state House Education Committee.

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## LETTERS

## Set record straight

For the third time in almost as many weeks, there have been editorials implying that the recent school bond issue was defeated by individuals who want a school built on the Miller Woods property at the corner of Ridge and Powell.

Let's make several points. First of all, many individuals in the community, myself included, worked very hard for the better part of a year to see that the school board followed through on a 1991 resolution to officially and permanently protect the Miller Woods Nature Preserve from development.

I was at the school board meeting Dec. 13 when board members voted to register the Declaration of Restrictions with the county. If Dr. Ryan followed through on this as promised, there should not now or ever be concern for the destruction of the community treasure known as Miller Woods.

This issue has nothing whatever to do with the defeat of the bond and your readers should get their facts straight! The fate of the remainder of the property surrounding the Woods is unknown and it is this portion of the property that may generate controversy now that the bond issue failed.

Secondly, not all of us who are concerned about the preservation of green space in our community voted against the bond. I think Dr. Ryan and the members of the school board need to know that. Lastly, the Friends of Miller Woods just recently held the first Wildflower Walk in the woods in many years. There was a wonderful turnout, including families with children who expressed interest and concern about the Woods and about the environment in general - and with no prompting from their parents. It is our hope to have more such programs that will add to the richness of our community for citizens of all ages.

**Marcia Fowler**  
vice president, Friends of Miller Woods

## Thanks to bond committee

We would like to send a warm and sincere thank you to the Plymouth-Canton Bond Committee. We've been able to thank many of you in person for the countless hours you put into getting the word out to the community about the need for these funds to maintain a quality school system.

However, with so many accusations pertaining to your honesty, your integrity and your actions, we felt it was necessary to go beyond the personal messages and publicly show our gratitude.

The members of the bond committee are parents, former teachers and administrators. They have all consistently been involved in improving the district they are so dedicated to. Their actions consistently demonstrate that their intentions are positive, and their motives are clear. They wanted what was best for this district, and they believed, as we do, that passage of the bonds was the best thing for Plymouth-Canton schools.

What would motivate a few of the no voters to throw unfounded and untrue criticism at them is a mystery. Clearly, these critics are tainted with their own negativity and cannot believe that a group of outstanding citizens doesn't have a hidden agenda, or any desire to play dirty. But we would like to stand up for this group of

people who have done all they can to keep this a fair, open, honest and respectable campaign.

Now that the bonds have been defeated, we hope that we can look forward to working with the members of the bond committee again soon, as we look for new ways to solve the district's increasing financial difficulties. It is our hope that the slander stops, and that those individuals who continue down the path of negativity and criticism will either fall back into the shadows, or join the group of people who honestly work for positive changes.

**Susan Gamble, Brent Archer, Mary Bartek, James Buhro, Laura Riegal, Julie Dillon, Marsha Fistler, Laura Carbone, Bridget Houser**

## Outside the box

The bond defeat was barely hours old when board members, et al., were planning how to reword and revise to get it passed.

It is time for the school board, teachers and administrators to look "outside the box" and explore opportunities to live within the budget they have, not continue to push the bond issue. I am supportive of providing our children with a quality education with as many options as possible; however, we do need to recognize that the Michigan economy is not going to suddenly get better, it is going to get worse as the effect of the auto industry decline trickles downward.

The worst is probably yet to come. Now is the time for every aspect of the school's budget to be reviewed and examined.

Consider the need for additional space. How many classrooms are not fully utilized during the day? Could there be a more efficient use of class space? Although my children have been out of the school system for several years, I am hesitant in believing we need more schools or space.

When my children were in high school, I often had difficulty attending parent-teacher conferences because of my variable work hours. I usually set up teacher conferences on a school day during the teacher's free time, going from one empty classroom to another. One teacher even apologized for meeting me in a classroom that wasn't hers - obviously frustrated that she didn't have her own classroom yet, but had to share the room alternately during the day. So two teachers shared one classroom and it was still available for a parent-teacher meeting.

Should the school day be extended to allow for better use of class space? Should teachers have planning time before or after school hours to allow more utilization of class space?

How about administrators? Since all high schools sit on one campus, do we need separate principals for each high school? How many assistant principals? Has anyone considered the increasing cost of health care for the school employees? What options exist to control these costs without more taxes, bonds, millages? How many nonprofessional positions exist? How many do we need? Are part-time staff paid proportionately?

I don't claim to have the answers, but when voters said no to the bond issue, it's a message to look at other options.

**Gloria Kulpa**  
Plymouth

## Lowering flag the least we can do for soldiers serving in war

I spent many years covering high school sports, and after seeing the American flag wrongly displayed in so many gyms, it came as no surprise to me to hear Mary Rowland of Canton was having trouble getting businesses to lower their American flags to half-staff to honor Michigan soldiers killed in Iraq.

I've seen the flag positioned on the wrong side of gyms, positioned with the stars in the wrong position, and with the American flag positioned wrongly when grouped with other flags.

One of the things I did during my 15-year U.S. Air Force career was answer questions about the proper display of the American flag, so I never had a problem pointing out the errors to athletic directors.

And the athletic directors in nearly every case, after checking to make sure I was right, made the appropriate changes to make sure the flag was accorded the respect it deserves.

That apparently is where my experience differs from Rowland, the Canton mom of a soldier recently assigned to Iraq. Rowland wants businesses to lower their flags when Gov. Jennifer Granholm calls for it following the death of a Michigan soldier, even though Granholm's authority extends only to state buildings. However, she's apparently running her suggestion up the wrong flagpole; only Flagstar Bank has given her a positive response.

"It makes me angry. Whether you are for or against the war, we have young men and women dying. It's too easy to forget we're in a war," she said.

As botched as the war has become, it shouldn't be difficult to remember we're in one. And judging by the turnout at Monday's Memorial Day parade in downtown Plymouth, fewer people have forgotten it than one might think.

While there is a feeling Memorial Day has become nothing more than a long weekend to many, the number of people crowded into Kellogg Park would suggest it means much more to many more.

I heard last week about some legislator somewhere wanting to make Memorial Day a permanent date - May 30, I think - no matter where it fell in the week, the thinking being perhaps people would pay more attention to the holiday's actual purpose: Honoring those who serve our nation, particularly those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

I wanted to ask Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone about that. But the Canton resident, the assistant adjutant for the state Department of Veterans Affairs and the featured speaker at Monday's parade, answered

the question during her speech (actually, she answered it again when I asked it afterward, but the answer was the same).

"We need to salute the dedicated men and women serving this country today ... they are preserving the legacy (of freedom)," Fausone said. "Memorial Day is the one day of the year we set aside to honor them. We should be doing this every day of the year."

That's what Granholm aides say the governor is doing when she orders flags lowered, something she's done more than 60 times since December 2003.

Now, she's drawing criticism for doing it so often. Critics are saying it violates the U.S. Flag Code, which they say was intended to honor only high-ranking government and elected officials, not soldiers or National Guard members.

In an Associated Press story over the weekend, John Truscott, campaign spokesman for Republican Dick DeVos, said his guy "would take a more literal approach."

"While he certainly believes that honoring veterans who have given their lives is extremely important, lowering the flag has typically been reserved for heads of state."

So some high-ranking elected official - a president, for instance - who some say didn't even show up for National Guard duty, much less serve in a war, gets the flag lowered. But if Mary Rowland's boy dies while fighting for his country, DeVos is saying he shouldn't?

And this even sillier observation comes via the same AP story from Jeannine Trybus of Grand Rapids, who said "every time that flag comes down it cheapens the gesture." Trybus, a member of the Grand Rapids Civil War Roundtable, said this of lowering the flag for soldiers killed in the line of duty: "I don't think we should (be) denigrating one of our own symbols and its meaning."

Fausone, who actually serves her country, vigorously disagreed.

"The reason (Granholm) is doing it so much is we've lost so many," Fausone said. "They serve their country, and they sacrifice for their country. When (Granholm) lowers the flag, it's in their honor."

Dick DeVos is running against Granholm for governor, so you have to expect him to latch onto anything he can find. I have absolutely no idea whether Trybus is a DeVos supporter, but it wouldn't surprise me.

Cheaper the gesture? Politicizing this particular issue is cheap. Lowering the flag to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice? It's the least we can do.

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# Patterson: SBT initiative to go forward

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Despite a tight timeframe and discouraging early projections, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's initiative to repeal the state's Single Business Tax will move forward to the petition phase.

At a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Patterson said the effort will move on. "I'm pleased to announce that we've reached our goal," he said. "We've taken in more than \$615,000 in pledges and have another \$185,000 in underwritten corporate loans."

Originally, the plan as announced at the State of the County address was to raise \$800,000 in pledges for the effort. A week later, based on lackluster fund-raising, he amended that figure to \$600,000. At the Tuesday conference, he said the fund-raising effort would continue as the petition drive got under way.

Whatever the financial goals set or met, he said the response to the effort was a sign that the times are ripe for change.

"To achieve numbers this strong is evidence that we're ready for change in Michigan,"

Patterson said.

Changes, he said, are needed. Citing statistics that place Michigan near or at the bottom of the heap for job creation, job retention and personal income growth, he said the SBT has to go to make the state a more attractive place to start or expand a business. Others have made similar, ground up changes in their tax and business structure.

"In the 1980s, Ireland was the doormat of Europe, not somewhere you would want to do business," he said. "Now it's the second strongest economy in Europe."

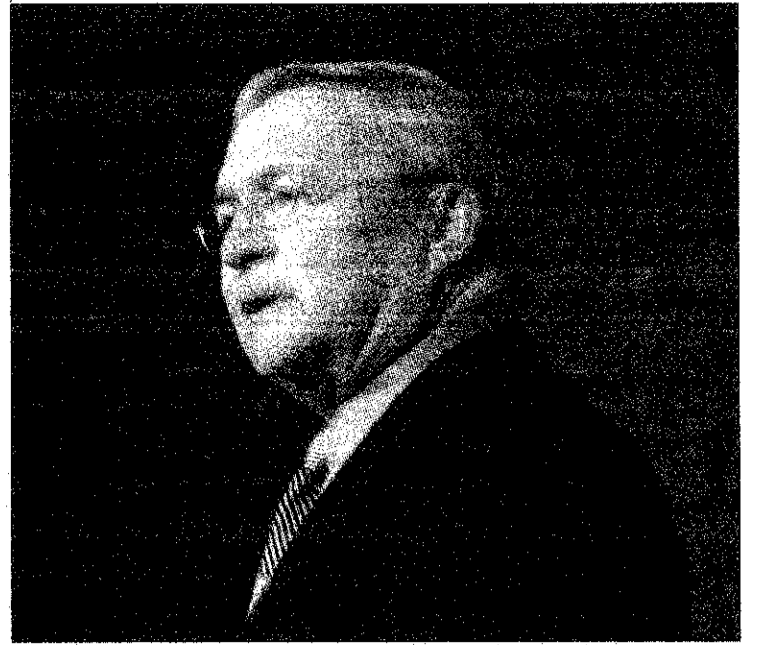
The SBT generates about

\$1.8 billion in revenues for the state's general fund.

Patterson's plan says nothing about where replacement funds would come from. The petition drive, he said, would be an intervention for the state.

"The tax money is heroin for the state," he said. "This will force the legislature to rewrite the tax code."

A California firm, National Petition Management, has been secured to get the initiative on the November ballot. Patterson said the company has a 100 percent success rate in getting ballot questions before voters.



L. Brooks Patterson

# Patterson talks taxes with local business leaders

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Steven Maltzman, a long-time CPA, has an easier time explaining out-of-state tax laws to his clients than he does explaining Michigan's single business tax.

"Businesses can lose real money and at the end of the day, there is a tax owed to the State of Michigan. It's mind-boggling," said Maltzman, a managing partner with MSW Group, PLC in Farmington Hills. "And, when I explain to my clients why, they get angry." His clients are mainly small

businesses throughout the tri-county area.

"That's been our major problem - it's a very difficult tax to understand," he said.

Michigan is the only state in the nation with a single business tax, which basically taxes assets, payroll and property - not profits. Throughout its 31-year history, the single business tax has been enjoyed by profitable businesses in good economic times and despised by struggling businesses in tough economic times. In good times, businesses are not taxed on large profits, like they would be in other states. In

tough times, businesses are taxed, even if profits are small.

"It's a disincentive for businesses to add employees to their companies," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who is leading the charge to repeal the SBT before it is ready to sunset at the end of 2009.

Patterson said Michigan must act now.

"We can't wait until 2009 to help ourselves," said Patterson at a recent

Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noting Michigan is in a "single state recession" with the highest unemployment and lowest economic stimulation of all states not hit by hurricanes.

"It's just awful news out there," said Patterson. "We're suffering through the longest recession since the Great Depression."

Patterson decided to tackle the tax by drafting petition language that calls for the

issue to be placed on the ballot later this year.

The language mirrors legislation passed earlier this year by the Michigan House and Senate. The bills were vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm because there was no plan to replace the estimated \$1.8 billion the SBT generates each year.

Patterson hired a firm, for \$810,000, to collect and certify at least 360,000 signatures, which is 106,000 more signatures than he needs. Petitions were filed Tuesday.

From there, the language is

certified and it then goes back to the House and Senate for 40 days. Because the issue is brought by a ballot initiative, the House and Senate may approve it, making it a veto-proof law. The legislation would sunset the SBT in 2007.

"This would leave the governor as a spectator in this issue," said Patterson.

He's confident the plan will work. He said there are several options to replace most of the \$1.8 billion generated by the SBT. But, he said only about \$1.3 billion should be replaced.

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# Rouge Rescue has been a labor of love

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER



The Rouge Rescue is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Two decades ago, many areas of the Rouge River could probably be compared to an open sewer. In fact, that's pretty much what they were. Raw sewage regularly coursed through the river after rain overburdened antiquated sewer systems. The river was also a depository for decades of trash - everything from old cars and appliances to shopping carts and just about anything else one might imagine.

That is the Rouge River that was inherited by a group of about 2,000 volunteers, who, in 1986, participated in the first Rouge Rescue. Their task: help jump-start the restoration of one of most polluted waterways in the country. Two decades later, as organizers prepare for the event's 20th anniversary, the river and the event itself have both come a long way.

Rouge Rescue is scheduled to take place Saturday in communities throughout the Rouge watershed. Organizers are expecting about 3,700 volunteers to come out to a total of 44 sites. They will find a very different river than those first volunteers had to deal with. In most areas of the watershed, most of the trash has been removed, and the water quality - thanks to upgraded sewer and stormwater systems - has improved dramatically.

As a result, Rouge Rescue isn't as daunting a task as it once was.

"As the Rouge has been restored, we're

"In the beginning Rouge Rescue was just pulling trash from the river. Unfortunately, some of that still needs to be done, but it has evolved over the years," McCaughey said. "We no longer rip logjams out of the river like we used to. Instead we do woody debris management. We really are starting to do a better job managing the river."

According to organizers, many of the volunteers that will come out Saturday have been coming out for years. Sharon Sabat has been coordinating Rouge Rescue in Livonia for years. In fact, she said the city actually had river cleanups before the first Rouge Rescue. Over the years, she has seen the same faces come out.

"We've had the same people with us, the same stalwarts, year after year. I think what keeps them coming back is the sense of accomplishment, and the fact we've gone from cleanup to reclamation," said Sabat, who is expecting about 50-60 people Saturday at the city's Rotary Park.

Livonia resident Michele Larson, who is coordinating Livonia's other site (also at Rotary Park), said the reason she got involved is a sense of ownership of the Rouge River. She said she and her two daughters often go down to the river to pick up trash.

"We're very conscious about our community and our environment," she said.

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## 2006 ROUGE RESCUE SITES

The following list provides the location, time, coordinator contact information, and a brief description of the activities for some of the local Rouge Rescue sites. There will be a total of 44 sites throughout the Rouge River watershed.

For more information, contact Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9900 or visit the group's Web site at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

■ Canton: Flodin Park (southeast corner of Salt and Morton-Taylor roads), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Erika Hidalgo at [ehidalgo@canton-mi.org](mailto:ehidalgo@canton-mi.org) or Bob Belair at either [rbelair@canton-mi.org](mailto:rbelair@canton-mi.org) or (734) 394-5150. Activities include educational programs, native plantings, invasive plant removal, nature walks, stream-bank stabilization, living science/animal exhibit and bird house building.

■ Canton: Meadows of Canton subdivision (Palmer and Lotz roads), 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Kesh Raizada at [kraizada@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:kraizada@co.wayne.mi.us) or (313) 999-6256. Activities will include trash removal, storm drain marking, education displays and a bug hunt.

■ Farmington Hills: Memorial Park (West 11 Mile

at Middlebelt), 8 a.m. to noon. Contact Tracy Sliantak at [tsliantak@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](mailto:tsliantak@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us) or (248) 871-2860. Activities include invasive species removal, woody debris management and native plantings.

■ Farmington Hills: Oakland Community College - Orchard Ridge Campus (Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696), 8 a.m. to noon. Contact Mike Kadrofske at [mkkadrof@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:mkkadrof@oaklandcc.edu) or (248) 522-3405. Activities include storm drain stenciling and trash removal.

■ Livonia: Rotary Park A (Six Mile and Hubbard roads), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Sharon Sabat at [ssabat@ci.livonia.mi.us](mailto:ssabat@ci.livonia.mi.us) or (734) 466-2540. Activities include streambank stabilization, invasive species removal, native plantings, trash removal and woody debris management.

■ Livonia: Rotary Park B (Six Mile and Hubbard roads), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Michele Larson at (734) 578-6779. Activities include native planting project, info tables, trash removal, etc.

■ Plymouth: Smith

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# Knowing where road projects are is key to hassle-free Liberty Fest

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Liberty Fest is just around the corner, scheduled for June 15-18, but those who are driving to enjoy the weekend at Heritage Park may have to navigate more corners than usual to get there. Road construction season in Canton is in full swing, and it's tying up traffic throughout the township.

However, a little patience, and knowing what roads and intersections to avoid will help.

Minor utility work will begin June 12 at Ford and Canton Center. Though the work won't take long, according to Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, it's a preview of the big project that will take place near that intersection - a bridge replacement on Ford just west of Canton Center. The bridge work will require lane closures, and the Michigan Department of Transportation will post a detour route, which is Canton Center south to Cherry Hill Road.

"Then from there, you find your way on one of the north-south streets to get back to



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Orange barrels should be prevalent throughout town during Liberty Fest.

Ford Road," Faas said.

Another project that will impact festival traffic is an intersection improvement at Cherry Hill and Sheldon. Improvements at Saltz and Sheldon are also underway, and Faas expects there to be some overlap of projects.

"We're hoping that they are not coinciding but it's possible," he said.

Warren Road is undergoing a total reconstruction, which will last until October or November. The area affected

will be Canton Center to Morton Taylor.

"The big section they're working on now is Sheldon to Morton Taylor, where they're doing storm sewer work," Faas said. "It's pretty bad."

Wayne County is also doing a small project on Sheldon, just north of Ford, which will start in June or July, and could possibly begin before Liberty Fest.

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# Greene faces new child sex charges

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland businessman Daniel Eric Greene was arraigned Friday on 23 new charges of having sex with two boys who, along with their mother, lived at his house for a year.

Greene, 39, met the boys, ages 12 and 14, through a Salvation Army adopt-a-family Christmas program, and he ultimately offered their mother a place to rent, Westland police Lt. James Ridener confirmed.

"He bought them gifts for Christmas," Ridener said.

The boys had second-story bedrooms near Greene's room, but their mother slept downstairs, police learned as their investigation widened.

The latest charges against Greene involve allegations such as oral sex, fondling and the making of sexually explicit videos, Ridener confirmed.

The boys and their mother lived at Greene's house in the Palmer-Hambleton area east of Wayne Road, where police said they confiscated hundreds of child pornographic materials from a hidden room disguised by a secret closet door.

The latest charges came a week after Greene was arraigned on multiple



Greene

charges of having sex with and making videos of a boy at Greene's former residence in the 31000 block

of Avondale near Merriman in Westland. Those allegations stem from incidents that police said occurred from January 2002 to December 2005, starting when the boy was 13.

Greene, who used to run American Power Wash on South Wayne Road, was arraigned Friday on six new counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, 13 counts of second-degree CSC and four counts of child sexual abusive activity.

Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight denied bond on the latest charges. Greene already had been jailed on a \$1 million bond on 10 earlier felony counts.

Greene had been scheduled Thursday for a preliminary hearing on the earlier charges involving a boy who now lives in the Grand Rapids area. Now, Greene's hearing on all charges has been scheduled for June 22.

Defense attorney Michael Donaldson told McKnight that he needed more time to review the volumes of mate-

rials that police said they found at Greene's house.

Greene already had been on the state's sex offender list for an even earlier incident in Wayne in which he was accused of fondling a boy. He was placed on probation for that incident.

Investigators now believe that Greene took steps to place himself in close contact with young boys. He used to be a vendor for concessions at the ball diamonds in Westland's Central City Park, police have said.

Ridener has said that police found a hidden door inside a closet at Greene's house. It opened into a secret room where police said he kept child pornographic materials, including the videos he made with boys.

The mother who rented part of Greene's house didn't suspect him of abusing her sons, police said, and the boys hadn't reported any of the incidents until recently.

"Both of the boys had bedrooms upstairs, and so did the defendant," Ridener said. "The mother had a room downstairs."

Other parents whose children may have had contact with Greene are urged to call Westland police at (734) 722-9600.

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This summer, Chris Haddad (left) and Karen Buddenborg unite to teach kids about the fun of playing tennis.

# Kids can learn to play tennis the fun way

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Karen Buddenborg and Chris Haddad have one goal – to introduce kids to tennis the fun way.

The game not only encourages fitness, but friendship. The two Livonia women met 16 years ago on a tennis court at the Livonia YMCA. On June 13, they begin a new adventure teaching Little Tennis to chil-

dren ages 7 to 11, at the Livonia City Tennis Courts on the southwest corner of Five Mile and Newburgh.

The cost is \$65 for a 6-class session. Kids use lower nets and lighter equipment to learn basic skills while playing games such as Four Corner Relay, Silly Tennis and Rallyball.

"The sessions are game based approach and geared to kids developmental stages,"

said Haddad. "In the past tennis was taught in a laborious manner. There were 10 stages to learn proper forehand."

But Little Tennis isn't all fun and games. Designed by the U.S. Professional Tennis Association (USPTA), the structured program takes children through a series of stages to actually learn the game.

Haddad and Buddenborg are USPTA certified instructors who have won tournament

championships as a doubles team. They have taught tennis to kids at the Livonia Recreation Center, Plymouth-Canton Community Ed after school program, and Lifetime Fitness in Novi where students were as young as 3-years old.

"This is more team oriented," said Buddenborg. "Kids learn it's fun being outside on a real court."

Buddenborg and Haddad will offer three, six-class ses-

sions beginning June 13, July 11, and Aug. 1. Classes run 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Registration will be held at the City Tennis Courts 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3. For more information, call Haddad at (734) 591-0487, Buddenborg at (734) 464-0279, or send e-mail to kbudd5@aol.com, or chris@georgesvideo.com.

"Tennis is one of those sports you can play forever," said Haddad. "It's a sport for an entire lifetime. There's no reason why little kids can't enjoy it."

## RESCUE

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"We know that what we do today will have repercussions on future generations."

After 20 years, McCaughey believes Rouge Rescue has made a huge difference, both in the appearance of the river and the way people perceive it.

"It's made a big difference, because so many people now appreciate the Rouge instead of looking at it as a cesspool," she said. "Every time you get a new person out there, there is this 'wow' factor, because people just don't know what's there until they experience it. That is probably the biggest impact Rouge Rescue has had."

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Elementary School (Byron and McKinley streets). Contact Matt Best at (734) 726-3936. Activities include streambank stabilization, grow zone installation, invasive species removal and native plantings.

■ Plymouth: Byron Creek (Byron and McKinley streets), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Chris Porman at cporman@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 453-7737. Activities include trash/debris removal and storm drain stenciling.

■ Plymouth Township: Plymouth Township Park (Ann Arbor Trail and Beck Road), 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Susan Vignoe at svignoe@msn.com or (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33. Activities include native plantings around pond, fishing derby (possibly) and bird box construction.

■ Redford Township: Lola Valley Park (Lola and Puritan roads, east of Beech Daly, between Five Mile and Six Mile), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Carl Van Aartsen at kaho@redfordtp.com or (313) 794-5740. Activities include invasive plant removal, trash/debris removal and storm drain stenciling.

■ Superior Township: southeast corner Ford and Prospect roads, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Jack Smiley at smileysmlc@aol.com or (734) 484-6565. Activities include trash pickup, demolition of old hunting blinds and invasive plant removal.

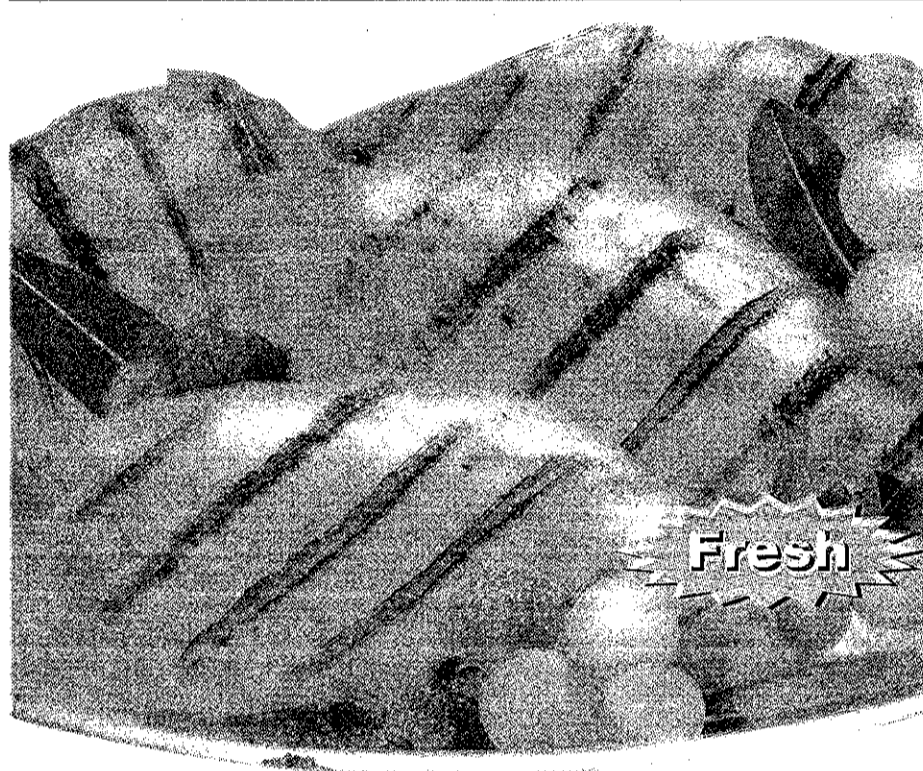
■ Wayne: Dynamite Park (Josephine Street, north off of westbound Michigan Avenue, west of Venoy), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Kurt Kuban at kkuban3240@aol.com or (734) 716-0783. Activities will include trail maintenance, trash removal, woody debris management and removal of invasive plants.

■ Westland: Holiday Nature Preserve – Cowan entrance (Central City Parkway at Nankin Boulevard), 8:30 a.m. to noon. Contact Bob Patterson at pattersonwestland@wowway.com, or James Gilbert at (734) 595-0288, Ext. 223. Activities will include removing shopping carts, invasive species removal, bridge building and trail maintenance.

## Paper wins kudos

The Schoolcraft Connection, the student newspaper at Schoolcraft College, received a first-place award for overall excellence from the Michigan Community College Press Association this spring.

Staff members won 14 individual awards, including first and second place for editorials written by editor-in-chief John Parsell from Livonia. Other awards included a first place in sports news for managing editor Michael Siegrist of Canton. Layout and photo editor Rena Lavery of Redford win first place in the sports news photo and photo essay categories.



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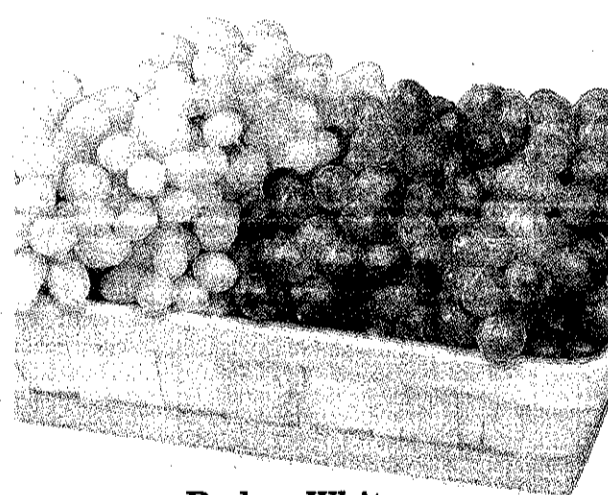
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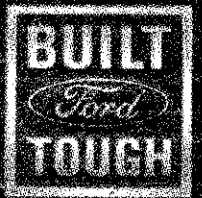
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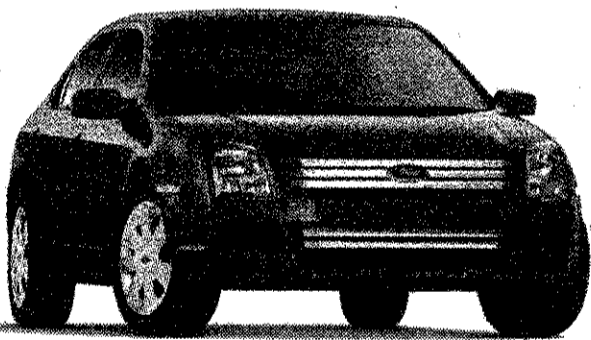


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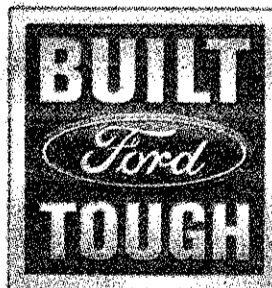
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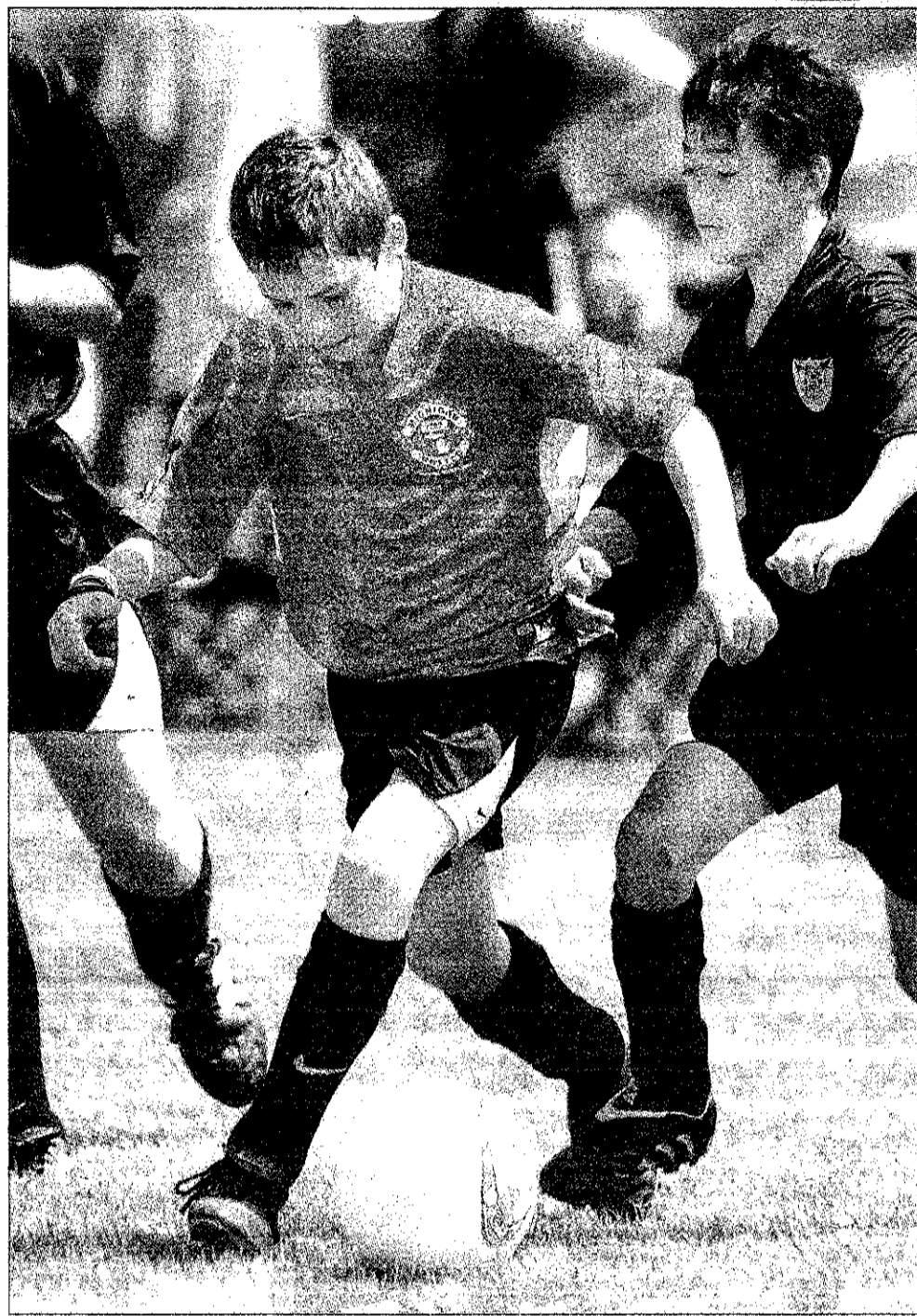
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Daniel Mullett (left) and Nick Kim-Moyer battle for possession of the ball during a Canton Cup game played Saturday at Independence Park. Thousands of players between the ages of 7 and 18 competed in the three-day tournament.



The 24th Annual Canton Cup drew large and enthusiastic crowds to the sidelines. Many fans used umbrellas to shield themselves from the relentless sun.

## Success fills 24th 'Cup' to the brim

See list of divisional winners on Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

One thought raced through John Vaughn's mind Saturday afternoon as he maneuvered a golf cart around the grid of 24 soccer fields and thousands of spectators who had congregated at Canton's Independence Park for the 24th Annual Canton Cup Classic soccer tournament.

"At one point, during the peak of Saturday's action, I stopped the cart, looked around and saw all the games going on, all the parents and siblings watching the games, all the activities

that were available, and I thought, 'This is what it's all about,'" said Vaughn, the first-year director of the three-day soccer fest that is organized by the Canton Soccer Club. "Everywhere I looked, the players were having fun playing, the families were having fun watching the games, and the volunteers were pitching in to make sure everything was running smoothly. It made me proud to be involved with such a great event."

### BIG NUMBERS

The 2006 Canton Cup attracted 449 teams, which played in a total of 743 games at Independence, Heritage and

PLEASE SEE CUP, B3

## Collop throws Plymouth hitters for a loop

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

### PREP BASEBALL

The humidity was unbearably sticky during Tuesday afternoon's Division 1 pre-District baseball game between Plymouth and Wayne Memorial.

But it wasn't nearly as nasty as Zebra starting pitcher Justin Collop's heat.

Collop combined his mid-80s fastball with a knee-buckling curve to limit the host Wildcats to four hits over the first six

innings in Wayne's 6-2 victory. Andrew Kaleto pitched a scoreless seventh for the winners.

The Zebras will take an 8-15 mark into Saturday's District semifinal contest against crosstown rival Westland John Glenn. The first pitch at Birmingham Seaholm High School is slated for 10 a.m.

"I tired out a little quicker than I normally do because of the

heat, but I felt pretty good today," said Collop, a senior. "I only made a few mistakes and two of them went pretty far."

Collop was referring to Plymouth senior Alex Harvey's two solo home runs that were launched over the left-field fence and into the laps of several John Glenn players who were scouting their next opponents from a hill overlooking the field.

"All around, this was the best game we've played all season," said first-year Wayne coach

Frank Garcia. "We only had one error and we hit the ball as well as we have all year.

"Justin pitched extremely well. He did a good job of locating his pitches. The two home runs he gave up were to a very good hitter."

The setback capped the Wildcats' record at 11-18.

"Collop has a way of making the teams he pitches against look lackadaisical, but that wasn't the case at all with us today," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams.

"The kids were into it from the first pitch to the last."

In the shadow of his team's season-ending setback, Adams said he was happy Harvey went out with a bang.

"What better way to go out than with two dongs," said Adams, referring to his senior second baseman's two round-trippers. "Alex is a great kid and a great baseball player. He's been a pleasure to coach."

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B5

### Division 1 District Soccer Action

## It's history Wildcats earn first girls soccer district victory over GC, 3-2

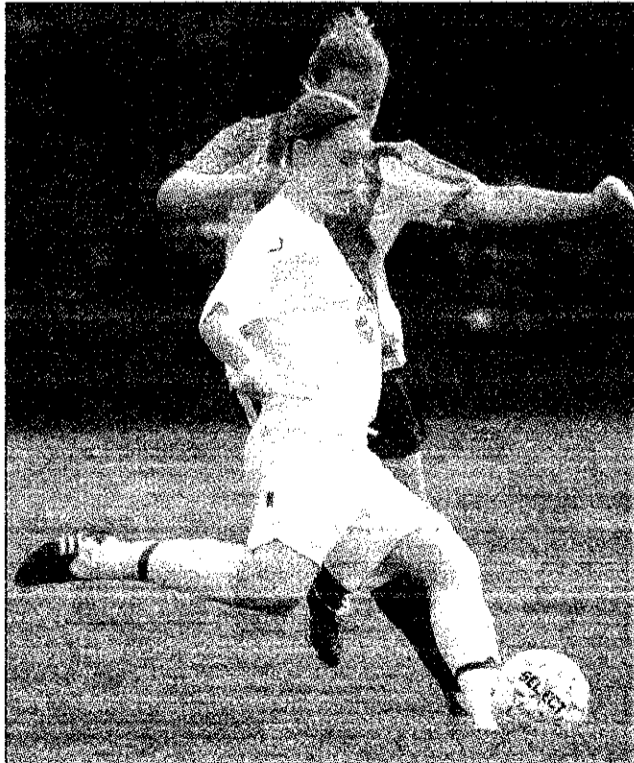
BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

With 15 minutes left Tuesday, Garden City scored a goal to take a 2-1 lead over visiting Plymouth in a Division 1 girls soccer district match.

But instead of wilting in the steamy heat, the Wildcats stormed right back for a historical 3-2 victory, the first district win in school history.

"These seniors wanted to go out with a win," said Wildcats' head coach Jeffrey Neschich. "They've been the underdogs their first three

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior Ali Perry fires the ball past Westland John Glenn's Margie Shupe during Tuesday's 9-0 Chief victory in the opening round of the Division 1 District tournament at P-CEP soccer stadium.

## Chiefs rout Glenn, roll into semifinal

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

As usual, 20 saves weren't enough for Westland John Glenn goalkeeper Melissa Frederick during Tuesday afternoon's Division 1 District quarterfinal game against Canton.

The Chiefs (11-5-2) brought the curtain down on Frederick's brilliant high school career — and the Rockets' season — by registering a 9-0 victory in the game played at the P-CEP soccer stadium.

While the competition promises to improve during the Chiefs' quest for a 2006 District crown, the same can't be said for the opponents' goal-keeping — at least not in the estimation of Canton coach George Tomasso.

"She was the best keeper in our league this year and she's probably the best in this District, too," Tomasso said, referring to Frederick, who earned All-Western Lakes Activities Association honors in 2005 and 2006. "Even though

John Glenn didn't come in with a great record, I told my team that they couldn't take any team for granted, especially when the other team has a goalie like Melissa Frederick."

While the game served as a sobering swan song for Frederick, it proved to be an uplifting debut for Canton's Megan Staub, who tallied a pair of goals in her first prep game. Staub's first goal came with 6:50 left when she deposited a 15-yard shot past Frederick's outstretched arms and into the upper-left-hand corner of the net. Just over a minute later, she found the back of the net after pouncing on a rebound off her own penalty kick.

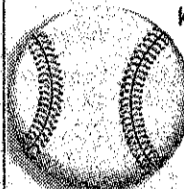
"One of the nice things about today's game was that we were able to give our starters some rest and give some other girls some playing time," Tomasso said.

The Rockets finished with a 3-14-1 mark. Canton will host Ann Arbor Pioneer this afternoon at 5 p.m. The two teams battled to a scoreless draw on April 28.

## Sidelines

### Baseball camp

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has openings. The camp, which is for



kids aged 7 and up, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity baseball field.

The cost of the camp is \$100.

Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at the Web site www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

### Gems tryouts

The Gems on Ice synchronized skating teams are currently holding private auditions for the 2006-07 season. The Gems, who skate out of the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth, will be fielding USFS juvenile, novice, junior and masters teams.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team should contact director Elise Metric at director@gemsskatingteams.com.

The Gems' Web site is www.gemsskatingteams.com.

### Hawks win

The Michigan Hawks improved to 3-0 in the W-League's Midwest Division with a 2-1 soccer victory Saturday over the host Cincinnati Ladyhawks at Lakota East (Ohio) H.S.

Asuka Kubota scored in the 20th minute on a shot from 25 yards out followed by Kristi Swaving's fourth of the season, the eventual game-winner in the 60th minute on an assist from Salem High grad Marissa Sarkesian (now at Texas A&M).

Cincinnati scored with only five minutes left in the match.

The Hawks women return to action 7:30 p.m. this Saturday to face the Chicago (Ill.) Gaels at Livonia Stevenson H.S.

### Sand volleyball

Registration is now open for an upcoming "Play in the Sand" sand volleyball tournament, which will be organized by the Canton Leisure Services.

The tournament will be held in Freedom Park in Canton on July 8. The first games will begin at 9 a.m. with two- and four-person divisions available.

Teams can register at the Summit on the Park or by phone at (734) 483-5600. The deadline for registration is June 30.

For more information regarding the leagues or the upcoming tournament, contact Natalja Tinina at (734) 483-5600.

**WILDCATS**

FROM PAGE B1

years playing kids older than them.” Thanks to the triumph at Garden City, the Wildcats (9-12) will visit Northville (16-2) at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Plymouth came from behind on two long-range floaters that snuck in under the crossbar behind Garden City junior goalkeeper Amanda Pickworth.

Knocking the score with about 12 minutes remaining was senior forward Stacey Dillon, who lofted her shot from about 30 yards behind Pickworth.

Just four minutes later, junior forward Valerie Klemmer scored on almost an identical shot and the Wildcats held on to capture the first district victory in the school's four-year history.

“We just saw their goalie was playing out of position, so we just tried to get more stuff on net,” Neschich noted.

Briefly during the second half, however, it was iffy whether the team's nine seniors – forwards Dillon, Elizabeth Martin, midfielders Kelly Buttermore, Chelsea D'Agostino, Colleen Flaherty, Kathleen Hughes and defenders Meghan Hill, Courtney Pickard and Chelsea Seesholtz – would finally experience postseason success.

“This is the first class of seniors here at Plymouth High School and they had yet to win a district game,” said Neschich. “And I'm sure they weren't feeling real well about how they were performing up to that point.”

The goals by Dillon and Klemmer got the Wildcats over the hump. And down the stretch, Plymouth's superior depth coupled with the heat factor seemed to grind the Cougars' offense down to a stop.

“We cycled a lot more players in than they did,” Neschich said.

Garden City (6-11-1) opened the scoring early in the second half when junior Katie Hearn deposited a rebound behind Plymouth junior goalkeeper Brittany Warner.

The Wildcats tied the match at 1-1 with less than 28 minutes to play. Junior defender Clare Baptist dribbled the ball up the right side of the pitch and sent a feed up to Klemmer, who did the rest. Klemmer maneuvered around the Garden City defense and found the back of the goal.

Hearn then scored on a breakaway with about 15 minutes left to put the Cougars up 2-1. Senior forward Liz Raleigh assisted on both of Hearn's goals.

That set the stage for Plymouth's late heroics and history-making.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats probably had the best scoring chance of the first half. With about 2:20 left until halftime, officials awarded a penalty kick to Hill. She collided with Pickworth, who came out of her goal to play a loose ball.

But Hill drove the ensuing shot right into Pickworth's midsection.

“The Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team's magical season continued Tuesday afternoon with a 5-1 victory over Southfield Christian in a Division 4 District semifinal contest in Southfield.

The win improved the Eagles' record to 14-0-1 and set up this afternoon's District final showdown against Ann Arbor Greenhills, which is ranked No. 2 in the state. PCA will take a No. 8 state ranking into the game. The game is set to begin at 3:30 p.m. at Greenhills.

SC employed a strategy that most of the Eagles' opponents have tried this year – stacking the 18-yard box with defenders.

“They had so many players in the box that we had a hard time getting the ball through a lot of the time,” said PCA coach Bob Lorion. “We missed a lot of shots wide, too. The score could have easily been

**No. 2-ranked Gryphons next for red-hot Eagles**

**PREP SOCCER**

10-0.”

PCA led 2-0 at the half thanks to goals from Jalese Debiassi and Karen Cleary.

After SC's Alexandra Spurlock scored early in the second half, PCA improved its advantage to 4-1 on a pair of goals off the foot of mid-felder Abby Lorion. Brooke Williams added an unassisted net-finder to seal the triumph.

Debiassi notched a pair of assists while Peggy Abraham was credited with one.

Mim Monroe earned the victory in goal for the Eagles, who are expected to have their hands full with Greenhills.

“That will be our toughest test so far this season,” promised Lorion. “Greenhills is very quick and they're well-coached. They play

their positions well and they get to a lot of loose balls. It should be a very good game.”

**GREENHILLS 10, LUTH. WESTLAND 0:** Lutheran High Westland coach Ken Shingledecker, who coordinates the Division IV state rankings, got a first-hand look Tuesday against the state's No. 2-ranked team and came away impressed.

Karly Topper and Marcia Silveira each scored a pair of goals as host Ann Arbor Greenhills rolled past the Warriors (3-11-1) in a Division IV district opener.

“They're the best team we've played all year, they're pretty impressive,” said Shingledecker, whose team trailed 3-0.

The Lutheran Westland coach singled out the play of sophomore forward Sam Terranella.

“She was working hard,” he said.

**NORTHVILLE 7, FRANKLIN 1:** The Mustangs (16-2), ranked No. 2 in Division I, opened district tourna-

ment play Tuesday with a lopsided victory at Livonia Franklin (8-8-2).

Northville, a 4-0 winner over the Patriots in a previous meeting, jumped out to a 6-1 halftime lead.

Vanessa Bailey led the Mustangs in scoring with three goals and one assist. Junior Danielle Toney contributed two goals and three assists.

Other Northville standouts included Sarah Stern, one goal and two assists; and Lindsay Blair, one goal and one assist.

Franklin's Cassie LaPrairie ruined Northville's shutout bid with a second-half goal from Diana Brda.

Mary Lambert was in goal for the Patriots.

“Obviously Northville is a good team and we did the best we could,” Franklin coach Jen Barker said. “The scoreboard was not an indicator how we played. But Northville is going to be a tough team to beat at this rate.”

**Spartans end Salem's season**

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Livonia Stevenson was able to crack Salem's defensive alignment Tuesday to register a 3-0 girls soccer victory over the visiting Rocks in the opening round of the Division I district tournament.

The Spartans, now 13-4-3 overall, take on rival Livonia Churchill, 11-3-4, in a district semifinal match 4 today at Northville. (Stevenson won the first meeting, 1-0.)

Stevenson controlled play from start to finish against the Rocks, who finished the year 4-9-2 overall.

Ally King scored a pair of first-half goals for the Spartans, the first coming off a rebound when Alana Lavery crossed a ball from deep in Salem territory, which glanced off the Salem goalkeeper's fingertips.

King then knocked home Kat Griffith's pass off a volley with two minutes remaining in the first half.

“Salem used a 5-4-1 formation, which packs a number of players into the box and around the goal area, making service into that area very difficult,” Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. “We basically possessed the ball throughout a majority of the game, their only chances coming on counter-attacks where they launched the ball behind our backline and tried to outrun our backs. Shaina (O'Connor)

read most of these and picked them off.”

In the second half, Salem pushed up and tried to generate more offense.

“We kept our three in the back, confident we could hold them off,” Pinta said.

The Spartans' Rachel Thompson capped the scoring midway through the second half on a scrum in front of the Salem net following a corner kick taken by Mallory Fox.

“I was pleased with the result tonight,” Pinta said. “It's frustrating playing against Salem because they pack so many players in. Moving the ball inside of 30 yards is so difficult because of all the bodies. None-the-less we took advantage of what they gave us and preserved the victory.”

Stevenson's backline of Liz Tokarsky, Fox, Courtney Calka and Julia Schroeder all stood out.

“I thought Ally (King) was our best player tonight, and I felt our back three did well shutting Kelly Adsit (Salem's top player) down,” Pinta said. “Kat (Griffith) created a lot for us as usual, and I thought Thompson gave us a boost in the second half with some solid play.”

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Plymouth's Erin Ondusky, pictured in a game earlier this season, contributed to the Wildcats' 11-1 victory over Wayne Memorial Tuesday afternoon in a Division I pre-District game at Plymouth.



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## Plymouth buries WM

Freshman Beth Heldmeyer went 3-for-3 and stole four bases Tuesday leading the host Wildcats (23-7-1) to an 11-1 victory over Wayne Memorial (3-

24) in a Division I pre-District game played at Plymouth.

Freshman Erin Rodes doubled twice in three trips, while Kim Klonowski contributed a three-run triple to spark a six-run Plymouth outburst in the opening inning.

Klonowski finished with four RBI on the day, while freshman Jill Brennan went 2-for-4.

Alysa Henning and Caitlyn Duenas had the only hits for Wayne, which left the bases loaded twice while scoring only one run. Starter Claire Ostrowski pitched a scoreless first for the Wildcats before Megan Patterson worked the final four innings to earn the win. Patterson struck out four, walked two and hit two batters. She allowed both hits.

Wayne starter Jesse Harris, a sophomore, took the loss.

## Brockert's career a grand slam at MU

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

It was fitting that Madonna University senior softball stalwart Erin Brockert and Aquinas University's Tarin Foster went head-to-head at the recent NAIA regional.

Brockert - the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year - slammed a three-run homer against WHAC Pitcher of the Year Foster to lift Madonna into the Region VIII championship against Cornerstone.

Unfortunately, the Crusaders lost to the Golden Eagles and finished with a 35-15 record. But the Brockert homer capped off a pretty special two-year career just the same, noted Madonna veteran head coach Al White.

"Erin's been an outstanding athlete and competitor here," White said.

Not only did Brockert pack punch at the plate - she finished with a .396 batting average with seven home runs and 35 RBI - she was an imposing figure on the mound.

The Dayton, Ohio native went 21-10 with a 1.95 earned-run average, and fanned 182 batters in 183 innings to set a new school mark for strikeouts (303, breaking the previous mark of 289 by Jenny Tenyer).

Of Brockert's 26 starts, she



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University's Erin Brockert, sending a pitch toward the plate during the recent NAIA regionals, earned further distinction by being named the 2006 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year. Earlier in her MU career, she was named the conference's top pitcher twice.

finished 23 of them, and tossed seven shutouts.

"Some of the comments we heard from other teams makes us realize how good she is," White said. "They know what a competitor she really is and we're going to miss her, no doubt about it."

In 2005, Brockert and Foster were the conference's top pitcher and player, respectively.

Brockert also was named to

the 2006 WHAC All-Conference first team at pitcher/designated player (along with Aquinas' Foster).

Other Madonna All-Conference first teamers included sophomore outfielder Heather Richardson (Canton), senior outfielder Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) and freshman first baseman Alison Grant.

Richardson batted .315 with nine homers and 31 RBI,

Little sported a .292 average with 15 RBI and Grant batted .377, contributing six round-trippers and 45 RBI.

The Crusaders also had two players on the WHAC honorable mention list, sophomore catcher-first baseman and Livonia Ladywood graduate Stephanie Day (.294, two homers, 28 RBI) and sophomore first baseman Christina Finch (.321, five homers, 18 RBI).

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**BASEBALL**

FROM PAGE B1

Although the game was played on the Wildcats' home turf, the Zebras were the designated home team, which allowed Collop and his batterymate — Andrew Ponican — an early opportunity to display their strong arms. After Plymouth lead-off batter Matt Barerra walked to open the game, Ponican swiftly gunned him down at second on an attempted steal.

Ponican also erased the only other Wildcat to reach base in the opening three frames when he threw out pinch-runner Nate McManus on a stolen-base attempt to end the bottom of the third. McManus was running for Plymouth starting pitcher Bryan Stotz, who had walked.

The Zebras touched Stotz and reliever T.J. Downey for a pair of runs in each of the first three innings. In the first, Earl Martin laced a lead-off single and, one out later, advanced to second after Kaleto was hit by a pitch. Following a successful double-steal, both Martin and Kaleto scored on Mike Green's base hit to right-center.

Wayne doubled its lead to 4-0 in the second on Brent Rexin's two-run double that plated Ponican and Martin. The Zebras' final runs came in the third when James Sikora tripled in Collop, who had led off with a double. Sikora then scored on Ponican's fielder's choice groundball.

Harvey's first blast came with two outs in the fourth when he ripped a letter-high 3-2 fastball from Collop over the left-field fence for the Wildcats' first hit. He connected again in the sixth when he sent a hanging curveball from Collop into the middle of the Rockets' contingent to make it 6-2.

Harvey's second home run seemed to spark the Wildcats as Tyler Locklear followed with a double and Ben Kosmalski singled. However, Collop subdued the threat by getting Garrett Rebain and Ronnie Goble to fly out.

Kaleto took exception to the way the Rockets threw the balls back onto the field following Harvey's home runs.

"I don't know if they were trying to intimidate us or what when they tossed the balls back on the field like that," said Kaleto. "I know we'll be ready

for them Saturday. We were a little shaky early in the season, but we've been playing a lot better lately. We have some momentum, too, after beating Plymouth on their home field." Adams said he was happy with how his team battled this season, its first with seniors. "The No. 1 thing I wanted from this team this year was improvement and we definitely improved," Adams said. "We competed and we were in just about every game."

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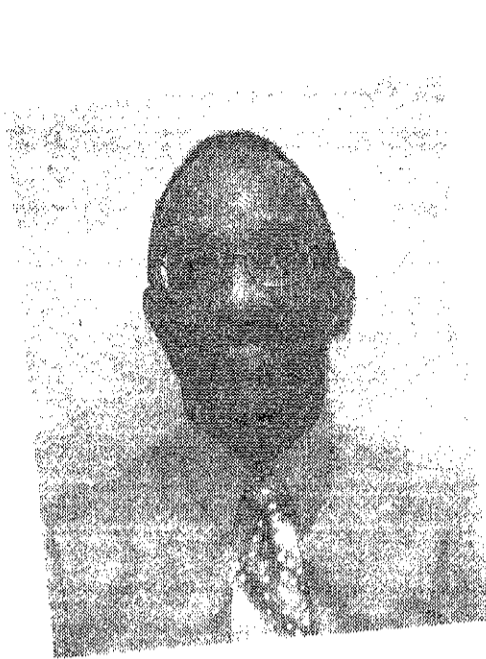
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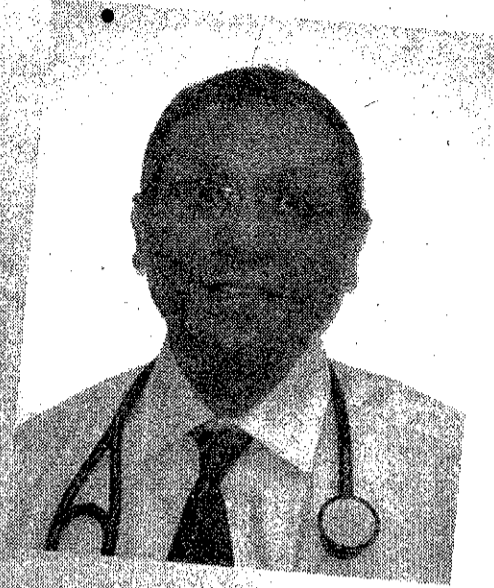
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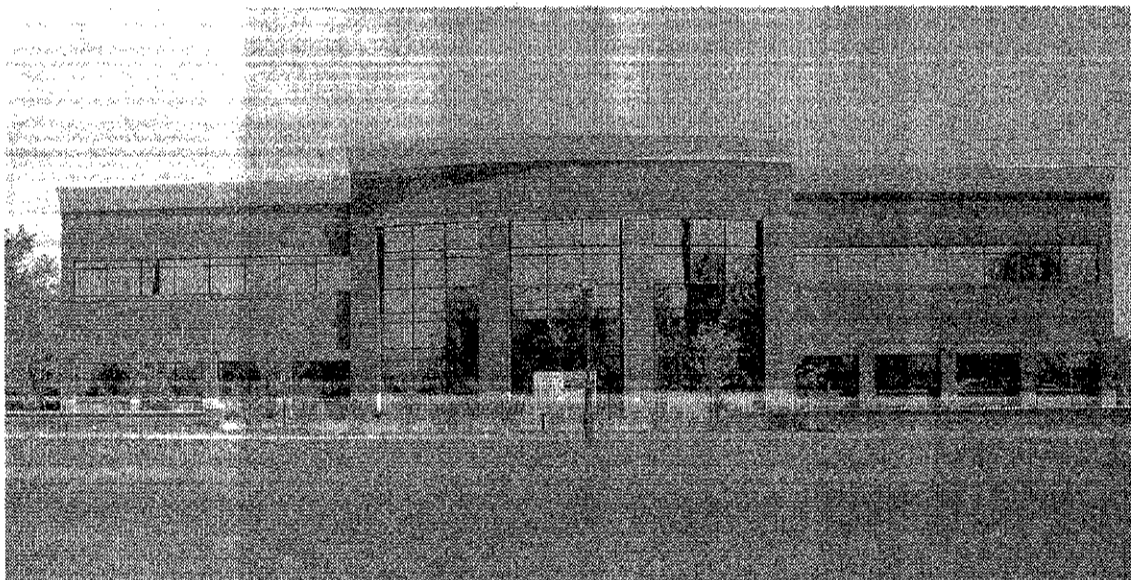
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Nationally, the event raises over \$200,000 annually for the conservation of endangered rhinos.

A family-friendly event begins at 3 p.m., which includes bowling, tin can raffle, cookie walk and coloring contest.

The traditional bowl-a-thon gets underway at 7 p.m. with bowling, a silent auction and 50-50 raffle.

Bowlers may register individually or form a team of four to five.

The registration fee is \$5, which includes shoe rental, two games, pizza and soft drinks.

One of the door prizes to be given away is a Brunswick Rhino bowling ball donated by pro bowler Lisa Bishop.

Participants are asked to collect sponsor money of a minimum \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Each year over 40 AAZK chapters throughout the U.S. facilitate similar events, raising over \$2 million annually since 1990.

The Detroit zookeepers have done their part, raising over \$90,000. One hundred percent of the proceeds directly benefit three rhino conservation projects in Africa and Asia.

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# Michigan Bucks edge Indiana Invaders

The Michigan Bucks minor league soccer team took the advice of their parent club's coaching staff last week when the MLS Columbus Crew paid a visit to Oakland County.

Crew assistant coach Robert Warzycha addressed the team before Thursday's match and offered the following words of wisdom.

"Continue to play within your system and understand your role on the team," he said. "You are all talented individuals, but until you learn to play for each other, you have accomplished nothing."

Truer words were never spoken, as the Bucks won Monday's holiday Premier Development League match at home against the Indiana Invaders, 2-1, to earn their record-setting sixth US Open Cup berth.

The scrappy team from Michigan knew that with their 3-0 record in Cup qualifying and their goal differential in tiebreaking, the Bucks only needed to win or tie to go on as the Central Conference No. 1 seed representative.

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The second seed enters Open Cup in the Qualifying Round on June 7 and the Bucks will enter the tournament in the first round on June 14.

Pairings, venues and game times will be announced by US Soccer.

The Indiana Invaders (2-2) knew they had to beat the Bucks (4-0) to have a chance for qualifying for their first U.S. Open Cup in franchise history.

That task was made more difficult when Bucks first year forward Del

Olaye scored his first goal of the year from a Nate Jafta assist, his fifth of the year.

The Bucks controlled most of the first half in the 95-degree heat, and could have finished several other chances before halftime.

Understanding what was at stake, and taking the weather into consideration, Bucks first year coach Dan Fitzgerald made several strategic substitutions early.

They paid off in the second half when Mychal Turpin finished a beautiful top corner strike from a Doug Rice assist in the 46th minute.

The Bucks continued to press, but could not finish their third goal of the game, keeping the spirited Indiana team in the match.

Invaders coach Mario Manta substituted his troops to do everything possible to get the South Bend-based club into their first U.S. Open Cup, but could not penetrate the Bucks defense until late substitution Leo Peirano

scored in the 86th minute.

Bucks goalkeeper Dominic Cervi made a couple of important late saves to secure the Bucks perfect start to the season, and first appearance in the prestigious Cup since they were eliminated from the 2003 tournament after losing to the MLS Metro Stars in Berkeley before a sellout crowd of close to 4,000.

This year's Bucks team will try and relive the fond memory, starting with winning their first match on June 14.

As the Bucks enjoyed the brief celebration Monday night, they know that their upcoming schedule is brutal.

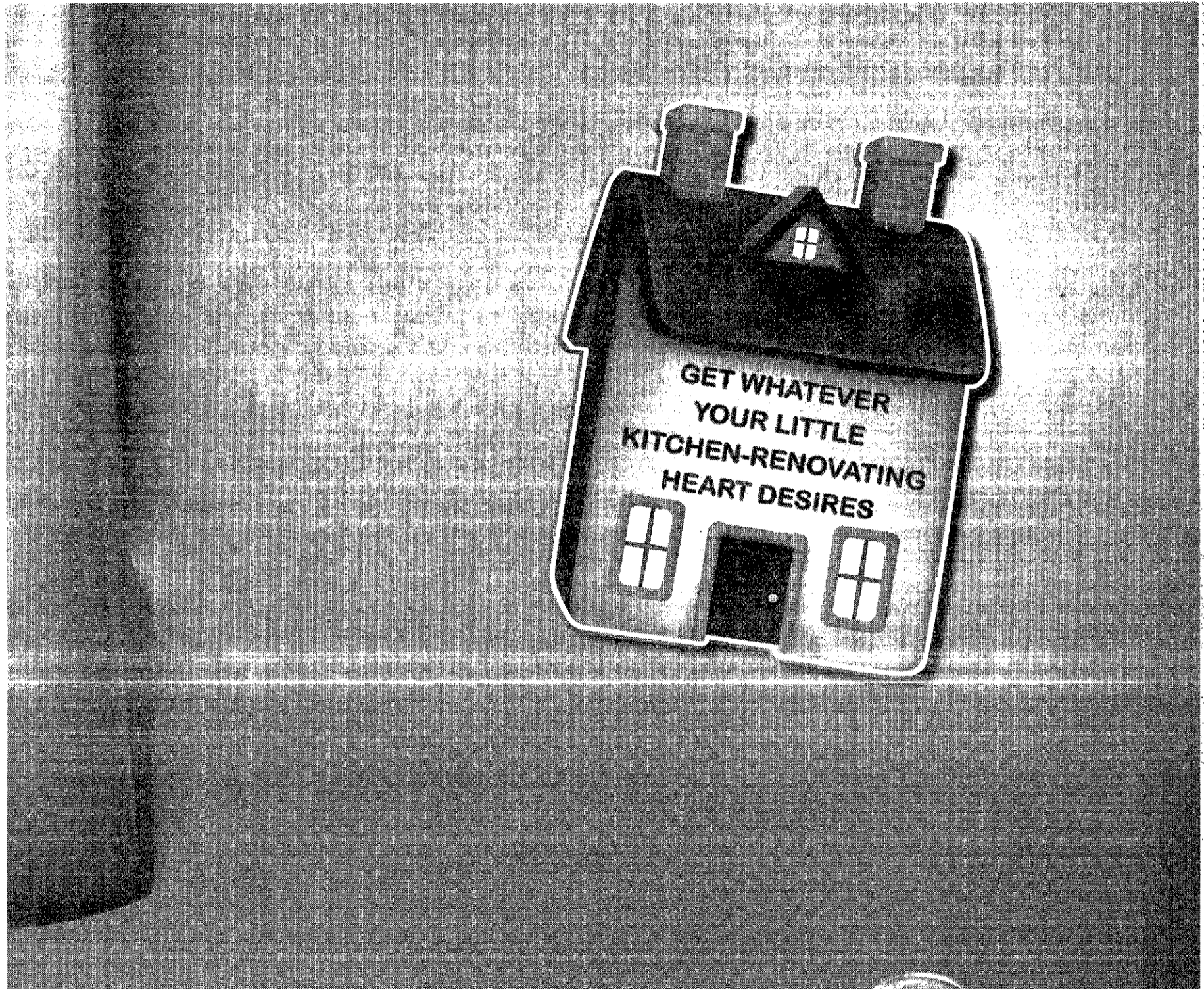
The Bucks continue Premier Development League (PDL) play this Saturday when they travel to Chicago to face their division rivals in the first of two meetings this year.

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# MHSAA expands tourneys for bowling and cheering

Two of the fastest-growing sports on the Michigan high school scene - bowling and girls competitive cheer - will play to expanded tournament formats during the 2006-07 school year following action taken during the annual spring meeting of the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, May 7-9, in Lewistown.

The Spring meeting of the 19-member legislative body of the Association's nearly 1,700 member schools is generally the busiest of its three sessions each year. The Council considered 58 committee proposals and also dealt with a variety of eligibility rule, postseason tournament and operational issues.

Following three successful years of a single-site venue for the Finals, the Council approved the Bowling Committee recommendation to have separate sites for each of the three divisions of competition.

The sites will be spread out across the state, with Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, the site of the first three Finals, hosting one division of competition.

The Council also approved the Bowling Committee recommendation to expand the tournament format from four to six regions in each division; advancing the top three teams and top ten individuals from

each regional to the finals, which should result in an increased number of participants at the finals.

The Council also voted to expand the Girls Competitive Cheer post-season tournament from three classes to four divisions.

The four divisions will each have more than 60 schools, and by adding a fourth category of competition, regional meet sizes will be reduced to a more manageable number.

A total of 40 teams will advance to the finals, an increase of 10 teams from the 2005-06 season. The finals meet will be conducted over two days at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids, which has hosted the event the last three years.

One division of competition will be scheduled for the evening of March 9, and three divisions will be on March 10 during the 2007 tournament.

"The changes in Bowling and Girls Competitive Cheer are a reflection of the increased interest in high school sports," said Jack Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "Schools continue to add extracurricular athletic opportunities for our students because they see the value they bring to the school and the community, and young people continue to turn out for these activities in record-setting numbers."

There were four other sports with classification issues before the Representative Council at the May meeting: a skiing committee proposal to reclassify from two Classes (A and B-C-D) into two nearly equal divisions was approved; a swimming and diving committee recommendation to reclassify in the Lower Peninsula from two classes to three nearly-equal divisions was tabled pending the gathering of additional information about the tournament format; and requests from the soccer committee and the girls volleyball committees to reclassify into four nearly-equal Divisions were denied, the Soccer request being turned down - in part - because the procedure of surveying schools about the change and a review of the classification committee had not yet taken place.

Previously-announced Council action addressed the escalating pressures on coaches and student-athletes in educational athletics, which included:

- Reaffirmation of the Association's position against national competition in high school sports;
- Establishing a seven-day summer "dead period;"
- Establishing a pre-season "down period;"
- Strengthening existing regulations covering sports-curriculum courses.



## Successful Quest

Members of the U10 Canton Quest Premier girls soccer team pose with their first-place trophies after winning the Hinsdale Hurricane Soccer Tournament May 6 and 7. Pictured (front row from left) are Jorden Schultz, Tracy Moore, Sydney Rouse, Lauren Babcock, Samantha Wallman, (back row from left) coach Rodrigo Gonzalez, Olivia Kaye, Emilie Hawks, Shelby Bay, Amber Cottrell, Ali Eggenberger, Courtney Simpson and parent coach Raquel Rouse.



## 'Select' company

Members of the U10 Canton Quest Select girls soccer team earned championship trophies May 6 and 7 for winning their division in the Hinsdale Hurricane Soccer Tournament. Pictured (front row from left) are Emily Burkman, Morgan Siterlet, Abby LeMerise, Dana Rebar, Kelly Schmidt, Alycia Bellino, Marissa Ozog, (back row from left) Elizabeth Zoz, Gabriella Epelman, Taylor Dillian, Amanda Shurzinske, Taylor McArdle and coach Rodrigo Gonzalez.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Salem and Canton girls basketball teams will be sponsoring two upcoming summer camps.

A camp for girls entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be held June 26-30.

A camp for girls entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades in the fall of 2006 will be held June 19-23.

Seventh-graders will attend the camp from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The

time and site for the eighth- and ninth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

A camp for girls entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be held June 26-30.

The camp for fourth-graders will be held from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

The time and site for the fifth- and sixth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

The cost of both camps is \$70.

The coaching staffs for both camps will consist of Salem's Fred Thomann, Bill Mair and Julie Nicastrri; and Canton's Brian Samulski, Scott Samulski and Jimmy Reddy. Players from both programs will serve as camp counselors.

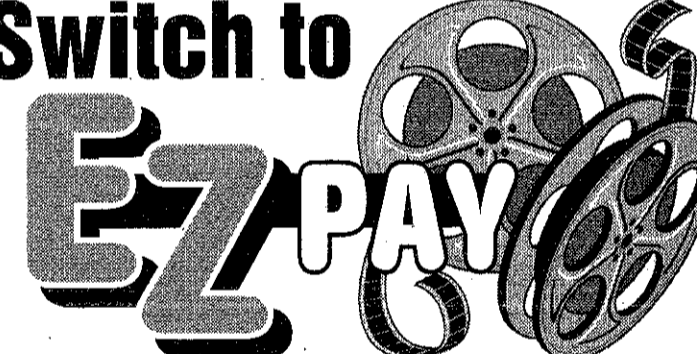
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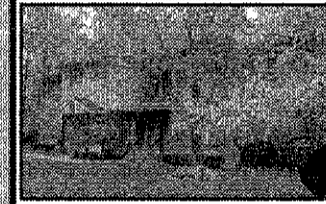


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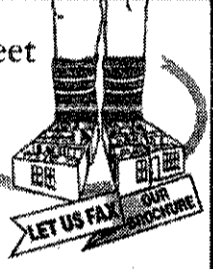
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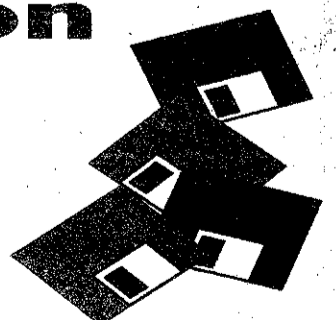
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Earth-friendly options for outdoor fun



The June/July issue of *Mother Earth News* features the top 10 green picnic picks for 2006.

Outdoor parties, picnics and hikes can be Earth-unfriendly. You can end up with bags full of "disposable" products like paper plates, plastic cups and utensils.

Now, you can buy fully biodegradable alternative products to replace those items. And that's not all you can do to step lightly on the Earth as you celebrate the outdoors.

Below are the *Mother Earth News* top 10 Earth-friendly ideas to help you enjoy both nature and convenience as you keep your gathering green.

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■ Start with fine table linens woven of 100 percent natural, certified organic cotton, with patterns created by the natural colors of

Instead of paper plates, plastic cups, utensils and other items that can be Earth-unfriendly, fully biodegradable alternative products are available for your outdoor parties, picnics and hikes.

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\$42.95 for a 50-inch-square tablecloth (matching napkins and place mats also available). Abundant Earth, (888) 523-2784, <http://www.abundantearth.com>

■ Biodegradable plates are just as sturdy as their paper counterparts, but they're made from cane fibers, a natural byproduct of sugar refining.

When the picnic's over, just gather them up and toss them in the compost pile.

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It is a cultured, colorful and calming collaboration - between two gifted artists, architect Norman Ziegelman and landscape architect Masao Kinoshita



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A stone lantern from Japan stands in the garden, which features Japanese esthetics and principles.

In harmony

Japanese garden is cultured collaboration

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER



Architect Norman Ziegelman pauses by the waterfall in the garden he designed with landscape architect Masao Kinoshita. The Ziegelmans' Bloomfield Hills property is one of several outstanding area gardens that will be featured in the Open Days Program this month.



Work on the landscaping and house was done at the same time.

The serene and spiritual Japanese garden at the Ziegelman residence in Bloomfield Hills is a harmonious whole in various ways.

It is a cultured, colorful and calming collaboration - between two gifted artists, architect Norman Ziegelman and landscape architect Masao Kinoshita.

And it unifies the modern house with the grounds, true to the classic period of modern architecture.

"Everything," Ziegelman replied, when asked what area of the garden he liked best. "I enjoy it."

This garden is one of several private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Troy and Pleasant Ridge featured in the Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program this month.

Open Days is a national program that invites the public to visit exceptional private gardens.

Its goal is to increase public appreciation and enjoyment of the country's gardens, and to build an audience to support garden preservation in America.

COMPLEMENT

The Ziegelmans have lived in the house - which Norman Ziegelman designed and built - for 28 years.

Work on the landscaping and house were done at the same time.

Nature and the structure complement each other. Large windows in the home provide clear views of the surrounding grounds. And the angles and lines of the house fit comfortably in the landscape.

Both Ziegelman and Kinoshita worked for Eliel Saarinen.

Ziegelman went to Japan to study gardens and shrines. Kinoshita studied landscape architecture, Zen, flower arranging - and later, calligraphy. A calligraphy work by him hangs in the foyer of the home.

Japanese esthetics and design principles are found throughout the garden, which is on 1-1/3 acres.

A tricolor beech tree stands in the center of an arrangement of plants in front of the house. Brick pavers are placed in concentric circles.

By the front door is a small courtyard, a quiet transition from the outside to the inside. A large sculpture representing a blossom is here, as are PJM miniature rhododendrons and azaleas, and a cluster of yellow begonias at the door.

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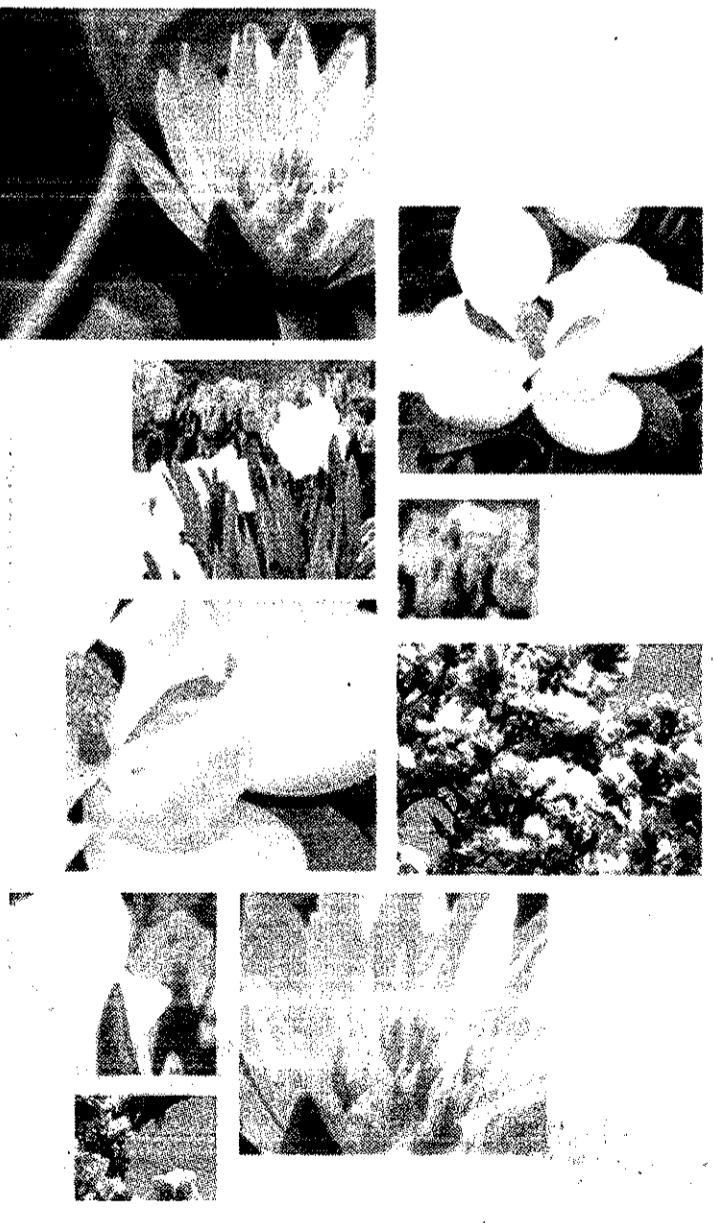
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### Arts and crafts

Women of Bloomfield's 22nd annual juried Arts and Crafts Show will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at First Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads in Birmingham. About 75 artists are expected to participate. Among them will be Dar and Cori Hoag, whose stone and concrete garden statuary works from last year's event are shown here. The show will also feature a 50/50 raffle, a bake sale and a food booth. All proceeds will be donated to SCAMP summer camp scholarships for special needs children and to the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council for Care House.

## Get the air conditioner ready

Summer is just around the corner. It is time to start thinking about your central air conditioner and getting it ready for those hot, muggy summer days.

Over the more than 57 years Flame Furnace Company has been installing and servicing air conditioning systems, it has developed the following easy spring tips to help you get ready for your summer cooling needs:

- Have your air conditioning system inspected by a licensed and insured contractor with North American Technician Excellence (NATE)-qualified service technicians.
- Remember to clean your air filters once a month all year round. Change them every three months if they are disposable.
- When changing a filter, be sure to install a replacement that is the same size as the original. Also, make sure it is facing the right direction. Most filters have the air flow direction marked on them.
- Check and make sure that both your inside and outside fuses/breakers are on and operating.
- Make sure that the out-

door unit is free of debris. Trim or remove shrubs or obstructions within 1 foot of the outdoor unit.

- Be careful when mowing the lawn near the outside unit, and make sure that grass clippings and leaves aren't blown toward the unit.
- Thoroughly wash the fin area of the outside condenser with a garden hose. Point the garden hose head straight down and shower gently.
- Don't run a central air conditioner when the outside temperature is below 68 degrees.
- Operating a residential air conditioner in cool temperatures may cause premature compressor failure.
- Never try to add refrigerant to an air conditioner yourself. Call a trained and NATE-certified Factory Authorized contractor who is licensed and has the knowledge and equipment to do this job properly.
- If your air conditioner is more than 10 years old, you may want to consider asking a certified contractor to perform a free evaluation of your system.

New air conditioning systems offer more efficiency, qui-

eter operation and environmentally safe refrigerant (Puron vs. Freon-22).

You should also be aware that as of January 2006, federal law mandates that no air conditioner can be manufactured with a SEER rating below 13. This translates into energy savings of up to 30 percent over the old 10.0 SEER units.

■ Did you know federal regulations require that your air conditioning unit be serviced in such a way that no refrigerant escapes into the air, because it is harmful to the environment?

That's why it is important to make sure your contractor is licensed, carries liability insurance and is certified in refrigerant handling and recovery.

At this time of year companies often run specials for thorough air conditioner checks and cleaning, as well as replacement of older systems.

For more information, call Flame at (888) 234-2340, or visit [www.flamefurnace.com](http://www.flamefurnace.com).

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## Tips help stretch your remodeling budget

It's that time of year again. Spring is in the air, and that means fresh thoughts, new beginnings, and ideas for home renovation start to take shape.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) reminds homeowners that May is Home Improvement Month, marking the time when homeowners across the country seek out contractors who can turn their dream homes into reality.

"Preparing for a remodeling project is a lot like preparing to buy a car," said Everett Collier, CR, of Collier-Ostrom Remodeling, and president of NARI. "You may know which room and style you'd like, but the options you choose may drive the price higher than you can reasonably afford."

"However, there are ways to stretch your remodeling budget."

Below are NARI's tips for stretching that budget:

■ Hire a professional contractor who is familiar with the building codes in your area. Replacing work that doesn't meet code can be extremely expensive.

■ A well-written contract

can prevent costly mistakes or additions to the scope of your project. It is a critical step in maintaining your budget.

■ Save money by planning ahead. Go through the design process with your remodeler first and choose everything you want to include in the new room(s), from appliances to light fixtures.

This will define your budget and prevent hasty (and costly) changes later in the project.

■ Compare products and their prices carefully before you make final decisions. And keep an open mind when you discuss product and design ideas with your contractor.

■ Aside from product choice, another way to decrease the cost of your remodeling project is to pay attention to how labor-intensive some design features may be.

For instance, laying a ceramic tile mosaic backsplash would be costly versus a backsplash laid with conventional-sized tiles.

The remodeling market, a \$275 billion industry in the United States in 2005, is expected to continue to experience significant growth. It is

estimated that more than a million homes per year undergo major renovation or remodeling.

NARI is a professional association whose members voluntarily subscribe to a strict code of ethics.

Consumers can search [www.RemodelToday.com](http://www.RemodelToday.com) to find a qualified professional who is a member of NARI.

Consumers can also call the NARI National hotline at (800) 611-NARI and request a free copy of NARI's brochure, *How to Select a Remodeling Professional*, or visit [www.RemodelToday.com](http://www.RemodelToday.com) and click on the homeowner's guide for more information.

NARI is the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry.

With more than 7,000 member companies nationwide, the association - based in Des Plaines, Ill. - is "The Voice of the Remodeling Industry."

For membership information, or to find a local NARI chapter or a remodeling professional, visit NARI's Web site at [www.RemodelToday.com](http://www.RemodelToday.com) or contact the national headquarters office at (800) 611-NARI.

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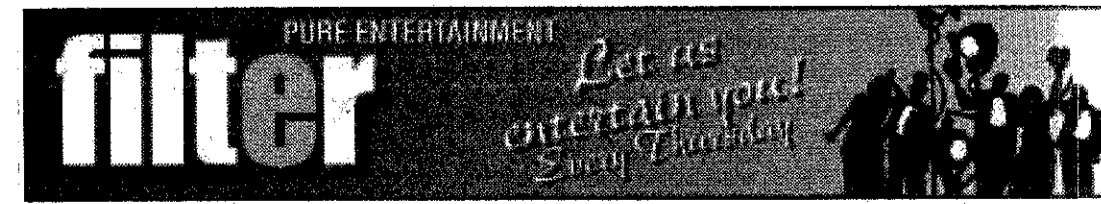
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## Macy's will be "way to shop"

BY WENSZY WHITE

Many Metro Detroiters are still working to shake the Hudson's habit, and get used to calling the department stores Marshall Field's. Don't bother — the name will change again this fall.

Federated Department Stores has purchased all 61 Marshall Field's stores across the country and is in the process of converting them to Macy's. Michigan's 22 locations are among them.

The change will take full effect on Sept. 9, when the new Macy's signage is unveiled during in-store celebrations. The first 1,000 customers who walk through the door of any Macy's that day will receive free gift cards in "mystery amounts," and shoppers will get a glimpse of Macy's private brands and the latest items for fall.

The Somerset Macy's will amp up the occasion with fashion shows, gift-with-purchase promotions and live entertainment.

Until then, the Macy's team will be hard at work ushering in the transition. Macy's private labels, which range from I.N.C. for trendsetters to Greendog for children, will be eased onto the retail floor starting the third week of July. Meanwhile, the public is being prepared for the change.

On May 23, media were invited to a Macy's Preview at the Oakland Marshall Field's.

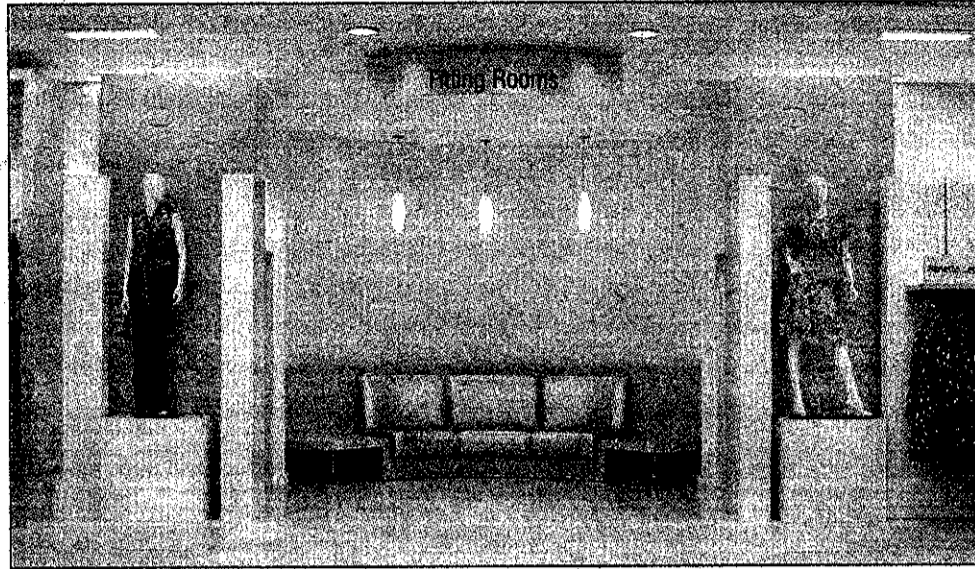
PINK met with Hank Lorant, Regional Vice President for Marshall Field's, who brought us up to speed on what we can expect from Macy's.

"You will see a dramatically different look to the stores," said Lorant, who started with Hudson's in 1975 and will continue as Regional Vice President for the Macy's North division, which encompasses Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota.

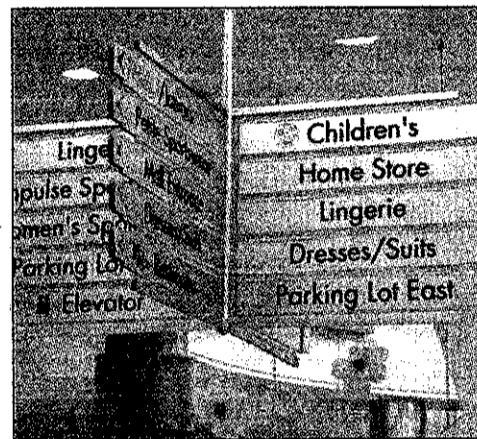
Lorant said Macy's is working to preserve the best of Marshall Field's, which is known for top-notch customer service, a great culinary department, in-store restaurants and community involvement. At the same time, Macy's will make shopping easier with cleaner environments, wider aisles, and products tailor-made for four specific 'lifestyles.'

"We're marrying great merchandise with great service to create a great shopping experience here in Detroit," Lorant said.

Here are some of the things guests can expect with the Macy's "way to shop":



At Macy's, renovated fitting rooms with benches will make shopping more comfy for you and your hubby.



Wayfinding signs will make shopping easier.

● **Differentiated and Edited Merchandise.** Less is more as Macy's cleans up the sales floor. Racks will be lowered so customers can see displays on the back walls. Merchandise, from fashion to housewares, will be grouped according to four well-researched "lifestyle" demographics.

● **Streamlined Pricing.** Instead of marking things up to mark them down, Macy's offers "Everyday Value," with merchandise priced to sell. Coupons will be more exclusive.

● **Fewer Checkout Stations.** Customers will no longer be confused by unstaffed "wrap stations." Instead there will be fewer checkout areas, with more accessible staff.

● **Renovated Fitting Rooms.** All fitting rooms will have lounge areas with upholstered benches, so you don't have to wan-

der through the store for a second opinion.

● **Wider Aisles.** Moms will have an easier time pushing strollers between racks that are at least 32" apart.

● **Price Checkers.** Having trouble figuring out what that red-pen, double mark-down, 40 percent off will actually cost you? Scan the bar code yourself at price checkers before you buy.

● **Improved Signage.** 'Wayfinding' signs at the intersections of aisles will clearly point the way to what you seek.

● **Continued Community Support.** "Macy's Gives" will continue to support local causes, including Macy's Second Mondays at The Henry Ford, Detroit Festival of the Arts, Detroit Public Library Summer Reading Program, Day of Music with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the United Way.

● **Holiday Festivities.** Macy's will welcome Santa to the Oakland Mall store with fireworks on Friday, Nov. 11, and continue photos with Santa, family events and entertainment and holiday cooking demonstrations throughout the store.

● **Food.** Macy's will take over the Marshall Field's Culinary Council, comprised of America's top culinary minds, who design menus for in-store restaurants and make in-store appearances. Macy's will take Frango chocolates nationwide.

● **Charge Cards.** Marshall Field's card holders will automatically be eligible for a Macy's card, and will be contacted by mail. Or, opt for a Macy's Visa.

Visit [www.macys.com](http://www.macys.com) for more information.

## pink picks

By Wenszy

Wear It!

Leggings under flowy dresses or tops

DON'T Wear It!

Leggings, if you don't have the legs

Kick It!

Franco Sarto Yacht Sandal

Face It!

Great Lash mascara

Smell It!

Miss Dior Cherie

See It!

The Break-Up

Tote It!

Juicy Couture Maggie Charm Tote

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The reader who sends us the hottest picks will win our Second Annual Reader PINK Picks Contest!

Those picks will be featured in our August 20, 2006 PINK issue, and our deserving reader will receive a \$500 shopping spree at Laurel Park Place, just in time for Fall!

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Enter your choices for the following PINK Picks categories:

- Wear It! .....
- DON'T Wear It! .....
- Tote It! .....
- Kick It! .....
- Accessorize It! .....
- Face It! .....
- Tivo It! .....
- DVD It! .....
- See It! .....
- Read It! .....
- Hear It! .....
- Drink It! .....
- Kat It! .....
- Use It! .....
- Do It! .....
- Experience It! .....

You must submit at least 12 PINK picks to be eligible. Use this issue's PINK Picks as an example.

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★ Don't be fashionably late! Get your picks to us by JULY 23rd

