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Simply Symphonic

Orchestra Canton looks to carve its own niche

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

When Orchestra Canton kicks off its second season Oct. 22 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, it will continue on its mission of creating a separate identity for itself from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, from which it was created.

According to Jennifer Philpot-Munson, executive director for both Orchestra Canton and the PSO, the orchestra's main objective for the 2005-06 season is to connect with the Canton community, which she doesn't feel was accomplished in the first season. That is why the orchestra has nearly doubled the number of shows it played last year, from three to five, with the goal of again doubling the number of shows for next year.

"The first challenge is to make the community aware of our existence. We only had three concerts last year, so that really wasn't much of an opportunity to introduce ourselves," she said. "Our goal is to be the staff orchestra for the Village Theater. We also want to know what kind of programming people in Canton prefer. We have our ideas, but we need people to come out and let us know."

The orchestra's first performance Oct. 22, is called *Jazz and Jeans*, which organizers feel will be a good show to introduce people to the orchestra - people who wouldn't necessarily go to see a professional orchestra play.

PLEASE SEE ORCHESTRA, A5



Soprano Karin White and baritone Thomas Petiel performed with Orchestra Canton during a performance last season. The orchestra begins its expanded second season Oct. 22.

PSO still making beautiful music six decades later

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Evelyn and Carl Groschke enjoyed playing instrumental music. So much so, they regularly invited friends and neighbors into their Plymouth home to play the classical sounds of Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaichovsky and the like.

Along about the same time - 1945 - Paul Wagner, director of the school district music program, had thoughts of organizing his own orchestra.

The two groups - numbering about a dozen people - recognized their common goal and joined together, forming the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, playing together for the first time on April 20, 1947.

"In the good old days, we played in the gym of Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School) on a stage, with the audience on seats down the middle and on the bleachers," said William Hulsker, 67, who for 43 years has played second bassoon for the PSO. "We had really good turnouts and filled up that gym. The people seemed to enjoy it."

In nice weather, the orchestra performed on the school lawn at Church and Main, with the audience sitting on folding chairs and blankets, not much different than the current concerts held in Kellogg Park.

PLEASE SEE PSO, A9

ORCHESTRA CANTON'S 2005-2006 SEASON:

- Jazz & Jeans -- 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22.
- Back to Bach, an Orchestra Canton and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra season subscription concert -- 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14.
- Peter and the Wolf and other family favorites -- 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20.
- 'Toon Tunes: Cartoon Music Favorites' -- 4 p.m., Saturday, April 2.
- Summer Sounds: A Pops Picnic -- 8 p.m., Saturday, July 15.

Tickets for Orchestra Canton events may be reserved by phone at (734) 394-5460, or purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour prior to show time.

Man Washburn
PSO and Orchestra Canton conductor

State windfall still leaves district short

Grant hike eaten up by health care, other costs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It's not that Plymouth-Canton school officials aren't appreciative of the state's \$175 boost in per-pupil foundation grant money, which raises the district's allocation to \$7,200 per student.

However, administrators admit the funding increase doesn't come anywhere near paying for the rising costs of employee retirement, health care, energy and diesel fuel.

"For the past 11 years in Plymouth-Canton, the average foundation allowance increase averages 2.20 percent, including this year's \$175 increase, while the CPI (consumer price index) is at 2.51," said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services. "What that tells you, in a snapshot,

is our expenses have increased in excess of the revenue we receive from foundation allowance increases."

The augmentation in K-12 funding, announced this week by the state, is the first in three years. Two executive order cuts by the governor took away \$50 per student in 2002-03, with another \$74 cut in 2003-04.

According to Brand, increases in the state-mandated retirement fund for school district employees will spend \$70 of the increase, with a projected 10-percent jump in health care expenses costing another \$91.

"That's already accounting for \$161 of the increase," said Brand. "Those two are very difficult to control

PLEASE SEE DISTRICT, A5

Officials say Willow Run plan is 'Canton-friendly'

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Airport Authority has developed an alternate plan for upgrading Willow Run Airport. Airport officials believe the new plan will lessen the impact on the Canton community.

According to airport spokesman Michael Conway, Willow Run will not expand the runway that heads north, thus eliminating much of the air traffic over Canton. That plan, which was part of the former master plan for the airport, was widely criticized by Canton officials, including state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), who thought more air traffic would negatively impact quality of life in the southwest part of town.

Instead, Conway said a runway that runs to the east will be extended to 9,500 feet. This will allow Willow Run's long-haul carriers, which often transport locally made auto parts, the ability to fly directly to Europe, instead of having to make a

"tech stop" somewhere on the east coast to re-fuel. According to Federal Aviation Administration rules, the current runway precludes the planes from carrying enough fuel to make the trip, because it would make them too heavy on such a short runway, according to Conway.

He said the new plan will actually eliminate two runways, including the one that runs north toward Canton.

"If I was in Canton, I would be very happy about this plan. It is very Canton-friendly," Conway said.

The authority, which operates both Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports, will unveil the plan and open it up to public comment at an information workshop scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Holiday Inn Express on the I-94 North Service Drive in Belleville. To reach the Holiday Inn Express, take the Belleville Road exit off I-94. Turn north onto Belleville Road and left (west) onto the I-94 North Service Drive.

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Assembling your
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Exemplary public servants

At a recent luncheon, the Canton Rotary Club honored Canton firefighter Josh Meier (left) and police Officer Rene LeBlanc as Firefighter of the Year and Police Officer of the Year, respectively. The two men received their awards from the Rotary Club for their outstanding service to the Canton community. At the luncheon, Public Safety Director John Santomauro spoke of the importance of support between the Public Safety Department and community organizations such as the Rotary Club. 'It is this type of relationship that makes Canton a community,' he said.

Peter Pan

Canton Leisure Services has scheduled a trip on Nov. 5 to the Fisher Theatre in Detroit to see the musical *Peter Pan*. The show will feature the farewell performance of Tony Award® nominee Cathy Rigby, who takes flight in the 100th anniversary of the immortal James M. Barrie tale.

All ages are welcome. Anyone interested in attending can register at Summit on the Park. Resident ticket price is \$46.99. Those attending will meet in the lobby of the Summit at 12:45 p.m. on the day of the trip, and leave by bus.

Certified governess

Marcy Rebandt of Canton recently graduated from the English Nanny and Governess School of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Rebandt, who completed the school's three-month academic program and internship, is currently in the process of earning her title of Certified Professional Governess. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Hillsdale College, and is excited to embark on her new career as a professional governess with a family in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Free movie screening

The award-winning documentary "The Witness" will be shown, free of charge, at the Canton Public Library at 7

p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27. Complimentary desserts will also be on-hand and be available on a first come first serve basis.

The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 397-0999.

Police auction

The Canton Police Department's public sale that had been scheduled for Oct. 7, has been re-scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21. The public sale will be held at the Canton D.P.W. building located at 4847 S. Sheldon Road, beginning at 9 a.m.

More than 500 items are to be sold, including bicycles, cellular phones, cameras, music equipment and lawn decorations. A complete list of items may be obtained at the front desk of the Canton Police Department.

Grand opening

Carvel Ice Cream shop (41990 Ford Road in the Willow Creek Shopping Plaza) will hold its official grand opening celebration from 2-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8.

The first 20 customers will get a free Lil Love® ice cream cake, and all guests can take part in coloring and create-your-own-flavor contests. A magician and a face painter will be on hand to add to the fun, and customers can tour a fire engine.

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Free Kindermusik

Evola Music of Canton offers free Kindermusik story times, "Spooky Tunes," twice this month in the Plymouth community.

The events take place 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 at Caribou Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, and at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman.

Kindermusik offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement.

Evola Music is located at 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. For more information or to register for classes, call (734) 455-4677.

Katrina choir

When the Plymouth-Canton Choir and Orchestra open their 2005-06 concert series Oct. 11, the concert will have more than just a musical impact.

The choirs and orchestra will combine for the concert and donate 50 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina victims.

The concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 in the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School. Seats are not reserved, and tickets will be available at the door for \$5 per adult, \$4 for students, child and seniors, with a family rate of \$10.

For more information and other concert dates, visit the Web site calendar at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pccp/calendars/calSchool.aspx>

Sounds of Canton

Residents are invited to bring their entire family and watch as The Sounds of Canton demonstrates that talent is ageless. The Sounds of Canton will present their 6th annual concert, featuring classic silver screen favorites. The performances will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. Both shows will be located at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The songs that will be performed include, "Around the World I Searched for You," "The Shadow of Your Smile," "Top Hat," "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," "The Circle of Life," "A Love Affair to Remember," and more. In addition to these songs, there will be a special tribute to our military veterans.

Tickets are available at Summit on the Park and the Village Theater box office for only \$8. On Saturday, Nov. 12, there will be a buffet luncheon (2 p.m.) and performance combination ticket price of \$20.

Physical Therapy UPDATE
Presented by Hands On Center For Physical Therapy

RUNNING COMMENTARY

Runners should approach their injuries on an individual basis because every injury and every runner is unique. While some injuries require a total layoff, others are minor enough to warrant a cutback in activity. Let pain be your guide. If you cannot walk briskly for a mile with little or no pain, do not attempt to run. While you can run with slight pain, if it worsens as you run, stop. If your injury gets worse from day to day, take some time off. Do not run if your injury makes you limp or otherwise alters your form because changing your gait can cause another injury that is far worse than the original.

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Songwriters hit the stage in CHV theater concert

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

What makes a really good song is usually up to the listener, but some 500 Michigan songwriters sent in their best attempts at appealing to the ears and minds of The Michigan Songwriters for the group's annual song-writing contest.

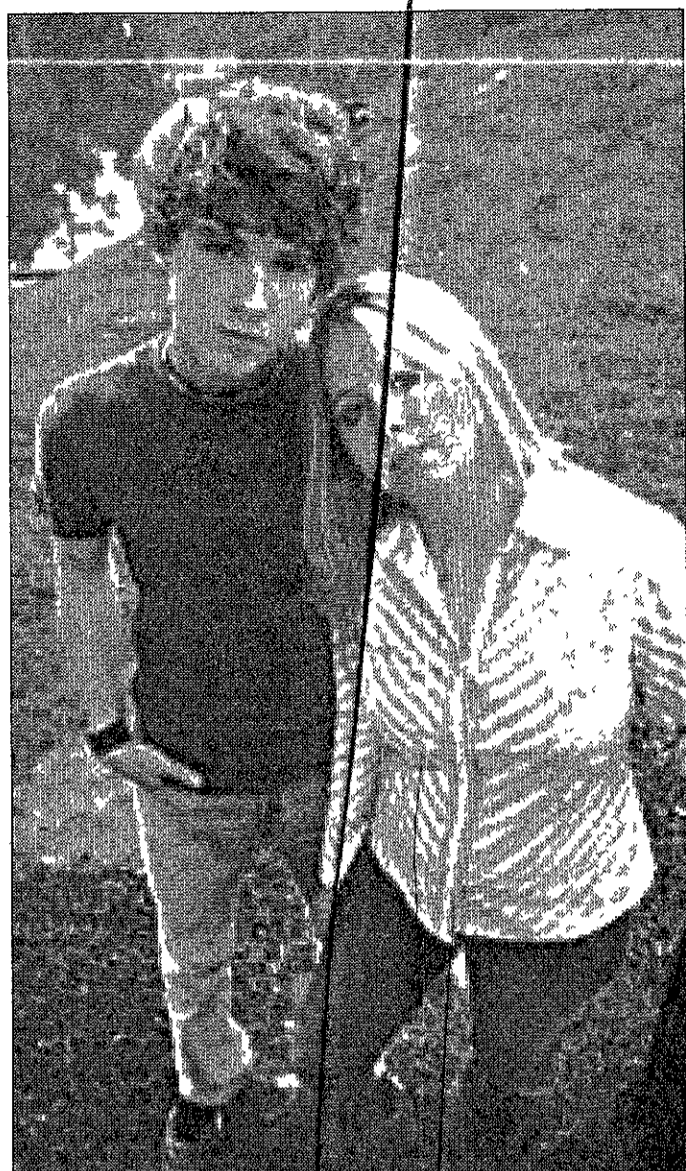
"I think what makes a good song is when from beginning to end the theme and the melody take you through an arc, and build on an idea or an emotion," said Cindy Felton, one of the organizers for The Michigan Songwriters contest.

And many of the 500 contestants did just that. The winners of the contest will be on stage in Canton Oct. 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, playing a concert which will benefit Detroit's public radio station WDET-FM.

"I think it's great that we can benefit WDET because they do so much to promote independent and local musicians. It's nice to be able to give something back," Felton said.

New to the song-writing community are Rachel, 21, and Taylor Clark, 18, of Niles, Mich. The pair goes by "Stage Fright Remedy." The brother and sister song writing duo won second and third place honors in the contest.

It will be the Clarks' first Detroit-area appearance, but they're hardly new to the stage, having been recently featured on National Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion." The duo won the radio show's Teen Talent Search in 2005. They were double winners in the Michigan song writing Contest for their songs "Not Over You"



The brother-sister team of Rachel and Taylor Clark of Niles, Mich., are among the winners of a songwriting contest who will be on stage in Canton Oct. 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, playing a concert which will benefit Detroit's public radio station WDET-FM.

and "My Casanova." Their father, Doug Clark, who was himself a touring singer-songwriter in the '90s, co-wrote both songs.

"We were very surprised and excited," said Rachel Clark. She and her brother only three years ago began writing music together. Writing is definitely her favorite facet of the musical

process (she admits to stage fright when she performs). "So it was nice to be recognized for the writing."

Besides Stage Fright Remedy, the program will feature Detroit alt-country band Whit Hill and the Postards, Ann Arbor singer-songwriter Bob Skol, northern Michigan's award winning pop-rock

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$15. Reserved tickets are available through the Canton Township offices at (734) 394-5300. For more information, visit www.GreatLakesSongs.com.

duo David Runyan and Brian Whitscell and special guest David Mosher.

The five judges for this year's contest were: Michael Lutz, producer and former bass player with Ted Nugent and Brownsville Station (and co-writer of the rock classic, "Smokin' In The Boys' Room"); David Tamulevich, a partner in The Roots Agency and half of the well-known Michigan acoustic duo Mustard's Retreat; Pam Rossi, host of the "Over Easy" show on Detroit's WCSX-FM; John Lamb, songwriter, performer and the organizer of Song writing and poetry retreats in northern Michigan; and Terri Senecal, a Flint-area songwriter, former Nashville Songwriters' Association International coordinator, song writing teacher, and author.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$15. Reserved tickets are available through the Canton Township offices at (734) 394-5300.

For more information, visit the contest Web site at www.GreatLakesSongs.com

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Shop owner continues battle with township

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The ongoing court saga involving the township and a Canton businessman continued Tuesday, as the owners of Mac's Automotive Service and the township failed to reach agreements over a list of 22 ordinance violations.

Robert McCausland, of Novi, co-owns the business on Lotz Road, just south of Ford. He and his brother, Dan McCausland, also own residential rental properties on Al Smith Road near the automotive business. The township has issued the brothers 29 ordinance violations at the properties. Violations include failure to restore a stream bed after the brothers did some grading work near the residential properties on the east side of Canton.

According to court records, McCausland has had 22 court appearances since Oct. 21, 2003. McCausland was advised in court three weeks ago to have retained an attorney prior to his appearance on Oct. 4, but he arrived in court with no attorney.

Five of the original 29 violations were, at McCausland's request, tried in court in July. He was found guilty by a jury, and is appealing the verdict in Wayne County Circuit Court. Still outstanding are 21 violations written in Sept. 2003, and one violation of the township's zoning ordinance, written in July 2005. McCausland was ticketed this year for unlawfully operating a used car sales lot on the commercial property, according to Canton's

attorney, Ronald Witthoff. "About one third of the outstanding issues have been at least tentatively settled, pending a site inspection and verification," Witthoff said.

The township and McCausland are due back in court Oct. 11 to review progress on the negotiations between the business owners and the township. Witthoff said that some non-operating vehicles have been removed from the properties and there have been some building repairs and landscaping issues which the McCauslands have addressed.

"If things aren't resolved we'll have to set trial dates," Witthoff said.

The most recent alleged violation - for operating a used car sales facility - is still outstanding. The brothers have argued that they have a state license to sell used cars on their property, but Witthoff said the township would require special land use permission for them to sell cars there.

"They have always brought up that Auto Nation used to be right there near their property, but Auto Nation had sought special land use. The McCauslands have not," Witthoff said.

The McCauslands have argued that they are being singled out because their property is potentially valuable in the eyes of developers. They have said that the township is trying to run them out of business by harassing them, and ultimately forcing them to sell the property.

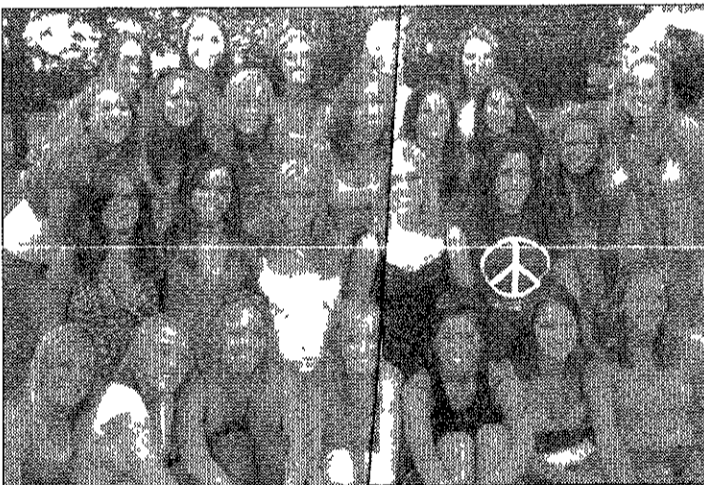
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Chiefettes set for variety show

The Canton High School championship pom squads will present their annual Fall Variety Show at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Oct. 8 in the Salem High School auditorium. This year's show will feature both the varsity and jr. varsity pom squads, which won Grand Champion awards at this summer's Mid-American PomPom Camps held at Northwood University.

The show will include some of the top talent from among the 6,000 students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Singers, bands, hip hop dance troupes, and much more will entertain the audience. There will also be a special performance by the "Future Chiefettes," a group of more than 60 young girls who were participants from this year's Kid's Pom Clinic hosted by the varsity Chiefette squad in September.

The 27 member varsity squad consists of 15 seniors (most of



The Canton High School Chiefettes will perform their annual variety show on Oct. 8 in the Salem High School auditorium.

whom have been with the Chiefettes for 4 years), nine juniors, and three sophomores. The junior varsity squad consists of 15 freshmen and sophomore girls.

Tickets for the shows are available from any Chiefette before the show. They will also

be for sale outside the Canton High School cafeteria during lunch hours for \$5 each. They can also be purchased at the show for \$7 each. For more information, call (734) 397-0555 or e-mail tensquared@comcast.net.

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Canton owner leaves image with printing business

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Don't buy an airplane, Frank Sinagra's wife told him. But, by golly, 12 years ago he did.

Don't buy a sailboat, she said a few years after that. But he owns one now.

And for Heaven's sake, don't buy a business. Yet this week he held a grand opening at his new store, Allegra Print & Imaging in Canton.

"She must trust that I know what I'm doing," Sinagra said, laughing and leaning back in his office chair.

It was a long road getting to the new store on Joy Road. After 12 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Sinagra had to leave the Corps due to injuries sustained during the Vietnam War. After that, he worked as a stock broker, and then worked as a publisher.

It was the combination of experiences - the integrity from the Corps, the financial savvy and customer service he learned as a broker, and the

knowledge of publishing - which led him to Allegra, he said.

"What I really like about printing is that every day you get to see the fruits of your labor," Sinagra said. The digital printing business affords him all the satisfaction of making a product without the mess of working with inks, like he would have to do if he had an offset press.

And he can see every project through many phases, since the business is multifaceted - including high-quality print communications, signs and mailing services.

"At Allegra Print & Imaging we take projects from concept to completion, whether customers bring their ideas in on scrap paper or send their files to us electronically," Sinagra said.

When Sinagra was ready to open his business, he knew he wanted to do so in the community where he's lived for 18 years. He is passionate about giving back to the community, and actively supports the Michigan Aerospace

Foundation (he's been a pilot for the past 12 years), is involved in the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is an 18-year member of the Kiwanis Club.

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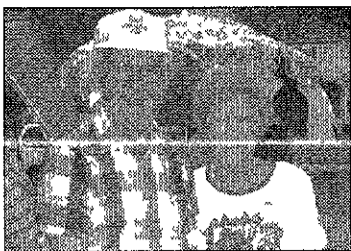
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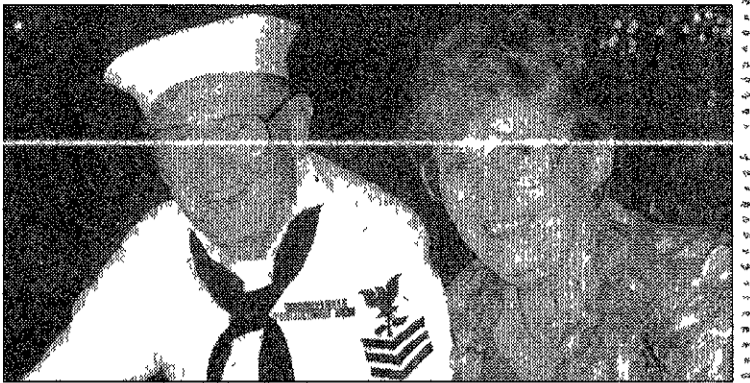
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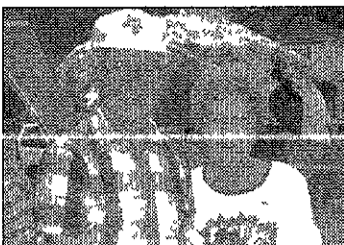
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A budget was unheard of, with orchestra members performing because of their love of music - without remuneration - for family and friends. "I started playing for nothing, but then they started giving me \$3 for gas," remembered Hulsker, who at the time was a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "Of course, when gas only cost a quarter a gallon, it paid for my gas and maybe a burger." As the PSO prepares for its 60th Diamond Jubilee season which kicks off next month, much has changed. The orchestra plays with about 75 members at any given concert, in front of an audience numbering between 600-800 people at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township. And, many of the musicians are members of the American Federation of Musicians, earning union scale of about \$50 for rehearsals and \$78 for performances. The budget is now big business, with the PSO operating on nearly \$466,000 per season. "When I got involved nine years ago, the budget was about \$100,000," said Don Soenen, Plymouth Symphony Society president. "Admissions to concerts bring

in about \$125,000. The balance has to come from fund raising, grants, corporate and individual giving. We're right on track for fund raising this year. "Last year, we turned a modest profit of \$14,000," added Soenen. "It's small, but a profit nonetheless, when most symphonies are running deficits." Soenen, 58, of Plymouth Township is one of those main contributors, giving nearly \$30,000 annually to the PSO. "I believe in the PSO, and I'm more committed now than I've ever been," he said. At a time when Michigan is facing some of its toughest economic times in history, it appears the Plymouth and Canton communities are willing to spend discretionary income listening to the PSO. Soenen said subscription concert attendance in Plymouth was up 42 percent last year. ORCHESTRA CANTON Orchestra Canton, which began last year with an orchestra about half that which plays at OLCG, has seen an increase of 40 percent. As a result, Orchestra Canton will play two more concerts - for a total of five - at The Village Theater in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village. "Our attendance is up significantly, as people are coming to recognize the quality of the orchestra and the high level of performances we can present," said Soenen. "If we

didn't have the attendance increases, we wouldn't have the budget increases. People appreciate what we're doing, and they're willing to step up and pay for it. "That's a pretty good indication the community really supports the things we're doing, and they're extremely generous at a time when symphony orchestras around the country are struggling," he said. The improved revenues have allowed the PSO, which had two part-time employees, to now have a staff of two full-time and three part-time employees. At 79 years old, Marion Gross is the oldest member of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. The first violin player is also the longest-serving musician, playing for 47 years. "Today's orchestra is more professional and a lot more organized," said Gross. "It's a really first-class orchestra." Gross said even the schedule is much different than in the past. "We used to rehearse most of the year, every Monday from Labor Day through May," she said. "Now, we practice the music before we get to rehearsals, which are held only the week of the concert. We start rehearsing on Monday, and within six days we're playing in front of an audience." Hulsker believes the new rehearsal schedule keeps the musicians sharp. "I think we had a tendency

to get sloppy when we had two months to get ready for a concert," he said. "Now, rehearsal is in a concentrated time, and we all have to come prepared, and it makes the performance more polished." MODERN SELECTIONS Gross said another noticeable change is the musical selections they play. "We play a lot of the classics, but now we play some modern music," said Gross. "She (PSO conductor Nan Washburn) has composers come in and we play their music. It's a combination of new music we never saw before and the old faithfuls." Washburn, who is starting her seventh year as PSO conductor, has put an emphasis on newer music, while not forgetting those selections everyone wants to hear. "Our emphasis is on featuring music of living composers, and we're thrilled to be doing brand new pieces this year," said Washburn. "You wouldn't only go watch classic movies, even though you like them. You want to see the latest movies, too." "People are starting to take notice," she said. "They hear a new piece, and then they can talk to the composers after the concert." Joanne Hulsker has been part of the PSO since moving to Plymouth in 1953, organizing the Plymouth Symphony League, as well as serving on the board of directors. "I think Nan is very interest-

ed in new compositions and giving opportunities for composers of contemporary compositions," said Hulsker. "There are those who will always love the great composers, and Nan is bringing in some of the new materials for an introduction to those who like new music." Hulsker said he enjoys the variation in the concerts. "Our conductor is really interested in doing dynamic programming that can attract larger audiences, and reach out to people we haven't reached in the past," said Hulsker. "We're not only playing new music, but getting to meet the composers." For the last eight years, the PSO has been reaching third- and fourth-grade students in Plymouth-Canton Schools as part of its Classical Music Outreach program, as well as contributing to educational experiences in Wayne-Westland and several private schools, including Our Lady of Good Counsel. The program supplements and enhances the school music programs; integrates music into science, language and arts curriculums; and performs for students, giving them the experience of hearing a live

performance by the PSO. There is also a youth orchestra and middle school program administered by the orchestra. All told, the youth programs reached more than 12,000 children in the area. "The Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs recognize our programs as being remarkable," said Linda Alvarado, Plymouth Symphony Society board member. "Every time they evaluate us or give us a grant, they rank us very high and are amazed at what we do." As the Diamond Jubilee celebration kicks off, Alvarado, co-chair of the events, believes the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is poised for its next 60 years. "To know for 60 years people have kept the torch alive, making sure this institution remains viable in the community and a good cultural experience for everyone, is fantastic," said Alvarado. "People around here really know how much the arts contribute to successful and enjoyable living, and they are attracted to this area for those very reasons."

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Charter Township of Plymouth
To all residents and other interested parties: The agenda's and minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township website www.plymouthtwp.org.
Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth
Publish: September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3, December 8, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton.
David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260
Publish: October 6, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS
On September 27, 2005, the Board of Trustees approved the following reprogrammings in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The reprogrammings did not cancel an existing project or create a new one. Funds were reprogrammed from the following activities to FY 2004 Housing Rehabilitation: FY 2004 and 2002 Youth Services, \$8,800 and \$2,129; FY 2003, 2002, and 2001 Community Center Scholarship, \$1,500, \$2,300, and \$592; FY 2003 and 2002 Adult Day Care, \$1,500 and \$266.25. Total: \$17,087.25.
TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
Publish: October 6, 2005

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 27, 2005
(a) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Authorized emergency vehicle shall mean vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, ambulances, or privately owned motor vehicles of volunteer or paid fire fighters if authorized by the chief of an organized fire department, or privately owned motor vehicles of volunteer or paid members of a life support agency licensed by the department of consumer and industry services if authorized by the life support agency. Electronically amplified sound system shall mean any device that electrically or electronically produces or reproduces the human voice or musical instruments or other sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony. Plainly perceptible shall mean any sound that is audible to a person or any sound that causes a vibration palpable to a person. Vehicle shall mean any parked or moving device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including but not limited to an automobile, truck, bus, van, motorcycle or moped. (b) Exemptions. Authorized emergency vehicles are exempt from the regulations in this section. Outdoor gatherings, public dances, shows, and sporting and entertainment events conducted pursuant to a license or permit issued by a government entity are exempt from the regulations in this section. (c) Electronically amplified sound system. It shall be unlawful for any person to be in possession or control of a vehicle that contains a fixed or mobile electronically amplified sound system that is producing sound that is plainly perceptible from more than fifty (50) feet from the vehicle. (d) Presumption. In a prosecution under this section, proof that the particular vehicle described in the citation was used in the violation together with proof that the defendant named in the citation was the owner of the vehicle at the time of the violation constitutes evidence a presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who possessed or controlled the vehicle when the violation occurred. The person in whose name the vehicle is registered with the secretary of state is presumed to be the registered owner of the vehicle.
SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.
SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.
SECTION 4. REPEAL. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.
SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.
SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.
SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the ___ day of ___, 2005, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Introduced: September 27, 2005
OTHER: The Regular Board Study Session for October 4, 2005 has been cancelled. The next regular Board Meeting will be October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, 1150 Canton Center Rd., Canton, Michigan. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.
THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish: October 6, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., October 20TH, 2005 for the following:
CANTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE AND CALENDAR 2006
Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.
TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Publish: October 6, 2005

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
CANTON, MI 48188
The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction Oct. 11, 2005 at 10:00 AM.
The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 HIX Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.
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1989 Mercury Tracer 4-Dr 3MABM135XKR661581
1984 Cadillac Eldorado 4-Dr 1G6AL5785EE645664
Publish: October 6 and 9, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 17, 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:
CANINE TRAINING & SPORTS CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A CANINE TRAINING FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.10A FOR PARCEL NO. 036 01 0016 302. Property is located west of Canton Center and north of Maben Road.
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 13, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
Vic Gustafson, Chairman
Publish: October 6, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
OCTOBER 13, 2005
Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005 AT 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:
Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.
Acceptance of Agenda
1. Timothy Trikes of Trikes Sign Company, 33200 W. 9 Mile, Farmington, MI 48336 representing Kevin McManaway of Trader Publishing, 40443 Koppernick, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at 40655 Koppernick, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (1) a, wall sign location requirement. Zone LI-1
Parcel 003-99-0008-715
(Building) (TABLED FROM AUGUST 11, 2005 MEETING)
2. Bryan L. Amann of Brashear, Tangora, Gallagher, Creighton & Amann LLP, 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing Loves Companies, Inc., 1952 McDowell Road, Suite 101, Naperville, IL 60563, for vacant property located at 44080 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187, north side of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, 1, sign requirements in a commercial zoning district. Zone C-2. Parcel 040-99-0002-705
(Building)
3. Bryan L. Amann of Brashear, Tangora, Creighton, Gallagher & Amann LLP, 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing Pooltown, Inc., 6111 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, for commercial property located at 6111 North Canton Road, Canton, MI 48187, west side of Canton Center Road between Hanford and Ford Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), a, d, for sign proximity to sidewalk and height requirements of masonry base. Zone C-2. Parcel 036-99-0005-702
(Building)
4. John Millington of RT Detroit Franchise, LLC / Ruby Tuesdays, 592 Inverness, Highland, MI 48357 representing RT Detroit Franchise, LLC of Ruby Tuesdays, 45660 Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI 48188, for commercial property located at 45660 Michigan Avenue, north side of Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-31, 18, distance requirement to an existing ground sign. Zone C-3. Parcel 129-99-0001-708
(Building)
5. Rick Hadad, c/o Rob Haskins of Patio Enclosures, Inc., 40480 Grand River Ave., STE A, Novi, MI 48375 representing Robert and Sophie Bazner, 3340 Millcroft Ct., Canton, MI 48188 for residential property located at 3340 Millcroft Ct., north side of Millcroft Ct., east of Beck and north of Geddes, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, variance for rear yard setback. Zone R-5. Parcel 111-04-0035-000
(Building)
6. Allied signs, Inc., 33650 Gifts Dr., Clinton Twp., MI 48035 representing Dunham's Sports, 5000 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI 48329 for commercial property located at 41968 Ford Road, north side of Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, wall sign requirements. Parcel 044-99-0009-701
(Building)
Approval of the September 8, 2005 Minutes
Publish: October 6, 2005

Movement finding little local support

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Intelligent design, the hypothesis that biological mechanisms are too complex to have risen from simpler forms and therefore must have had an initial designer, asserts neither could have come from a common ancestor that was only a chain of proteins.

A group of parents is suing the Dover (Pa.) Area School District for advancing what it believes is an intrusion of religion into education in the form of intelligent design. The Kansas State Board of Education has been deliberating whether to place a sticker on biology textbooks with a disclaimer about evolution's shortcomings.

Richard Thompson, president and chief counsel for the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, is defending the Dover Area School District in the lawsuit. He said the controversy in the court in Pennsylvania is about a disclaimer, not the teaching of intelligent design.

"The Dover policy is to read a one-minute statement that says evolution is a theory, not a fact and that an alternate theory is intelligent design," said Thompson, the former Oakland County prosecutor. "The policy also says only evolution will be taught and tested on. The plaintiffs' argument is that by mentioning intelligent design twice, it violates the establishment clause (preventing the establishment of religion)."

He said intelligent design argues that some biological constructions are so complex that they could not have been created by natural selection. The eye is an example of a mechanism that has no worth in its component parts and therefore couldn't have come from more simple forms.

He also said allegations that intelligent design was "stealth creationism" are baseless. "Creationism goes back to a literal translation of the Bible, of six-day creation," Thompson said. "Intelligent design does not look to the Bible, instead it looks at the empirical data to come to the conclusion that all life can't be explained by natural selection."

Oakland University professor of evolutionary biology Thad Grudzien has formulated his position on intelligent design: It isn't science.

He said intelligent design isn't a theory. A theory is a group of hypotheses that have been rigorously and repeatedly tested. The idea that evolution at some point was influenced by a supernatural agent falls into the realm of metaphysics and therefore cannot be tested.

University of Detroit Mercy professor of ethics and religion James Tubbs said he doesn't get the schism between science and religion. The two aren't mutually exclusive.

"I've never had a problem blending the Jewish, Christian and Muslim ideals with evolution," he said. "There isn't a problem unless you read the Bible as literal history. I've never seen a huge problem with reconciling the science with the biblical accounts of what's meaningful in human life."

He said there are "certain unresolved issues" in evolution that leave open the question of where the spark of uniqueness came from in animals and humans alike.

"There's something beyond what the species were biochemically made up to do," Tubbs said. "There's something unique about the human soul or personality."

Not only is there room for both, he said, there shouldn't be an all-or-nothing contest between the two. They seek answers to different questions.

"To think that one way of thinking must dominate the other is an impoverished way of thinking," Tubbs said. "It all adds to the richness of our understanding of the world. Take the Grand Canyon: You know how it was done, by trickling water over thousands of years, but it's still a miracle in its sweep and scale."

Dr. Frank Mink is the president of Great Lakes University, a liberal arts Bible college in

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Auburn Hills. He said intelligent design arrived on the scene in 1991 with a premise saying that complex forms could not spontaneously come together — like a clock forming itself out of nothing. An argument, he said, about why things can't happen. The criticism about intelligent design not being testable, he said, was valid.

He said intelligent design should not be taught in a science class, as it's a societal expression rather than a product of the scientific method.

That said, it did open some interesting doors.

"Darwin's theory, to a certain point, is a fact," Mink said. "The concept of survival of the fittest particularly. There are taller people in warmer climates and shorter people in colder climates, all having to do with dispersion or retention of heat."

But, he said, that's about as much as he's willing to cede to Darwin. He said frogs may have evolved over the years, but they're still frogs. He believes that man came into

the world, by divine caveat, as man — albeit as a more primitive version of homo sapiens.

Troy High School biology teacher Joe Brandonisio presented intelligent design to his students at the beginning of the school year. He purchased a film from the Discovery Institute in Seattle and showed it to his classes. He's not a proponent of intelligent design, but he wanted to have a discussion at least.

"It was very persuasive, like an episode of *Nova* with special effects and music," Brandonisio said.

One of the proofs the film introduced was the concept of "irreducible complexity," the idea that certain natural structures are too basic to have evolved from simpler structures, in the form of the motile appendage the flagellum. This

is most often referred to as the mousetrap theory, comparing the cell structure to a mousetrap, a mechanism so simple that it cannot exist any simpler than it currently is.

The students debunked those concepts.

"The students researched it and discovered that many of the mechanisms in the flagellum are used by other cells," Brandonisio said. "We spent a few days reading articles and seeing if the theories of intelligent design stand up."

He said he wanted his students to understand what intelligent design was from a scientific standpoint. He did end up catching some heat for introducing the class to it, but it came from parents who objected to intelligent design being taught at all.

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OUR VIEWS

Raises come at wrong time

You probably can't find too many people in the Canton community who will tell you that Supervisor Tom Yack hasn't done a great job since taking office in 1988. Under his leadership, the township has been transformed from a rural township with sporadic development into one of the most desired places to live in metro Detroit.

Many would argue that the development would have taken place anyway, but Yack has provided some steady leadership and shown some creativity, such as getting royalties from a local landfill owner, and using them to build Summit on the Park and part of the Village Theater.

He has also helped attract some big-time developments. IKEA comes to mind, but there are many others.

The board has recognized these achievements by making sure Yack is well-compensated. On Tuesday, the board will again be asked to approve a pay raise for Yack, as well as other members of the board and the township's non-union employees.

On paper, it appears Yack will be getting a 9 percent raise, taking his annual salary up to \$123,394 for 2006. However, Yack says it only looks that way. He says it will only be a 6 percent raise, and that the remainder was really paid to him this year, but wasn't reflected in the books. In other words, it was an accounting mistake.

Even if it isn't the whole 9 percent it appears to be on paper, Yack's raise comes at a time when many people in the general public have lost their jobs because of a sputtering economy. It also comes at a time when the township's four unions, including the police officers and firefighters, are without a contract, and have been for a while.

In 2002, Yack's salary was \$92,343, and when he took office in 1988, it was less than \$44,000, according to the township's director of administrative and community services. In all fairness, Yack isn't the only one getting a nice raise. Clerk Terry Bennett is also in line for a 6 percent raise, from \$89,600 to \$95,000. Other board members are getting a 3 percent raise, which in essence is a cost of living raise.

In actuality the raises are tied to a formula that was developed in 2002 by Plante & Moran, an accounting and consulting company, which the township hired to come up with a compensation scale for non-union employees that was comparable to other communities of equal size. When developing the scale, the firm looked at Livonia, Westland, West Bloomfield and others.

Plante & Moran also looked at the salaries of chief executives of some companies, which is what Yack likes to think of himself. And it could certainly be argued that running the township is a lot like running a business. But the private sector is a whole different animal than government, and in government raises should never be automatic.

We're not saying Yack isn't worth the money, but it may be difficult to explain these raises to someone who was recently laid off and is having a hard time paying the mortgage and putting bread on the table.

The board will vote on the raises at its regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 11.

Wireless plan sheds light on development

While the state of Michigan has been under an economic cloud, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is finding a silver lining. And that break in the gloom is coming none too soon, as political thunder dampens any progress the governor is trying to make.

This lining is actually what Oakland officials like to refer to as a "technological cloud." Patterson's idea is to overlay all 910 square miles of the county with an Internet-ready plan called Wireless Oakland. The plan would bring free wireless computer access to the Internet to everyone in the county.

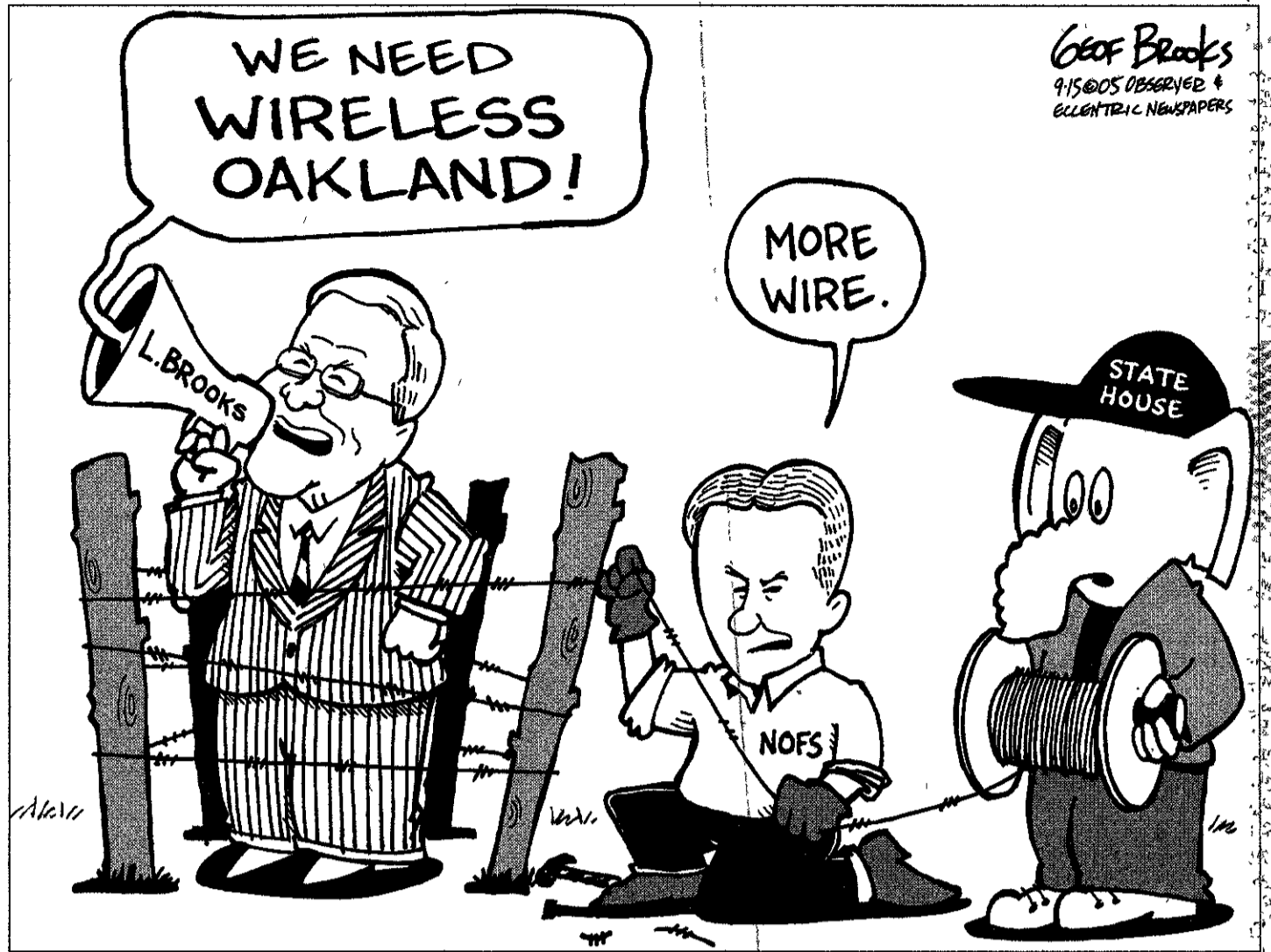
Patterson is not alone in his initiative. Genesee County also plans to have a system in operation by 2007.

Wayne County would benefit from a similar arrangement. Some state legislators have been short-sighted in wanting to stop the plan before it gets under way.

This plan doesn't take the place of local communication companies; it works with them. The companies would provide the basic service free, with enhancements at a fee. What they would gain is area-wide coverage through existing infrastructure. Small discs would be placed on such structures as existing light poles.

It is the kind of economic shelter from the fiscal storm that the state has been unable to find.

The plan is an enlightened approach that should be copied throughout southeastern Michigan.



Geoff Brooks
9-15-05 OBSERVER &
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LETTERS

Who's the victim?

This letter was written by the former Agape Christian Academy student who had a sexual relationship with Clark Sexton, the school's former principal. Sexton was acquitted in Wayne County Circuit Court last week on charges of criminal sexual conduct related to their relationship. In Sunday's paper, the *Observer* ran a statement by Sexton. The *Observer* has decided not to publish the name of the woman.

I would like to start off by saying that I was a victim, but now, I no longer am. I would also like to share my story with others, so they can hear the truth about a man who preyed upon me as a young girl, and even now, is not remorseful for his actions.

Eight months ago, I told my parents something that I never wanted to tell anyone for the rest of my life. I had been violated by a teacher and former principal of my school. Many people wonder why this was something I had kept hidden for such a long time. The truth is that I felt guilty, I felt like I had done something wrong, while the perpetrator lived his life like nothing had happened. Unfortunately, I did not understand that someone whom I looked up to and trusted had such calculated intentions. He even admitted that he waited until I was 16 to have sex with me.

Everything I told the police/authorities and my parents was the truth. I had and still have no motive to lie. Coming forward with my story was not an easy thing to do. It meant sharing things that I was embarrassed about throughout my junior high and high school years.

I always enjoyed school, my friends, and sports. I loved the small community at Agape and all my teachers. Agape was a school that served as a haven. It was a secure environment, or so I thought. Unfortunately, one man took advantage of his position and used it to manipulate me. Never in my mind did I imagine my principal could say and do the things he did to me.

In his statement, Mr. Sexton stated that he passed a polygraph test before the trial. I would like to say that he not only passed a polygraph test about a month ago, but he has been passing one for the past eight years of his life. It seems that anyone who can lie, every day, to their family, church, co-workers, and students is capable of passing a simple lie detector test.

Someone who is truly sorry for their actions takes responsibility for them. Mr. Sexton is not sorry for his actions, he is simply sorry that he got caught. I will never forget when Mr. Sexton told me that the only way he would ever hate me is if I told someone what happened and he went to jail.

My mom and dad, my sisters and brothers, my boyfriend, my grandparents, my aunts and uncles, my cousins, and close friends have been the strength that has helped me through these hard times. They support me because they know I am innocent. They know that I was a child when this man began his inappropriateness.

My biggest regret is not telling someone sooner, and not stopping this perpetrator's actions from continuing. I am six years older now and more mature. I see the big picture. But I also realize that if my coming forward saved even one girl from going through what I went through, then it was well worth it.

Unfortunately, many Christians use the Lord's name loosely. They like to say that God has forgiven them and they are free. They forget about all the ramifications for their actions. There will be consequences for our actions whether it be in this life or the next.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me and my family with their prayers.

AFA deserves praise

A recent letter to the editor ("McCotter deserves praise," Sept. 29) called the American Family Association a "so-called Christian group" which "obviously considers physically bashing gays as their constitutional right."

The AFA is a national group with over two million members which supports traditional family values. It makes its members aware of moral and family issues in the entertainment industry, and encourages members to voice their opinions to sponsors and political representatives. AFA-supported actions have helped reduce some of the smut on radio and television, and helped increase fines for violators of decency.

The AFA and its member actions are much more Christian than that of the prejudiced letter writer, who sought to totally misrepresent the intent of people who disagree with him.

Tom Salapatek
Canton

Businessmen targeted

Robert and Dan McCausland are being targeted by the township. This is as clear as night and day. The *Observer* has reported the "truth" from the court documents and no one is faulting that. However, equal time to those affected should also be afforded.

Their property belongs to them. What they do with it, as long as it does not affect others or the environment, should be their business. Will anyone not stand up for that? I live on Al Smith Road. I can set up a lounge chair in the middle of my street and only have to move for the person that delivers the mail. Half the people of Canton, or Westland for that matter, do not know this street exists. However, it certainly exists for the Canton Township government. I wonder why. I truly believe the crime being committed is having too much space on the Ford Road corridor and also a voice in township matters.

We certainly are not Cherry Hill Village here. I am a "birder." I feed the birds throughout the winter and leave the weed seeds in the summer. I have counted many species of birds here. This is their refuge along with other wildlife. I enjoy the fact that I am less than a block from Ford Road yet feel I live in the country. True, Canton is changing, but for the better remains to be seen.

Canton's symbol is a tree and to me that is a joke. They need a red circle with a diagonal line going through it to welcome people here to this community. It is all cement and stores. Driving down Ford Road is a nightmare. Actually I do not go west of I-275 and prefer to do my shopping in Westland. That is how bad it

is. I drive further in order to avoid it.

There are ordinances that need to be respected. Did the township create the ordinances to run Robert and Dan out of business? Absolutely not. Are they enforcing them in order to run them out of business? Absolutely. All you have to do is drive around the community and figure that one out on your own.

Sherry A. Williamson
Canton

Keep up good work

Dear *Canton Observer*, I deliver the newspaper for you. You do an awesome job printing our community newspaper. Also, I think you are doing the right things by having us ask people if they want to do carrier collect for them. I like your idea that if we get to put a drawing slip in a box for a chance to win a prize. The best part about that is we could win a \$200, \$100 or \$50 certificate to Target, Best Buy or Abercrombie and Fitch.

I will deliver papers for a couple more years, so I'll have money in my pocket. P.S. Keep up the good work.

Katelyn Watson
Canton

Derail the fence

I am a residence of Hampton Ridge South in the northwest Canton area. Recently, the developer of the Westchester subdivision (directly across Warren Road from our subdivision) is pushing to build an iron fence along Warren road. I am firmly against this plan because:

1. This fence will disrupt the natural view of the area and as such is in violation of the Rural Character Strategies, which calls for: "the use of sensitive lighting designs and properly shielded fixtures which minimize glare and light pollution in order to maintain a high quality rural character in the western part of the community."

2. Prior to this development, the NWCHA (Northwest Canton Home Association) had an agreement with the developer. In return for the agreement from NWCHA for allowing the development to occur, the developer agreed to put no fence around the perimeter.

Ching Fong
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— Joseph Roth, IKEA public affairs director, commenting on the progress of the Swedish furniture store's construction at Ford and Haggerty

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Amending term limits an idea whose time has come

Last month, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce came forward with a reasonable, sensible and constructive proposal — which astonished me. Over the years, I've learned not to take anything proposed by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce too seriously.

When it hasn't been acting as a transparent shield for right-wing Republicans, the chamber too often has been a willing lackey for the libertarian ideologues at the Mackinac Center.

But now, it has come up with a sensible idea: Extend term limits for our state Legislature.

The idea, according to Jim Barrett, the chamber president, would be to mount a petition drive to amend the state constitution. The amendment would allow legislators to serve a maximum of 14 years in the Legislature, though they could serve them in the House, the Senate or a combination of both.

The proposal would also require disclosure of lawmakers' financial holdings (Michigan is one of only three states not to have such a requirement), impose a ban on lobbying for two years after a legislator leaves office and dock our highly-paid lawmakers' pay for each day they have an unexcused absence.

Here's the way it works now: Under a constitutional amendment the voters adopted in 1992, state representatives can serve a maximum of six years in that body; state senators, eight. Then they are barred from future legislative service — for life.

Anybody who has experienced the chaos in Lansing in recent years knows that term limits are one of the major causes.

This is why it takes a new legislator a couple of years just to learn where the men's (or women's) rooms are. Another two years is occupied with positioning for legislative leadership (the current Speaker of the House, Craig DeRoche, is in his fifth year in the Legislature.) The final two years are typically devoted to figuring out how to run for some other office or lining up a job as a lobbyist.

The net result is that nobody knows anything. Nobody except the lobbyists remembers anything. And no complex or far-reaching policy matter is ever given thoughtful consideration.

I was not surprised to see the chamber's proposal immediately attacked by Democratic Party Chair Mark Brewer as "nothing more than a Republican incumbeplan." Criticizing chamber initiatives is by now a reflex action among Democrats.

He figures Democrats have a chance in 2008 of taking control of the House because several GOP incumbents in competitive districts would not be able to run again under present term limits. Extended limits might allow them to run for several more terms and lock in continued

Republican dominance.

Bob LaBrant, the chief political operative at the chamber, disagrees, of course. But his disagreement isn't pure reflex, either.

According to Gongwer News Service, LaBrant says if Brewer wants a later effective date for extended limits, the chamber would consider it. "If I could get Mark Brewer to endorse this particular proposal, we'd be happy to work out any starting date he wanted." If LaBrant means what he says, it's a big step forward toward real bipartisanship on something vitally important to our state.

Moreover, the Michigan Education Association helped underwrite the polling and focus groups used by the chamber in developing the proposal. Usually a big Democratic ally, the MEA has for years opposed the current term limits, but says it has too many other priorities in 2006 to jump on board just now.

But Al Short, the MEA's chief lobbyist, said the teachers' union is prepared to take a hard look in 2008, according to Gongwer.

Well, well. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is the biggest kid on the block in Michigan politics. But the MEA isn't far behind. Anytime these two powerhouse organizations get together to propose something, ears prick up all over Lansing.

They certainly pricked up at a national outfit called U.S. Term Limits and its Michigan affiliate, Don't Touch Term Limits. Patrick Anderson, the president of the Anderson Consulting Group in Lansing and an author of the original term-limit amendment, told Gongwer he was "pretty mad about the whole deal."

If the chamber is serious about initiating a truly bipartisan discussion about how best to undo the damage Michigan's term limits have done, it deserves a big pat on the back. One of the reasons our politics are such a mess these days is that short-term legislators have no idea what they're doing, which puts them at the mercy of special interest groups with fat pocketbooks.

Extending the terms of service for our legislators would go a long way to repair the broken connection between our political system and the real needs of our citizens.

Perhaps not long enough. As Rick Cole, now the chief administrative officer for the Detroit Medical Center, noted that the way things now stand: "You and I are deprived of retaining quality Republicans and Democrats in legislative offices."

Still, he adds, "I am glad someone is doing something — however minor — to improve on a very defective voting rights resolution, and you can quote me on it."

So I just did.

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Phil Power

Laws must protect teens from their own bad judgment

I didn't know the young woman on the witness stand. I don't know her middle name, if she has a pet or even the last four digits in her phone number. Yet I know the details of the day she lost her virginity. And I know she deserved better than what she got.

The woman, now 20 years old, testified in Wayne County Circuit Court last week that when she was a student at Agape Christian Academy, her principal Clark Sexton had victimized her. He said it was a consensual sexual relationship between legal adults.

Last week, Sexton was acquitted of four charges of criminal sexual conduct. That's not

to say he's innocent — just that defense attorney Paul Clark had succeeded in creating enough reasonable doubt to keep the jury from convicting Sexton. Paul Clark even admitted that.

She said he began pursuing her when she was in the eighth grade, but he said she was older than that. The two had sexual intercourse when she was 16 — a fact that the young woman and Sexton never disagreed upon. The issue that brought them to court was whether inappropriate touching began before she was 16, when she had by Michigan law reached the age of consent.

From the first day of that trial, in my mind the case was never about whether or not Sexton was a criminal or not. Wrong is wrong, and students should be off-limits for sex in the minds of their educators.

Sexton had told her he loved her, she testified. And she said that she had told him she loved him. And she probably did. But the first time a girl falls in love, and the first time she explores her sexuality, she deserves to make that journey with a boy who can offer her his class ring, can take her out for pizza, to dances and can call her at odd hours of the day and night, rather than calling and hanging up. That was the secret cue she and Sexton had to indicate he wanted to meet her in a parking lot, where the two would sit in his car or his truck and sometimes would have sex.

Had Sexton met the girl after 2003, the

But I happen to think that we do hold K-12 educators to a higher standard than our other neighbors, which is the reason my father would not even have a cocktail in a bar in our hometown, and if he ever saw a movie with a rating stronger than PG, he'd head to a nearby town, rather than go to the theater just blocks from our home.

case would have been much clearer. Michigan law in 2003 raised the age of consent to 18 in the case of teacher-student relationships.

I asked two men about the law change — my father, with whom I almost always agree, and State Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, with whom I infrequently agree. But on this issue, Gosselin and I agreed that it should be against the law for any K-12 teacher to have a sexual relationship with a student.

My father, who was for 35 years a public school teacher, disagreed, arguing that singling out one population — teachers — is wrong. Some of the half dozen states which prohibit teacher-student relationships also frequently raise the bar for other persons of authority, such as police officers and the clergy.

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Teenagers are not known for stellar judgment and such laws protect them from their own bad judgment. And of course, the bad judgment of those trusted educators who view the classroom as a dating pool.

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Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is encouraging public comment on the revised State Plan drafted in compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

The public comment deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27. The plan, required under HAVA and developed with input from an advisory committee appointed by Land, sets a course of action for enhancing Michigan's election process.

The federal funding available under HAVA allows Michigan to replace

outdated voting equipment, ensure access for voters with disabilities and conduct voter education programs.

"This is an important step in our ongoing initiative to bring greater uniformity, accessibility and inclusiveness to Michigan's elections," said Land, the state's chief election officer. "I invite all who are interested to review and comment on this revised plan. Remember that your vote is your voice. Please join us as we work together to make sure that every voice is heard."

The plan is being modified to reflect the current costs of programs and initiatives outlined in the original version. Updating the document also lets the state take advantage of technologies and programs that have become available since the original plan's release.

The Secretary of State's State Plan Advisory Committee met Tuesday to review the revisions. The plan is being posted for 30 days on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

A printed copy also will be forwarded to Michigan's 83 county clerks.

When responding, residents are asked to clearly identify the sections on which they are commenting by page number.

Comments may be e-mailed to the department at elections@michigan.gov. Comments sent by U.S. mail should be addressed to the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Attn: HAVA Plan, P.O.

Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901-0726.

Anyone with questions may call the Bureau of Elections at (517) 373-2540.

After the public comment period, the plan will be revised as necessary and submitted to Washington, D.C., for publication in the Federal Register for 30 days.

For more information about HAVA and other Department of State programs and initiatives, visit www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Schoolcraft enrollment hits new high

Fall 2005 enrollment has hit a record high at Schoolcraft College, with more than 10,000 students signing up for credit classes for the third year in a row.

Enrollment reached 10,816 as of Sept. 29, marking a 3.04 percent increase over the fall 2004 figure. The number of credit hours rose 4.19 percent to 97,535.

"This is huge," said Cheryl Wright, dean of student services. "Schoolcraft always has been a wise choice for students, offering quality in the classrooms, outstanding service, up-to-date career and transfer programs, and a beautiful, safe campus."

"There has been a lot of media attention given to the significant tuition increases at four-year colleges and universities, as well as the state of the economy in Michigan. An increasing number of students are realizing that Schoolcraft provides an exceptional value."

Wright said the increased student population means classroom space is at capacity at certain times of the day. However, she said the growth of distance learning has alleviated the pressure for more space. "With distance learning, students can take a heavier credit-hour load, and take some of those classes online," she said.

According to Monica Sullivan, associate dean of sciences who oversees the distance learning program, the number of students taking at least one class online has grown by 61 percent during the past two years.

Schoolcraft has continued to expand its campus resources and curricular offerings. In October, the newly renovated Bradner Library will open. The \$3.5 million project will broaden electronic resources by 400 percent and enable students to access the collections from 160 area libraries.

On Sept. 28, the Board of Trustees selected the firm of DSA Architects, LLC from Berkeley to design and monitor the construction of a new \$10.4 million classroom building on the northeast side of the Livonia campus.

This fall, the first cohort of massage therapy students began the one-year program at Radcliff Center. The initial class proved so successful, a second cohort will be added in the winter 2006 term.

The music department added a sequence of classes in synthesizer ensemble performance, with the group playing original music and transcribed pieces from the standard music literature.

In January, area law enforcement personnel will have the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from either Concordia University or Ferris State University through new programs located in the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

In its efforts to make bachelor's degrees more affordable and accessible to its students, the college has continued to develop articulation agreements with four-year institutions.

These agreements enable students to attend Schoolcraft for two or three years, then easily transfer to a four-year to complete their bachelor's degrees, thereby lowering tuition costs.

The latest articulation agreements involve the programs in criminal justice with Concordia University and Ferris State University and with Oakland Schools in technical programs.



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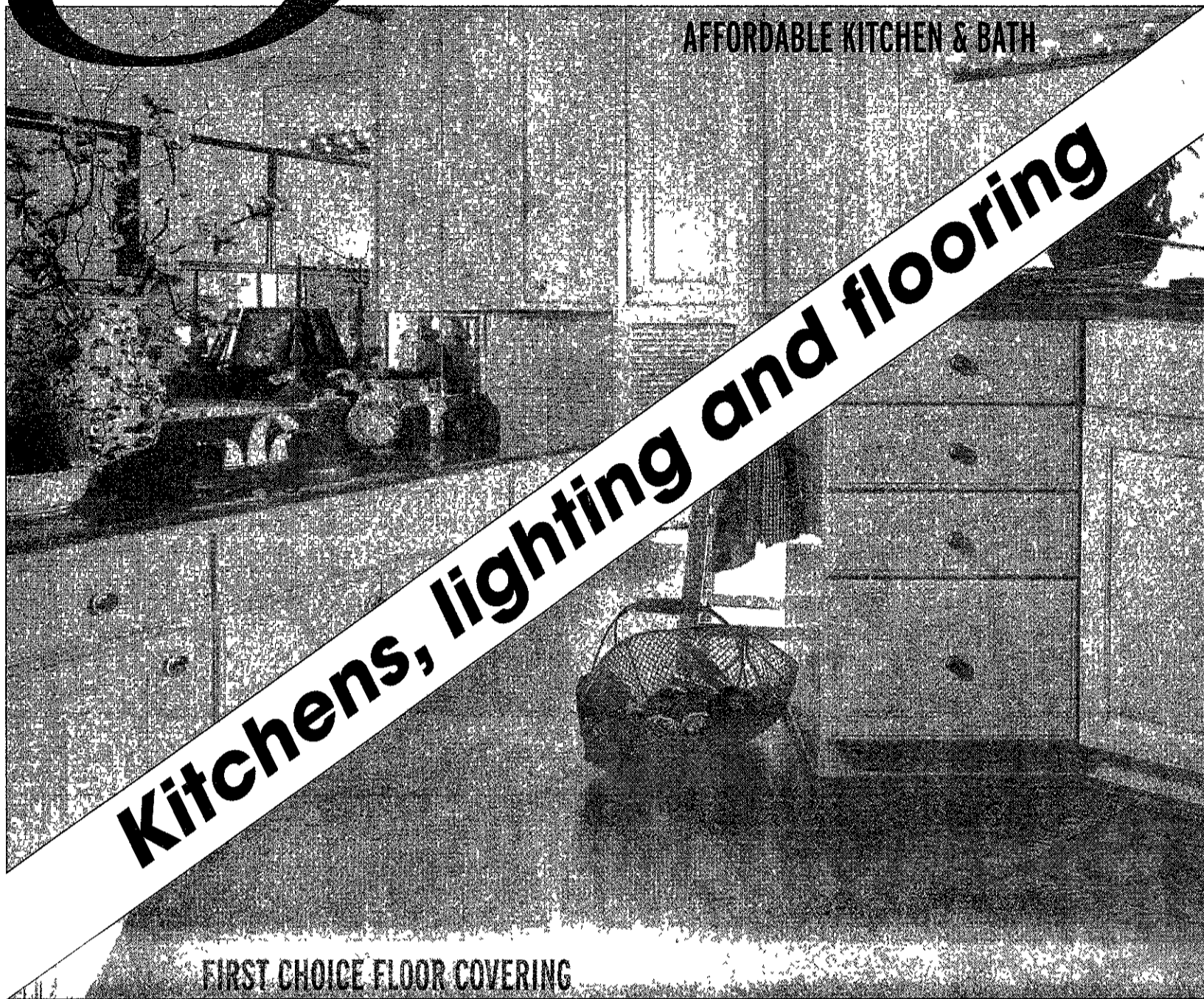
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Today's kitchen has sleek, warm style

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
 STAFF WRITER

Today's kitchen has a new sleek look. Home remodelers have chucked the white cabinets of the 1980s and 1990s, tossing them right through the kitchen window and into the Dumpster. Today's decorators are employing glazes and accents on their cabinets. "They're asking for kitchens that open up into the family rooms," said John Duncan, president and owner of Innerspace Design Group at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. Duncan's company works with designers and homeowners on new kitchens. "Islands with overhangs have stools so that two or three couples can sit in the kitchen. "It's all about new finishes, using more environmentally-friendly glazes and accents to enhance the color," Duncan said. Contrast also works in today's kitchen. Designers and remodelers are changing the style of the cabinets on the kitchen's island and varying it from the cabinets on the perimeter of a kitchen. "It's something totally different," Duncan said. "We did a kitchen

with a natural alder wood, while the island was done in a dark, muted finish." Granite is firmly entrenched in kitchens. "Granite has always been a premium countertop in the kitchen and we're finding a real demand for granite," Duncan said. Prices of granite are now down dramatically, he said, sometimes as low as \$45 a foot. But today's kitchen is also a room of utility. "Our display has a full extension slide for drawers, and it slides all the way out of our cabinets, rather than two-thirds of it out," Duncan said. Cabinet drawers no longer house just one, but two, wastebaskets. "They'll use one for pop cans," Duncan said. More and more appliances today are built into the island or countertops, including cooktops, ovens, steamers and fryers. The Midwest is catching onto furniture styles of the West, including Mission or Shaker style. "It is simple, understated and elegant looking with a stain or paint. It is very popular," Duncan said.



Broadstreet maple is offered as part of the Vintage Home Traditional Collection by Pergo. These floors include three different board lengths, all with micro-beveled seams.

PLEASE SEE KITCHENS, B7

Win a home furnishings shopping spree

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and area merchants will send eight lucky winners on a home furnishings shopping spree. You could be among the eight winners to win a \$1,000 gift certificate to shop at Affordable Kitchen & Bath (Garden City), First Choice Floor Covering (Canton), Independent Carpet (Westland), Laurel Furniture (Plymouth), Pinetree Lighting (Lake Orion), Walker Buzenberg (Plymouth), McLaughlin's Furniture

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Turn to page B8 for the entry form. Complete contest rules are available at participating merchants. You must be at least 18 to enter. All entries have an equal chance of being drawn. See inside today's section for information on kitchens, lighting, flooring and appliances. Then come back to At Home the rest of the month for the latest on living rooms and dining rooms, great rooms and home theaters and bedrooms and baths.

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Fabulous FURNITURE 2005

Kitchen lighting fills many duties, tastes

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Lighting for the kitchen is as stylish as any other element in the room.

And as in other rooms, the kitchen can have more than one type of illumination – general (overall), task (for specific tasks) and accent (to create visual interest and spotlight special possessions).

Today's kitchen can feature recessed lighting, pendant lights and lighting over and under cabinets, says Mike Belesky, sales manager at Pine Tree Furniture & Lighting in Lake Orion.

Fluorescent lighting isn't as prevalent today, says Richard Dichtel, design and sales consultant at Affordable Kitchen and Bath in Garden City. Xenon isn't as hot as halogen, he said.

"Recessed lighting is always big in the kitchen," Dichtel said.

The Tech company offers a wide range of styles for overhead lighting – including track or rail lighting, which can follow a curve as well as a straight line. The actual lights can be Murano glass or have a variety of finishes.

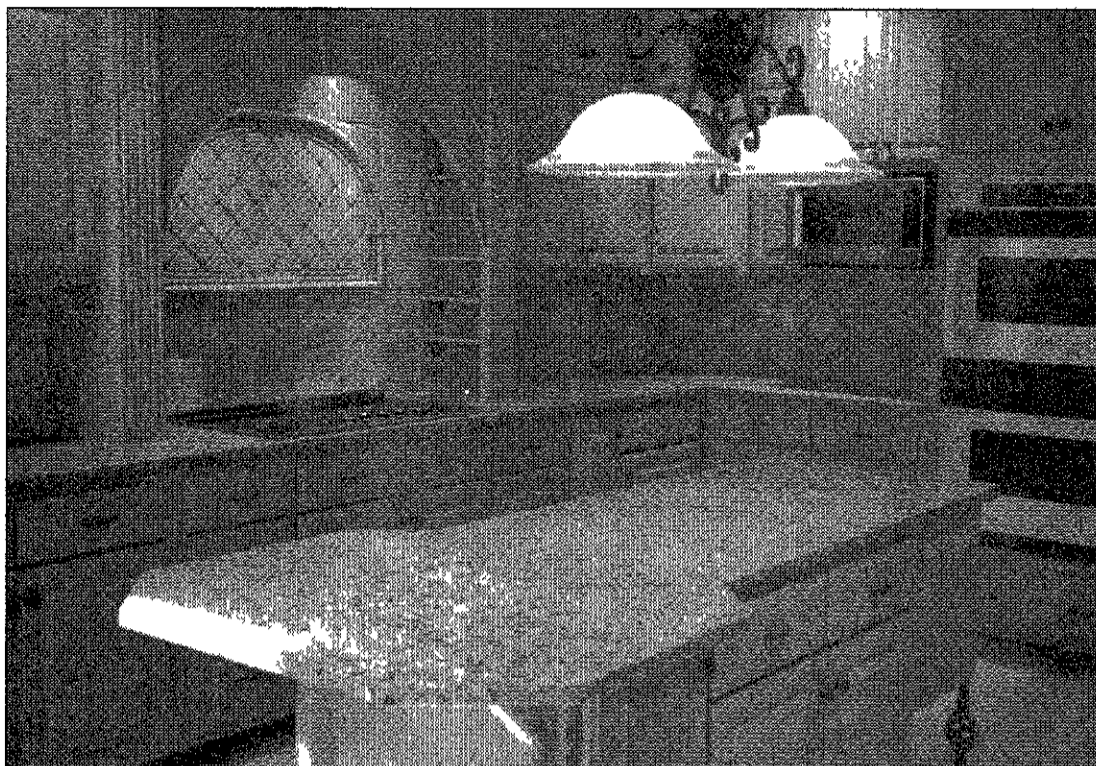
Pendants can hang over islands or other work areas.

"Pendants are a way of adding a decorative look to the space," said Kim Swan-Fugaban, design and sales representative at KSI Kitchen & Bath in Livonia. "There are a lot of fun fixtures."

Undercabinet lighting is a way of illuminating work space and accenting special features. Puck lighting – in compact fixtures the size and shape of hockey pucks – makes it easy to install illumination under a cabinet.

Lighting on top of a cabinet can help set a mood and shine on pieces.

When you're deciding what



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Kitchens today feature different kinds of lighting, including ceiling-mounted fixtures and recessed lights.

kind of lighting you want, be sure it won't cast a shadow on your work space.

Be sure you have the appropriate source of light – bulb or lamp – for each fixture you choose. Different sources produce different effects, and different lighting fixtures use different sources and wattages.

"Get the right dimmer for the right job," Dichtel said.

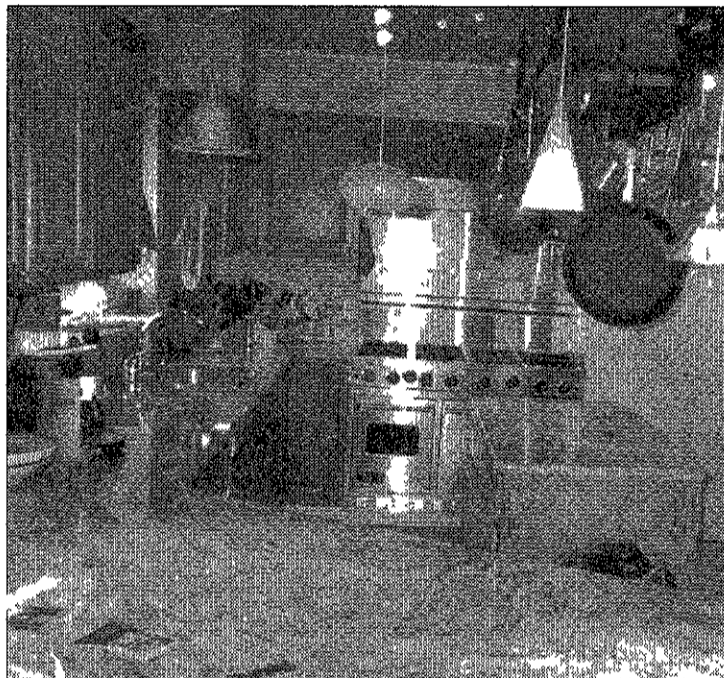
Buy lighting through a licensed electrician, who will guide you through selections, he said.

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Appliances meet demands of busy kitchens

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The kitchen has become a center for entertaining and gathering. And with the number and variety of cooking shows on TV, even the most timid of home cooks are attempting - as well as tempted by - distinctive recipes.

The kitchen's enhanced reputation as the heart of the home is reflected in the types of appliances available today.

"People are very serious about cooking, they are food enthusiasts," said Ginger Trevarrow, director of gallery events at Trevarrow Inc. in Auburn Hills. "Today's appliances) are giving the feel of a true chef's dream kitchen."

Commercial style appliances are at home in residences. Stoves and ovens can be customized for an individual chef or type of cooking; refrigeration can meet specific requirements. And appliances are attractive, and energy and space efficient.

APPEARANCE

Stainless steel is the most popular material for appliances, says Richard Dichtel, design and sales consultant at Affordable Kitchen and Bath in Garden City.

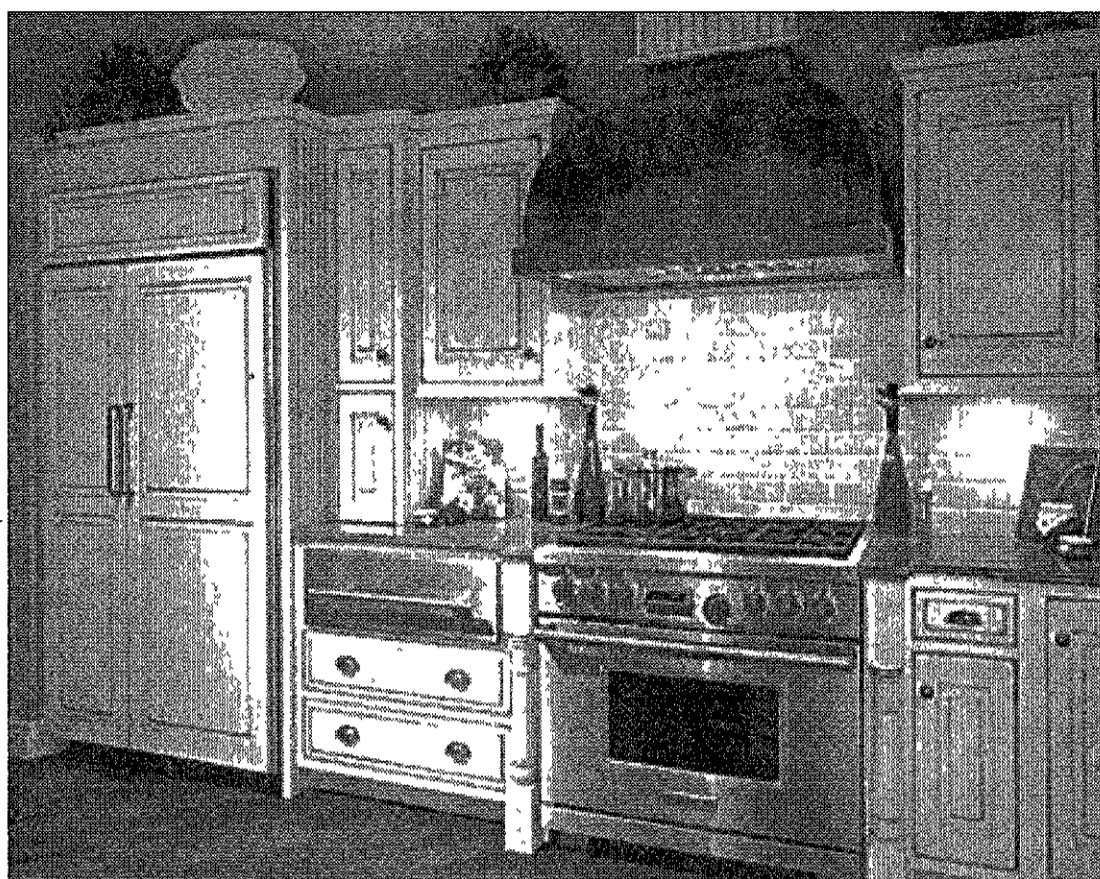
"Most of the new (steel) is smudgeproof," he said. "It leaves no fingerprints."

"There are more furniture-like pieces, with mantel heads and crown molding," said Kim Swan-Fugaban, design and sales representative at KSI Kitchen & Bath in Livonia.

Multiple choices are available, including exotic woods, smooth grain maple and cherry, she said.

"Darker woods are on the way back in," Swan-Fugaban said.

Refrigerators by Sub-Zero can be built into any cabinet style. Built-in units blend into the design of a room, with



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The burnished toffee stain on the cherry cabinetry conceals a Sub-Zero 642 seamlessly and enhances the stainless steel of the Wolf range and warming drawer found at the Trevarrow Inc. Gallery of Culinary Art.

fronts of a stainless steel finish or custom cabinet panel; fully integrated units fit flush with other cabinetry in the space.

A refrigerator can disappear entirely. At Trevarrow's Gallery of Culinary Art, a showroom of professionally designed kitchens, a piece that resembles an armoire houses a refrigerator. (Trevarrow also presents a variety of events, including culinary classes and product demonstrations.)

Luxury hoods by Independent come in many different materials, including copper, brass and stainless steel - all with hammered or mirrored options.

Controls can be kept out of sight when not in use. They are

on a panel that flips into position when needed.

ABILITY

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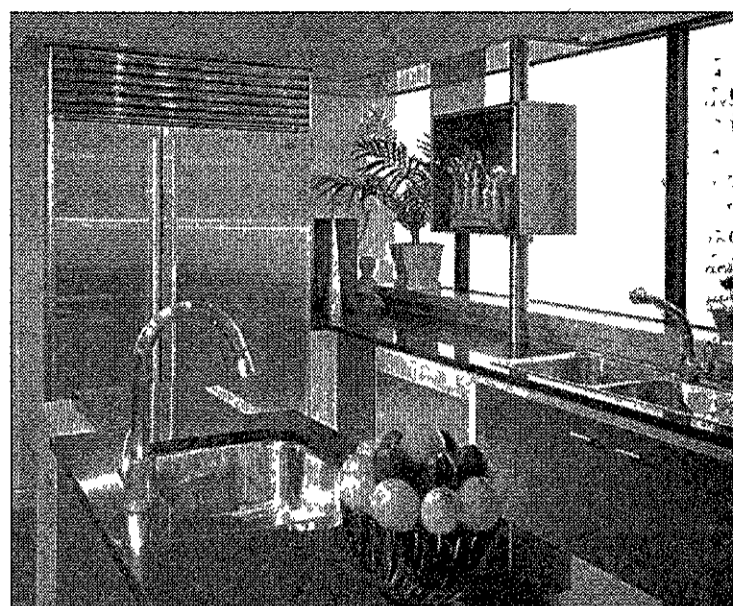
"favorite foods," and users can customize and store their own recipes.

Wolf ovens have modular cooktops that can be customized.

Some burners are made specially for woks.

Wolf offers French Top cooking, a continuous cooking surface 22 inches square with a circular, cast-iron plate in the center about 6 inches in diameter. The heat is dispersed, with the center hotter than the outer four corners. Cooking is controlled by moving pans to various places around the surface.

Sub-Zero refrigerators feature dual refrigeration, with which moist air stays in the fresh food compartment and dry air stays in the freezer. Controls adjust to patterns of



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Lapis blue cabinets and stainless steel appliances by Sub-Zero and Asko dishwashers come together for the ultimate in contemporary style in this kitchen at the Trevarrow Inc. Gallery of Culinary Art.

how the refrigerator is used.

Attractive units store wine on the top and soft drink beverages on the bottom.

Refrigeration units can be anywhere in the house, such as in a workout room or by an entertainment center. As in Sub-Zero's 700 Series line of integrated refrigerator/freezers, they can blend with the cabinetry and decor around them.

Preparation stations maximize space as they add convenience. Cooktops, steamers and sinks can be built into islands and countertops. Refrigeration can be at a cook's fingertips; for example, with an undercounter drawer for produce by the sink.

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Consider how you intend to use kitchen

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

The process of planning a kitchen is basically determined by how you intend to use your kitchen and what features you most want therein.

Will the kitchen primarily be used for one cook or two? Do you entertain larger groups or is the kitchen to be used by just your immediate family?

Will you want a griddle in your range top or will burners do? Is your favorite cooking surface gas or electric? How many ovens will you need?

Just about anything you can imagine can be done to a kitchen - walls can be moved, plumbing can be changed, and electrical service can be added or modified. Moving walls can be expensive, so be sure that you have a cushy budget if you decide to move a structural wall.

Planning is the least expensive part of the project. To plan and change is a far less expensive scenario than to build and change. Moving a wall with pencil and eraser is as cost-effective as it gets.

Work to make all decisions before the project begins. Keep in mind that each decision you make may have an effect on some other part of the project.

QUESTIONS

How many people will use the kitchen? Your answer will determine how much use your kitchen will get, and how much traffic to expect at any one time. Do two or more cooks typically work at the same time? If so, you may want extra counter space or an extra oven, sink or dishwasher.

Do you entertain frequently - and do you typically have for-



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mal or informal gatherings? If you entertain a lot, you may want to open up the kitchen into a great room that lets you be part of the party while you're working.

What other activities will commonly occur in your kitchen? Some homes have a laundry room within or adjacent to the kitchen. Some people want a wet bar, a breakfast bar or even a small office area or a desk for writing or computer work.

This, obviously, isn't a com-

plete list of considerations necessary to properly plan your kitchen; the list can be infinite.

In any event, before you begin designing, think about who uses the kitchen, how it will be used and what features you will want.

Do you want an island, a peninsula or a breakfast table area?

This one will take lots of space. Be sure that you have lots of room before planning an island area.

Would you prefer a pantry

instead of more cabinets?

Would you rather have a stainless steel sink, a composite one or enameled cast iron?

Do you use a microwave for major cooking or just to heat things up? How about a warmer drawer?

Do you prefer cooking with gas or electricity?

Do you want a combination oven and range or a cooktop and a wall oven?

STRUCTURE

The fewer structural and mechanical changes you make, the less you'll spend.

But that doesn't mean that all those changes cost a lot of money or that you shouldn't consider doing them. You may need the advice of an experienced professional to make many of these decisions.

You can at least get a rough idea of how much extra cost will be involved by answering the following questions:

■ Is the wall you want to move a load-bearing wall? Load-bearing walls support the structure of the house, and moving them is a complex job and should be left to a professional.

■ What rooms are directly above and below the kitchen? If the rooms above and below are finished, it will be a lot more difficult to reroute plumbing pipes, heating ducts and electrical wires.

■ Does your new design require that you move existing doors and/or windows? If so, this makes the job more difficult, because exterior walls are always load-bearing. And exterior modifications can be extremely costly.

STYLE

The next step - and the most fun - is to think about style. Chances are you've seen

kitchens that you like, in magazines or friends' homes.

Will the style you like best fit with your home? You may have loved European cabinets in the magazine, but they might not look as good in your Queen Anne Victorian.

Also, consider what kind of color changes you'd like to make - and whether your ideal colors would necessitate buying new appliances.

When you choose colors, think of them in relation to surrounding rooms and try to find colors that complement the rest of the house.

Finally, consider your budget and any other remodeling that you might want to do. Sometimes, related projects are easier and cheaper when done at the same time as the kitchen.

DESIGN

Here are a few design ideas to keep in mind:

■ Your sink - The area around the sink should have at least 18 to 30 inches of lay-down space on one side, and 48 to 54 inches of lay-down space on the other, to allow room to stack dishes, pans and utensils.

Always plan for at least 12 inches between the sink and the nearest corner, measured from the front of the counter.

■ Your range - The area surrounding the range requires 12 inches minimum on one side of the range, and 15 to 24 inches on the other side, again with 12-inch minimum to the nearest corner.

Microwaves and built-in ovens should have at least 15 to 18 inches of counter space on the right side (assuming the door is hinged on the left side).

■ Your refrigerator - The area around the refrigerator needs 15 to 18 inches on the

handle-side of the refrigerator, to place food while loading or unloading.

■ Your countertop - The preparation area of the countertop should be handy to pans, bowls and utensils, and should consist of at least 42 to 84 inches of free counter space.

An additional 36 inches to 84 inches of free counter space can also be considered to place trays and platters for buffet service.

As you design, you'll also want to plan for the following minimum clearances so you'll have room to work:

■ There should be at least 42 inches of clearance from the front edge of the counter to the nearest table or island or another counter.

■ Leave at least 20 inches from the front edge of the dishwasher door (when open) to the nearest obstruction, so you'll have room to load and unload.

■ Plan for at least 26 inches between the kitchen work area and the nearest traffic path.

Allow 36 inches between the nearest obstruction and an eating table, so there is room to pull a chair away from the table.

■ A good kitchen layout is usually based on a design concept known as the "work triangle." The work triangle consists of imaginary lines that connect the refrigerator, the range and the sink.

For maximum comfort and efficiency, the three legs of the work triangle should total between 23 feet and 26 feet.

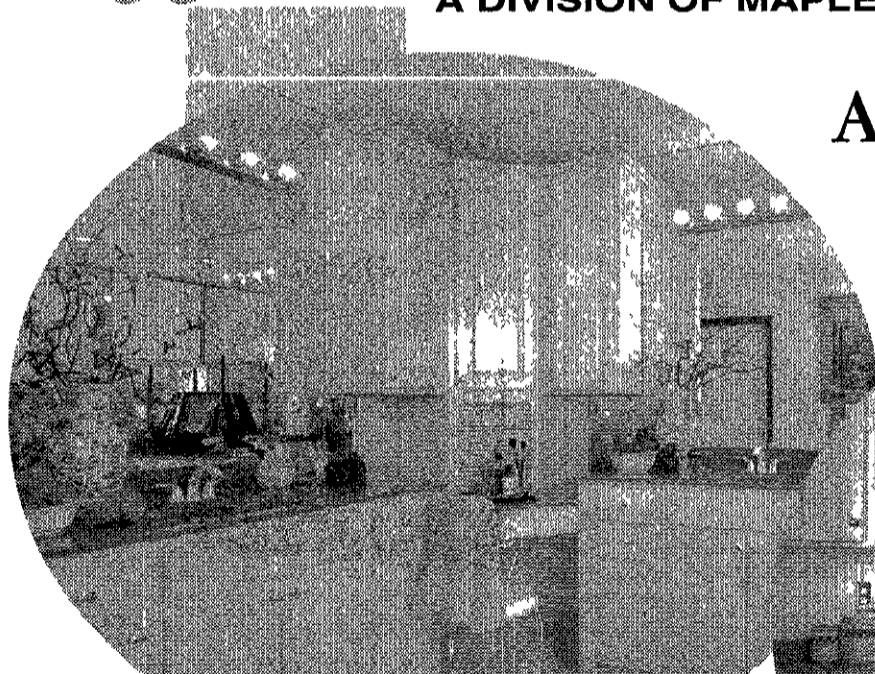
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Old World look dominates in cabinets, but there's color in contemporary style, too

BY NICOLE STAFFORD AND LANA MINI
STAFF WRITERS

Yes, the kitchen is for cooking and eating.

But it's also a place to hang out, have a good time and just do some plain old living.

"My own philosophy is that the kitchen is the new family room," said Franco Nonahal, owner of Kitchen Studio in downtown Birmingham, which carries numerous lines of cabinetry and creates custom configurations.

That's why the Old World look continues to dominate homeowners' choices in kitchen cabinetry, Nonahal said. The Old World look being those charming, detailed, antique kitchen cabinets we imagine existing in every Italian villa and English manor in the countryside.

But because homeowners are placing greater emphasis on the kitchen as a place to gather and be with family and friends, they're striving to create a feeling of warmth and coziness.

The warm, rich woods and

distressed finishes characteristic of the Old World style of cabinetry go a long way in helping to create an atmosphere where people want to spend time, talk and hang out.

"It needs to be a relaxed environment where it's cozy and warm, and you achieve that by making the space more relaxed," said Nonahal.

A new trend within the Old World style is the use of alder wood, which is a "knotty" and distressed wood, said Nonahal.

Many homeowners also are opting to apply glaze in color combinations of two to add to the textural detail of their kitchen cabinetry, said Nonahal.

Of course the best way to transform the kitchen into a cozy living space is to hide all the functionality - meaning all the appliances and hardware we use to cook. And homeowners are increasingly ordering custom wood panels that match kitchen cabinetry to hide refrigerators and other appliances.

"All of the appliances totally integrated," said Nonahal.

"That's the way of the future."

OLD WORLD VS. NEW

Today's kitchens for Generation X are far different than the styles of their Baby Boomer parents.

Less oak. More color. Muted grays are the new beige. Reds have moved from the dining room into the kitchen. The lush reds are high gloss; the look is contemporary and sleek.

Black is also back, adding a modern touch to those who still enjoy the look of light woods.

"Contemporary styles are the trend among Generation X-ers who are already past their second jobs and ready for quality even if the kitchen isn't large," said Bob O'Brien of Kurtis Kitchens & Baths. "Their tastes are very different from their parents. They want very sleek style. Very European."

And that style isn't just limited to that younger generation. It's the trend among all age groups in Europe and will most likely make its way more into the U.S. mainstream over



KITCHEN STUDIO

Old World styles and distressed finishes continue to be popular in kitchen cabinetry.

time. Colors are blue-periwinkle and steel gray to blend with the popular stainless steel that's still a growing trend. High-gloss, high-quality laminates in cabinets come in colors like Chianti (a deep red), onyx, and Tigris (a dark wood with lighter stripes).

"Grays and blacks have resurged with a vengeance," O'Brien said.

The bold colors are on cabinets, dinette sets and countertops.

Clean lines, less bulk, thin surfaces. That's the style for dinette sets.

The biggest kitchen trend is

not expanding the kitchen, but maximizing space. A good example are Venecia cabinets that add 27 percent more storage space than traditional cabinets. The European style includes removing the center post and heavy frame of traditional cabinets.

"They are a very clean, high-tech style and very functional," O'Brien said.

The sleek look applied to dinette sets with Formica or glass. Islands in the kitchen now are movable, and lockable, so they can be pushed to a corner of the room to add space to the center of the room for holiday gatherings.

Gone are space-wasters like big wooden knife holders. Instead, cabinet drawers have built-in holders specifically cut to protect knives.

"In today's kitchen, there is a space for everything, even a cut space inside the drawer for the ice cream scooper. It's all about function," O'Brien said.

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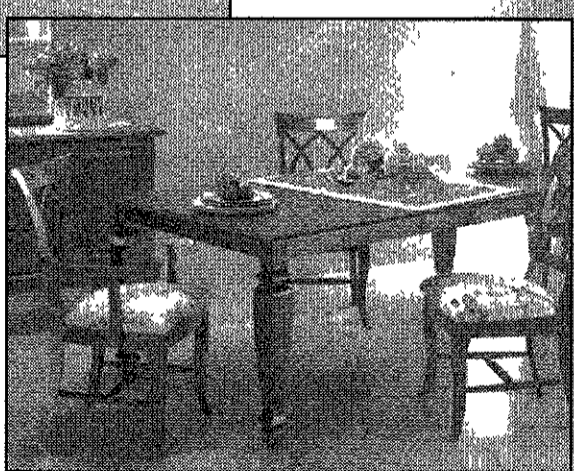
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Ask questions when hiring a contractor

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

If you're hiring a contractor, it helps to ask your friends and co-workers for help.

Not on the project (although that can help, too), but for names of contractors who may be able to do the job correctly.

"Try to avoid anyone who goes door to door," said Harry Jachym, a Plymouth resident and columnist who writes about home maintenance and repairs for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. "There may be good ones there, too, but that's not my favorite way to find them."

"I always try to get contacts from friends and work. I check with someone I know and trust."

When you're talking with contractors, make sure they have a certificate of insurance. Otherwise, you will be liable for any injuries of the work crew that occur on site

in your home.

And with any contract, "You should be 100 percent comfortable with it. Otherwise you should walk away from it," Jachym said.

When remodeling a kitchen, demolition is usually the first thing the homeowner needs before remodeling begins.

"And that (remodeling project) may call for the re-route of mechanicals, plumbing and electrical," Jachym said.

After that, cabinets can be installed, then countertops placed. Contractors then finish the electrical and plumbing work.

"The flooring is usually the last thing done," Jachym said.

Homeowners should get a minimum of three bids for the project. A general contractor has subcontractors who work with the contractor on various projects (cabinets, flooring, electrical, plumbing).

"Don't go with the cheapest one or expensive one," Jachym said. "Cost is only one factor."

Visit www.michigan.gov and navigate to the Bureau of Commercial Services and visit the Builder's licensing section to see if any complaints have been lodged against the general contractor. You can also call (517) 241-9202.

Discuss your project with the builder, as often projects need change orders, Jachym said.

"Listen to what the builder says and if you don't like it, do your homework to see if what (the contractor) says is accurate," Jachym said.

"You have to realize that when your kitchen is being remodeled that it will be torn up."

Give the work crews some space, too, Jachym says.

"Don't try to be the boss with the crew. Let them do the job. Make sure the workers are comfortable to do their job. It's hard for them to be comfortable if you're watching them."

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FLOORING

You can't forget about flooring when designing that kitchen or for the rest of the house, either. Many floors throughout the house now feature the natural look of wood.

According to *House Beautiful Your Dream Kitchen Stylish Solutions for the Home* by Liz George (Hearst Books, New York) wood, cork, stone and tile, laminate, vinyl, linoleum and concrete are options for consumers.

"Wood flooring complements wood tones in cabinetry and creates a seamless look from room to room," George writes.

"Wood floors also require regular attention, but quality solid hardwood sealed with polyurethane can stand up to most other flooring options."

Eric Thomas, co-owner of First Choice Floor Covering in Canton, said he sees many remodelers going with real wood and laminate.

"There's also a few exotics, the Brazilian cherry and camu-camara," Thomas said.

Still, he sees a lot of oak floors. In stains, warm reddish hues are popular, such as butterscotch and gunstock - which is similar to a honey oak and actually resembles a gunstock, Thomas said.

In laminate flooring, Pergo is probably the most recognized brand name although there are dozens of different brands.

Pergo is easily maintained, Thomas said.

Pergo contains a composite of layers. The bulk of the flooring plank is a thick, water-resistant core material designed for stability, with a polymer backing paper attached to the bottom surface of the core to add stability and help the floor adjust as temperature and humidity levels in the house change.

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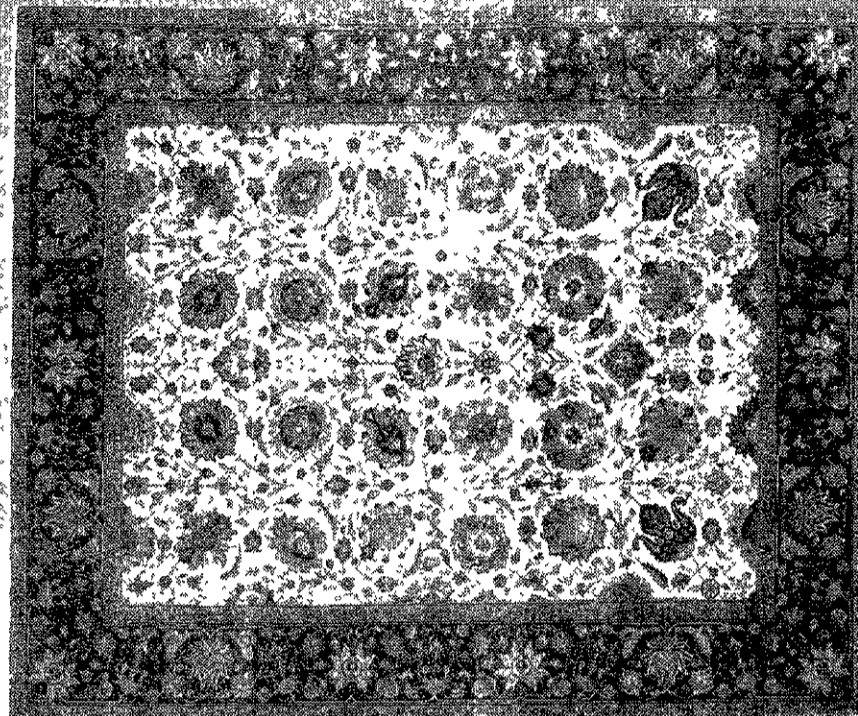
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Wood flooring: beauty indoors, without a lot of maintenance

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

Wall-to-wall carpeting has a rising challenger when it comes to floor coverings.

From traditional oak to tiger wood (yes, there is such a thing as a tiger tree, which grows in Asia), hardwoods have gained in popularity over the past 15 years with homeowners. And, with new and better wood products, as well as a growing number of wood species, stains and finishes being added to available choices, the popularity of wood flooring will continue to grow.

According to Michael Shock, sales representative for AR Kramer Flooring Center in Livonia, demand for wood flooring boomed

when builders began using wood flooring, primarily oak, in their models.

"Wood flooring does not require a great deal of maintenance and comes in a wide variety of wood species, natural colors and grain patterns," Shock said. "These factors, as well as affordability, make this flooring appealing to homeowners."

Shock said that not long ago oak, cherry and maple were about the only choices available. (Oak, including the most popular Red Oak, continues to account for more than half the market.) Now with more than 60 species of exotic woods on the market, just about any look desired can be created in the home.

Tina Marie Sutherlin, program manager of

Independent Carpet One in Westland, said that Brazilian cherry wood is currently a popular selection of homeowners because it is dense, substantial and durable.

"Brazilian cherry wood has red, orange and brown hues that get darker and richer with age. It provides the look of timeless exotic elegance," she said.

Wood flooring in maple also continues to be popular, according to Sutherlin. "This wood is understated and gives a refined tailored look to any décor."

The durability and beauty of wood flooring are the main reasons for its appeal, according to Shock.

"Unlike other options, such as carpeting, wood flooring offers durability in areas that have constant foot traffic. Also, it is long lasting and can be sanded and refinished in the same stain - or a different stain if a new look is desired - when needed," he said.

Sutherlin added that many of today's products have guarantees against finish scratches of up to 25 years. "These guarantees, as well as the fact that wood floors don't hold dust, soil

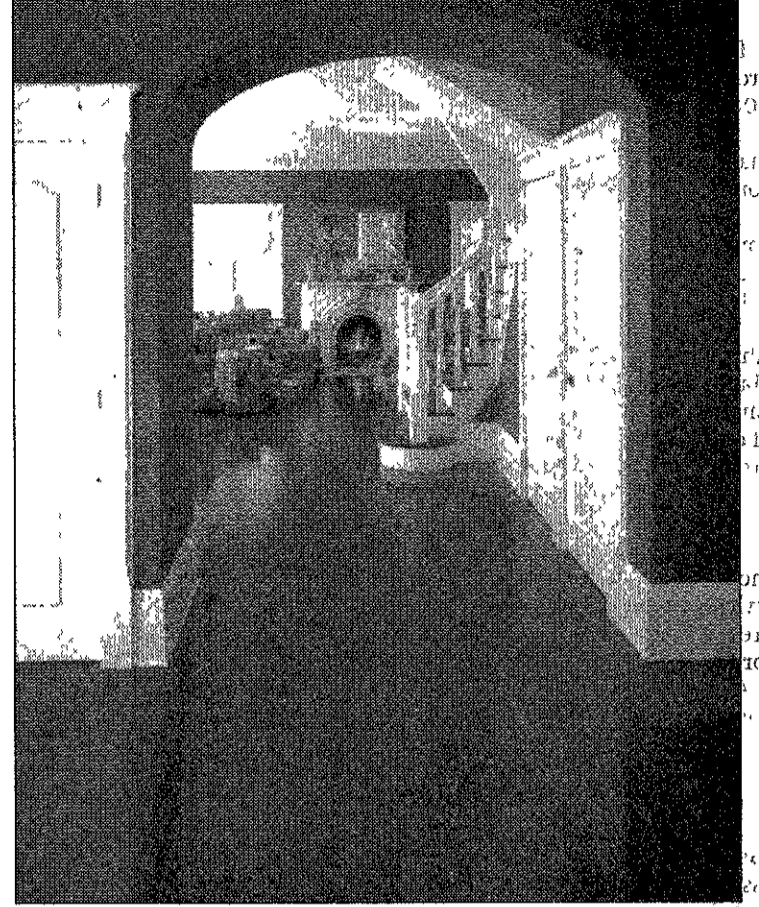
or other potential allergens, are increasing the popularity of this flooring."

Because of the wide selection of wood species and stain colors available, another benefit of wood flooring is that just about any pattern can be created to provide a customized look.

"The growing trend in wood flooring is to customize the look by creating an unusual pattern with wood strips, or adding a classic border design or medallions in another wood or finish," Sutherlin said.

According to Shock, wood flooring comes in solid or engineered (layers of hardwood used to form the strips) and are prefinished. "The engineered varieties are more adaptable for different installation conditions, including placement on top of concrete, such as in basements," Shock said. "In addition, they don't sacrifice quality or beauty and can be more affordable."

Another advantage of wood flooring is that it is environmentally friendly. "All reputable producers of wood flooring products participate in reforestation practices. When one tree is taken down, multiple trees



Muskoka prefinished hardwood flooring creates an elegant look with the ash autumn floor shown here.

are planted to replenish the forests," he added.

Sutherlin said the main benefit of wood flooring is that it is timeless. "No matter how the décor is changed over the years by homeowners, a wood floor will always be in style and always add

beauty to any room."

Sources: AR Kramer Flooring has locations at 15986 Middlebelt, in Livonia (800) 522-5370 and 42170 Ford Road in Canton (734) 844-1800. Independent Carpet One is located at 1400 N. Wayne in Westland (734) 729-6200.

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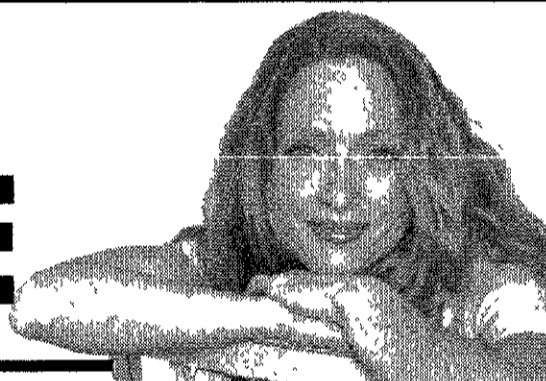
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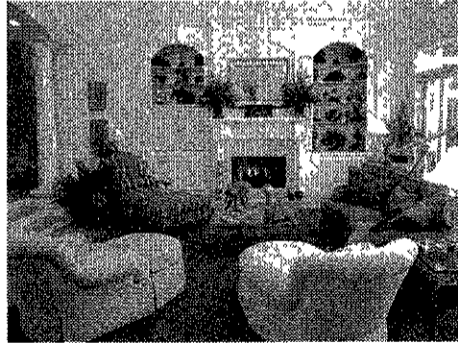
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Comfortable rugs remain more popular than ever

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

Rugs have always been around, as least as early as 6000 B.C. when weavers used sheep shorn and goat hair to make floor coverings to provide comfort and keep their feet warm. Comfort and warmth continue to be the reasons for the popularity of rugs, especially today.

According to Shahzad Ahmad, showroom manager, Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham, with the growth of ceramic and wood flooring, area rugs have achieved an even greater appeal.

"Because of the popularity of hard flooring choices, as well as the wide variety in designs and styles and prices available, rugs are a needed and wanted item for the home."

Ahmad said customers are going beyond the traditional Persian and oriental rugs - which are still popular selections - to those in transitional and contemporary designs. "Because there is such an assortment of designs, styles and colors in rugs and more affordable prices, there is something for every budget, taste and décor."

Ahmad added that many of the current offerings of rugs are made with wool and cotton fibers (usually a mix of 90 percent wool; 10 percent cotton) that are colored with vegetable dyes. "These natural dyes produce softer, more natural and pastel color hues that are not available with chrome or chemical dyes. Vegetable dyed silk rugs are also popular," he said.

Carl Schmidt, owner of First Choice Floor Covering in Canton Township, said that nylon and olefin are also popular fibers for rugs. Nylon is wear and soil resistant and easy to clean and olefin is strong and colorfast with soft wool-like feel. Olefin also resists wear and stains.

Machine-woven and tufted rugs are popular because they simulate hand-made versions at affordable prices, Schmidt said. "Machine-made, synthetic rugs can be made in patterns, such as ornate and flowery designs, that are similar to those created in wool versions," Schmidt said. A large percentage of synthetic rugs are produced in the United States, primarily at mills located in Georgia.

The majority of rugs carried by Hagopian World of Rugs are made in Pakistan and India, with other Middle East countries and China contributing to the production of these floor masterpieces.

The beauty of a fine area rug

is that it can last the buyer's lifetime and beyond, "but only if they are properly cared for," Ahmad said. Rugs should be professionally cleaned every two or three years, he said. In addition, a rug should be rotated every six months so that foot traffic doesn't cause unevenly worn spots in certain areas of the rug.

Other rug designs currently popular are woven, tufted, bordered, sculptured, textured, Berber and American Indian.



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Tailgating Tales

Author highlights his favorites

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The fire licks the leg of lamb and creates a small blaze atop the grill. Bob Sloan lets it sit on the grill until he sees that a nice sear is taking place, and then grabs the tongs and flips it. The cut is cooked nicely. "That side had a lot of fat on it," said Sloan, a cookbook author and part-time Michigan resident. "It's important not to overreact. If it went too long, it would be dried out, but you shouldn't be afraid of a little flame."

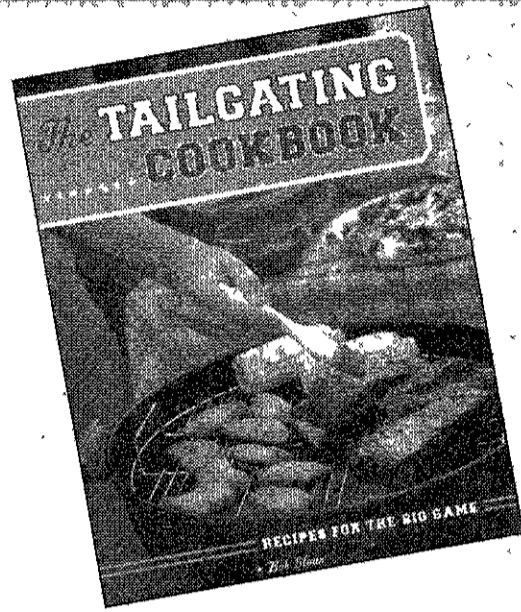


Sloan

Sloan discussed tailgating with his class on the banks of the Grand Traverse Bay at Northwestern Michigan College during the four-day Epicurean Classic.

Sloan's philosophy for his latest cookbook, *The Tailgating Cookbook: Recipes for the Big Game* (Chronicle, 2005), is the same with his other cookbooks, including *Dad's Own Cookbook* and *Great Burgers: Simpler is better*. He also decided to write the *Tailgating Cookbook* when he noticed tailgating today is mainstream even among those who aren't really football fans. "People want to be exposed to varying kinds of foods," Sloan said. "There's often three generations at tailgaters."

Before you set up for that next game, Sloan believes you should know your grill. "All grills have hot spots," Sloan said. "One of the first things you should learn when grilling is know where the hot spots are."



TIME TO VISIT

Sloan recommends that when tailgating, you should prepare foods on site, but not too much that you can't socialize. "There's a certain amount (of food preparation) that you want done," Sloan said. "You can't get too involved with cooking, otherwise, you'll never get to the game."

Lamb prepared that day was marinated with rum, scallions, garlic, onion, jalapeno, lime juice, oil and allspice. That day he has also marinated some pork chops. The boneless leg of lamb will be finished in about 20 minutes.

He creates potato packages in foil (also called "hobo packs") with bacon, potato, onion and olive oil.

Sloan also creates what he calls a "wonderful" (and it is) mango sauce for the pork and the lamb while these cuts are grilled. "You

PLEASE SEE TAILGATING, B11

Grub for the gridiron

CHILI-RUBBED RIB EYES

- 4 rib-eye steaks (about 12 ounces each)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

At the tailgate, prepare coals for a hot fire.

While the coals are heating, trim away any excess fat from the edge of the steaks. Brush both sides of the steaks with the olive oil.

In a small bowl, combine the chili powder, oregano, garlic powder, paprika, cumin, salt and pepper. Rub the spice mixture onto both sides of each steak.

When the coals are ready, grill the steaks for nine minutes, turning once, for medium-rare, 10-11 minutes for medium. Serve immediately. Makes four servings.

CRAIG'S POTATO PACKETS

Here's an easy way to have hot potatoes without much effort. They need 14 minutes of time on the grill, which means starting them a few minutes before you cook your brats or burgers.

- 2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded, and thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, cut in half lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and ground black pepper

Lay two 16-inch lengths of aluminum foil on a work surface.

Put the potatoes, bell pepper, onion, and garlic in a large bowl. Pour the olive oil over them, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and toss together until combined.

Arrange half the potato mixture in the center of each piece of aluminum foil. Bring the long ends together and fold them tightly several times. Then fold up the sides to make a neat, sealed packet.

Prepare coals for a medium-hot fire. When the coals are ready, place the potato packets on the rack and cook for seven minutes. Turn and cook for seven minutes more.

Open the packets carefully to avoid the escaping steam and serve. Each packet serves two.

For more tailgating recipes please see page B11

Look at risks

Hurricanes, floods and electrical outages create serious safety risks that require special measures to control, the Food Marketing Institute points out.

Foods that have come in contact with flood water or water from broken pipes can be dangerous to eat. Flood water may carry silt, raw sewage, oil or chemical wastes. Electrical outages might stop refrigeration, causing food to spoil.

People can protect themselves from illnesses caused by unsafe food and water by taking important measures suggested by FMI. These include:

■ **Water:** After a flood, consider all water unsafe. Listen for public announcements on the safety of the local water supply before using any water for drinking, cooking or cleaning. When using faucet water, bring water to a rolling boil for one minute.

■ **Non-refrigerated foods:** Save canned foods if they are not dented or damaged. Throw away all dry and fresh foods that came in direct contact with flood water. Throw away all dry and fresh foods, and all cans, that came in contact with industrial or septic waste. If unsure about any food, throw it out.

■ **Refrigerated foods:** Food in a refrigerator is generally safe if the power was out for less than two hours. Freezer foods will last longer. Food in a full, freestanding freezer will be safe for about two days; a half-full freezer for about one day. It is safe to refreeze thawed foods that still contain ice crystals.

Clean and sanitize any kitchen areas or items that have come in contact with flood waters. Discard wooden spoons, wooden cutting boards, plastic utensils, and baby bottle nipples and pacifiers. These items may absorb or hide bacteria, making them difficult to clean and sanitize. Wash all kitchen linens in detergent and hot water. Use chlorine bleach to sanitize the linens following directions on the bleach container.

In paperback

Jamie Oliver is the British chef known as the Naked Chef and noted for the easygoing style he displays on television shows and in cookbooks. He's explained that of course it's the recipes that are stripped-down - not the chef.

Now his early books, *The Naked Chef*, first published in 2000, and *The Naked Chef Takes Off* from 2001 are both available in paperback (Hyperion, \$19.95 each).

The recipes may include sophisticated-sounding things to do with minted asparagus, or braised lamb, or marinated charred squid, but Oliver makes it sound easy and fun.

PLEASE SEE FRENCH, B12

It's the season to fall for French wines

On the side of a hill, the medieval village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, in southeastern France, appears to be guarded by ancient chateau ruins above. Hike up there and the view is principally of vineyards and off to the southeast, the Rhône River shimmering in the sun.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape translates as the "Pope's new house," which draws a chuckle from first-timers to the village who see only one main wall still standing of the chateau built in 1320 by Pope Jean XXII of Avignon. Through the 14th century, the village and chateau remained the home of the Avignon



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WINE HISTORY

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An amazing number of both white and red grape varieties are grown and used to make the wines of the region. Since each vintner has preferences, Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines, with their distinctive bottles bearing the Châteauneuf-du-Pape coat of arms, are unique representations of the region. One thing in common is that they devel-

op complex aromas and flavors during bottle aging.

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A visit from Dany and Christian Berthet-Rayne to metro Detroit recently led us to discover a new producer from the region. The domaine has been in Dany's family for four generations but it was not until she and her husband Christian took charge in the 1980s that wines were bottled under the domaine name rather than being sold as wine to a negociant.

TAILGATING

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can cram stuff on the grill. As long as you have a little space, it will cook," he said.

In researching the book, Sloan learned the tailgating habits of football crowds from across the country. Brats are placed in pots at Green Bay Packer games, then steamed with beer and onions.

Sloan says when cooking with charcoal, the coals should be ready for grilling in about 20 minutes, while a gas grill takes 10.

Don't be afraid to cut the meat to check its doneness, Sloan said. If you'd like, you can take that piece for yourself, if you're serving a big crew, Sloan said. When cooking corn, "just throw it on and keep turning it," Sloan said. (You don't need to keep the husk on, he adds.)

Sloan removes the lamb from the grill, cuts off a piece that's done, and places the remainder back on the grill. When he finishes the meat is done in varying degrees from medium to medium rare. He doesn't cook it too rare today at the demonstration, but says later that is his preference.

He suggests serving dips shaped like footballs or cakes with green icing to resemble football fields. "You can also dye foods with the colors of your favorites teams," he said.

Many fans cook pork kabobs. "A lot of people use those because they find that it's easier," Sloan said. He also sprays fish with PAM before grilling.

"When I cook whitefish, I do the meat side first and the PAM helps you turn it easily," Sloan said.

CHEF DRAWS ATTENTION

Chef Mario Batali happened to be in the crowd, as he was the main attraction at the Epicurean Classic. (Sloan and Batali also both maintain summer residences in Northport, north of Traverse City in the Leelanau Peninsula.)

"Don't move it (the food) for four or five minutes," Batali said about grilling. The food lands on the grill and can stick.

Sloan likes to brine pork and chicken, while Batali always brines turkey with a basic brine of one pound of salt, one pound of sugar and one gallon of water. "It makes it nice and juicy," Batali said.

When Sloan uses rubs, he enjoys chili powder, paprika with a little cumin and allspice. "A little flavor gives it distinction," Sloan said. He'll use that rub on skirt steak, flank steak and porterhouse. "But sometimes people like the flavor of the meat without the rubs, it's just that that rub is perfect to add to it."

Sloan has been visiting the Traverse City area for 23 years. His wife, Randy, grew up in Farmington Hills and now the couple lives in New York City.

Besides his cookbooks, Sloan also writes mysteries.

Sloan enjoys tailgating and attending Jets and Giants games; but he has family members in Ann Arbor, so he enjoys tailgating there, too.

Sloan was asked whether he considers himself a cook who writes or a writer who cooks. "A writer who cooks," he said. "I feel like I have an expertise of cooking for the average person, and I worked hard to write books with a sense of humor."

Sloan was asked about his friendship with Batali. "We're pretty good friends and we've spent a lot of time together," Sloan said. "It's sometimes intimidating working around him. He's always the one cooking for other people. We try to trade off."

Sloan likes to season whitefish with dried herbs, such as basil, lemon thyme, parsley and oregano. He also likes mint. "You might want to use it to brighten it up a little." He suggests adding it to mango.

Adding seasonings all depends on what you are using, Sloan said. "If it is rubs, put them on before cooking. For sauce, add during the last 10 minutes and for fresh herbs, add after it is finished, otherwise those will just burn off," Sloan said.

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GRILLED LEG OF LAMB
JAMAICAN STYLE

Mango Relish

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded, and finely chopped

1 scallion, green part only, finely chopped
1-inch piece of fresh ginger, peeled, and finely chopped

4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 jalapeño chile, stemmed, seeded, and finely chopped
2 mangos, peeled, pitted, and chopped

1/2 cup fresh lime juice (from about 2 large limes)
1 teaspoon salt

Marinade

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 scallion, green part only, finely chopped

6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 jalapeño chile, stemmed, seeded, and finely chopped
1 teaspoon ground allspice
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1/2 cup dark rum

1 boneless leg of lamb (4-5 pounds), butterflied

At home - For the mango relish: Place a medium sauté pan over medium heat, add the olive oil and the onion, bell pepper, scallion, ginger, garlic, and jalapeño and cook until the vegetables begin to soften, about four minutes.

Add the mangos, lime juice, and salt and stir until combined. Transfer to a bowl and let cool.

Transfer to a sealable container and refrigerate until you are ready to pack, up to 24 hours.

For the marinade: Place the olive oil, onion, scallion, garlic, jalapeño, allspice, lime juice, and rum in a blender and puree until just smooth.

Coat both sides of the lamb with the marinade, place it in a sealable container, and refrigerate for at least four hours and up to 24 hours.

At the tailgate: Prepare coals for a medium-hot fire. When the coals are ready, grill the lamb for 22 minutes, turning once.

With a sharp knife, cut away the thinner middle section of the leg and transfer it to a platter. Leave the thicker end pieces to cook five-seven minutes longer, turning once.

Let the lamb rest for five minutes before cutting it on the diagonal into thin slices. If some sections are still too rare, lay the slices on the grill for a few seconds on each side. Serve with the Mango Relish. Makes six servings.

BONELESS PORK CHOPS
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These chops have a balance of spice and sweetness.

1/4 cup fresh orange juice
1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves
4 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 tablespoon sweet paprika
1 tablespoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
1 teaspoon salt
4 loin pork chops, cut 1-1/2 inch thick
1 cup Mango Relish (see lamb recipe above)

At home, put the orange juice, cilantro, garlic, lime juice, olive oil, cumin, chili powder, paprika, coriander, cayenne and salt in a blender and pulse until smooth, about six pulses.

Using half the marinade, coat both sides of the chops. Place the chops in a resealable freezer bag and refrigerate until you are ready to pack, up to four hours. Transfer the remaining marinade to a sealable container and refrigerate until ready to pack.

At the tailgate, prepare coals for a medium-hot fire. When the coals are ready, arrange them so that the coals are all on one side of the grill.

Cook the chops over the coals until nicely browned, about two minutes, then turn and grill for two minutes more. Transfer the chops to the cooler side of the grill and baste them with the reserved marinade. Cover the grill, making sure the bottom and top vents are open, and grill, turning once, and basting again, until the chops are just cooked through ... about 10 minutes more. Serve immediately with the mango relish. Makes four servings.

Recipes courtesy of Bob Sloan's *The Tailgating Cookbook: Recipes for the Big Game*, Chronicle Books, New York, 2005.

Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend.

To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.community-house.com.

Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are the instructors. Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale distributors for more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog

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scriber for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment.

Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America.

Classes are:
■ Italian Wines, Oct. 26 (\$26). Take an introductory exploration into the world's largest wine-producing coun-

try. Through a step-by-step process, the prominent production regions will be analyzed.

■ The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Nov. 9 (\$26). Instructors will provide eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions.

■ Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Nov. 16 (\$26). Learn the history of champagnes and sparkling wines, the regions and the process of producing them. Learn about matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included.

FOOD EVENTS

Emily's

Hurricane Katrina devastated countless people's lives - destroying homes, separating families, and forcing people out of the life that they once knew as normal. Several of these people are here in the Detroit area living in hotels, surviving off of donated meals, clothes and supplies.

Emily's Restaurant, 505 N. Center St. in Northville, hosts one of the restaurant's reputed wine dinners in which 100 percent of the pro-

ceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity Detroit's Hurricane Katrina Fund. All of the food, wine, and labor costs will be donated so that all of the income can go to this cause, in hopes of rebuilding lives for these people. The dinner begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, with a \$150 minimum donation per person with a 50-person maximum capacity; this is inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call Emily's Restaurant at (248) 349-0505.

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CALENDAR

Microbrews

The "Microbrews of the World" series will be held at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, 111 E. Kirby, across the street from the Detroit Institute of Arts, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18. This first evening, held in cooperation with Cloverleaf Fine Wine and Spirits of Southfield and beer importer Shelton Brothers, features a lecture on traditional beer brewing. Participants will sample precision-crafted, small-batch, traditional brews from Belgium, France, Germany and the more exotic reaches of northern Europe. Light refreshments and entertainment by pianist Norm Duffy will be provided. Participants must be 21 or over. Program cost is \$25. Space is limited; RSVP is recommended. Call (313) 871-8600.

Healthy Cooking Classes

Vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef, Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Upcoming classes include: Fall 2005 two-week series on Oct. 19 and 26, fee \$60 (\$30 each class). Details of all classes can

be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are 6-9 p.m. in Garden City. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2950 for more information.

Schoolcraft classes

Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the ViTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), in Livonia this fall. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu

Hands-On

Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101: Skill Development class or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others.

International Breads, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6; Cooking with an Asian Flair, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11; Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking, two days, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22; Chowder and Bisque Soup Workshop, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3; Pasta Recipes, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10; Garde Manger 101- Cold Food Preparation, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29 and 30.

The Community House

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■ So You Went to the Cider Mill and Bought a Bushel of Apples, Now What? is scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 11. This seasonal fall delight will thrill the apple lover. Start with baby salad greens drizzled with fresh apple vinaigrette. Your entrée will be chicken breast stuffed with apples, brie and sun-dried cherries in an apple brandy sauce with wild rice. And for the piece de resistance, enjoy a baked caramel apple purse.

Instructor Peter Engelhardt is the executive chef at The Community House.

FRENCH

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Clairette, Bourboulenc, Grenache blanc and Roussanne are grapes used to make Domaine Berthet-Rayne Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc (\$30). The 2003 is the current vintage but the 2004 will be available by the end of this month. Most unique about both of these wines is the flinty, mineral character intermingly on the palate with notes of ripe pears. Grilled scallops are the perfect food match.

Grenache, Mourvedre, Cinsault and Syrah are the blend of grapes used to produce Domaine Berthet-Rayne Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge (\$30). The 2003 showcases raspberry and strawberry flavors that come across lush and full on the palate, ending with a hint of white pepper.

Domaine Berthet-Rayne 2003 Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Vieilli en Fut de Chene," translates roughly as "matured in oak barrels," illustrates at \$35 how aging one year in oak cooperage influences a red Châteauneuf-du-Pape with

WINE PICKS

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Cotes-Du-Rhone: 2003 Domaine de la Monardiere \$12; 2003 Domaine de la Monardiere Cuvee des Calades (Vacqueyras) \$19; and 2003 Reserve des 2 Monardes (Vacqueyras) \$22.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

notes of leather and longer length of finish.

Made only in the best vintages, the 2001 Domaine Berthet-Rayne Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Cuvee Cadiac" \$50 is the producer's signature selection. Powerful and seductive red fruits dominate both aromas and flavors of this red wine that matured in oak cooperage for one year and was bottled aged for another year

before being released.

Make coq au vin and serve the cuvee cadiac for a delicious taste treat.

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Wildcats' title hopes dashed by Mustangs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER

Northville earned its third Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title in four years the hard way — by winning two matches on the P-CEP soccer stadium field in the span of six days.

The Mustangs clinched the division Monday night by knocking off Plymouth, 4-0. The triumph came five nights after they downed Canton, 1-0, on the same turf.

The victory left Northville with an 11-2-2 overall record and 4-0-1 mark in the division. Plymouth, which could have kept its title hopes alive with a victory,

dropped to 9-5-2 overall and 3-1 in the division.

"I wasn't happy with the way we played the first 15 minutes," said Northville coach Henry Klimes. "Both teams were just kicking the ball back and forth. Once we got our composure and started getting into our short passing game, we played much better."

"Plymouth has improved every year we've played them. Their hopes for the division were on the line, too. It came down to where our defense bottled up their offense."

The Mustangs opened the scoring

with 25 minutes left in the opening half when Jon Junca took a pass from Nick Kolbow and slid a shot past Plymouth goalkeeper Nick Siekirk. Ten minutes later, Northville doubled its lead when Nick Kaldis scored off a give-and-go pass from Jeff Cheslik.

Plymouth narrowly missed cutting into its deficit with 33 minutes left when Justin Sheridan's shot from 15 yards out was knocked away by Mustang goalkeeper Ryan Pratt.

"He made the saves when he had to tonight," Klimes said of Pratt.

Northville has yielded just one goal in its past five games, Klimes said.

The Mustangs increased their advantage to 3-0 with 20:10 left when Justin

Lockwood knocked a rebound shot into an open net. The goal came seconds after Siekirk had denied Enrique Acevedo with a diving save.

The game's final goal came at the 3:04 mark when Chris Leonetti beat Siekirk from 8 yards out. Ironically, Leonetti, a senior, attended Plymouth during his freshman year before switching to Northville when his family moved into that district.

Plymouth's Colin Rolfe threatened to remove the '0' from the Wildcats' side of the scoreboard with 4:35 left, but his arcing shot from 35 yards out sailed just over the net.

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Sidelines

Lions go 2-0-1

The Canton Lions varsity unit rallied from a 12-point, fourth-quarter deficit Sunday to tie Belleville, 26-26. The Lions opened the scoring with a 30-yard touchdown pass from Cody Blakita to Josh Gatt.

After the Cougars took a 20-6 lead, the Lions marched 64 yards in 10 plays to score on Anthony Seling's 1-yard run. Following a Belleville defensive score that put it up 26-14, Gatt returned the ensuing kickoff 75 yards to cut the Lions' deficit to 26-20. The Lions' final TD came when Caleb Rankins scored from 19 yards 19 yards out.

The Canton Lions JV squad improved its record to 3-1 with a 47-0 win over the Cougars. The offense was steered by QB Josh Peterson with TDs from Braden Price, Phil Emminger, Miles Clifton, Jordan Smith, Matt Harris and Michael Boes. The defense was paced by Brandon Congdon, David Edwards, William Askew and Daniel Zugaj.

Five different Lions freshmen scored touchdowns en route to a 39-6 victory. Scoring their first career touchdowns were Kenneth Arnold (two), Weston Price and Luke Denzer. Other Lions turning in a strong performance were Brandon Lee, Jake Roberts, Alex Bonifacio, Chuckie Turfe and Eric Thomas.

Steelers win two

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers won two of three games from the Brighton Bulldogs Saturday. The Steelers varsity unit lost 36-24, despite their highest offensive output of the season. The setback dropped the varsity to 0-4. Tony Calles and Alex King bolstered the P-C offense while Ryan Barrera and Justin Gohl shined for the defensive unit.

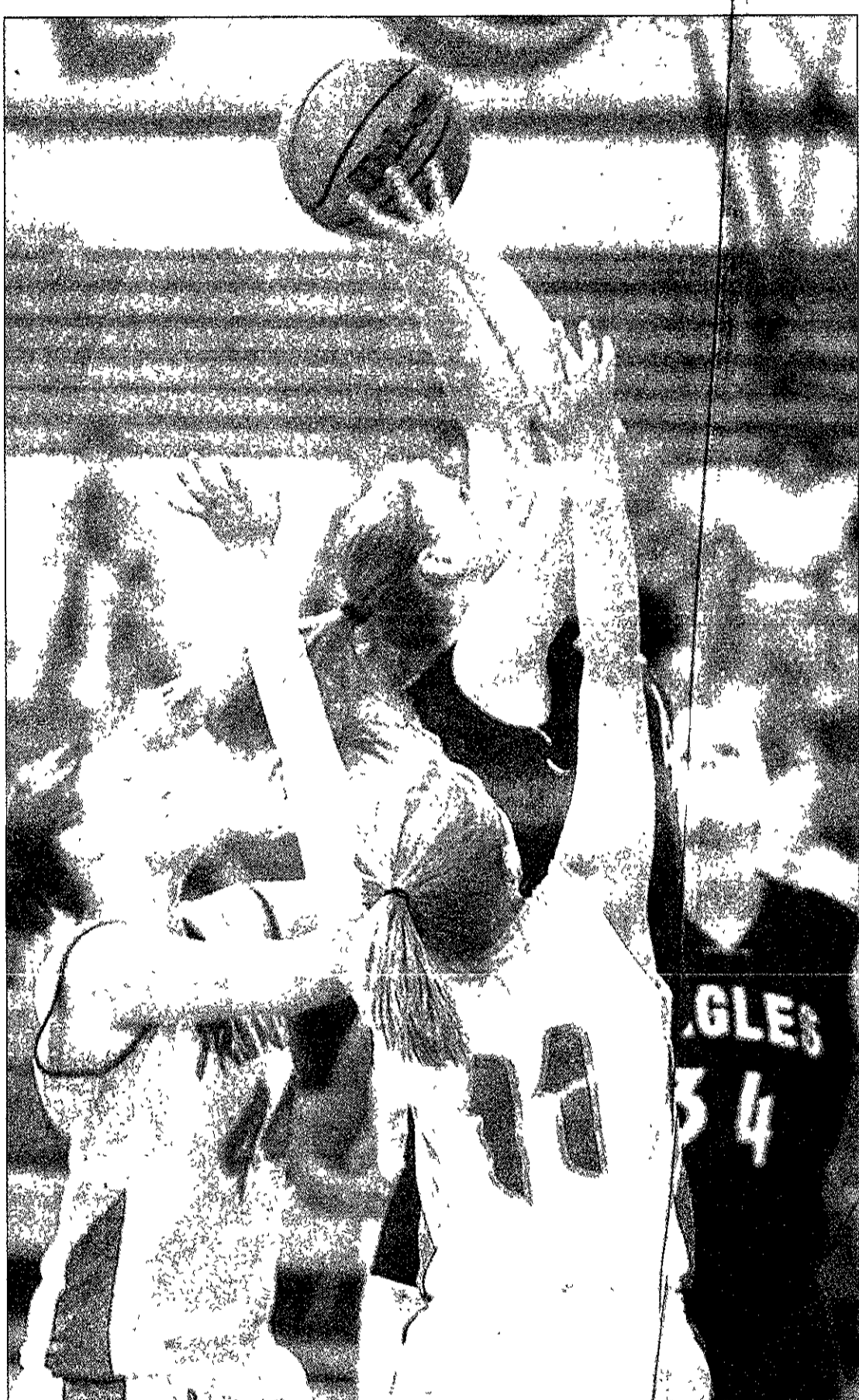
The Steelers JV contingent upended the Bulldogs 21-8 behind the two-way play of Ryan Jankowski and Michael Olevnick. Also playing well were Nick Tata, who played four different positions, and Samuel Scott, who led the defensive secondary. The Steelers' JV is now 3-0-1.

The Steelers freshmen blanked Brighton, 25-0, to improve to 2-2. Greg Williams and A.J. Convertino played well offensively while Nick Lanava and Michael Saccone turned in stellar efforts for the defense.

Know lacrosse?

The City of Plymouth's Recreation Department is looking for individuals with experience in lacrosse to serve as instructors for programs in the spring of 2006. The positions are paid, part-time and may lead to additional opportunities.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Interested individuals should contact deputy recreation director Steve Anderson at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.



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Kelsie's night

Plymouth Christian's Kelsie Tietjen, pictured above in a game earlier this season, had a productive night Tuesday against Warren Zoe Christian. The senior forward netted 23 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and four steals in the Eagles' 53-38 victory. For details on the game, please see page C.

Canton, Salem soccer alumni set for match

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

25 years of soccer

The competitive rivalry between the Canton and Salem boys soccer program will reach new heights Saturday when a three-tiered line-up of games will mark the 25th season of boys soccer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The inaugural Alumni Day Celebration will kick off at 4:30 p.m. when former Chief and Rock players will square off in an alumni game. Players from both squads will be introduced beginning at 4:15 p.m.

"I think it will be a very competitive game as the desire to win will be there for both teams," said current Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "It promises to be an exciting match. We hope that the community will join in the excitement as well."

The game will be divided into two 30-minute halves,

McCarthy said.

Following the alumni game, the two schools' junior-varsity squads will meet in a game that is expected to start at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The Salem and Canton varsity units will then top off the evening with a game that is set to begin around 7:15 p.m.

Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. All former Salem players who may be interested in playing in the alumni game are urged to contact either McCarthy at (248) 561-2846, John Truskowski at (248) 207-1139 or Scott Duhl at (734) 891-6272. Canton alumni should call George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

"This 25th anniversary celebration will give everyone a chance to share fond memories and to renew old friendships," McCarthy said.

Long-awaited PCEP grid battle on deck

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

One of the most highly anticipated high school grid-iron battles in several years involving two local teams will

unfold Friday night at the PCEP football stadium when Canton (4-2)

hosts Plymouth (5-1). The Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title has already been clinched by Livonia Franklin, but PCEP bragging rights will be at stake when the Chiefs and Wildcats square off at 7 p.m.

Plymouth's lone setback

this season was a 14-7 loss to the Patriots. Canton suffered narrow losses to Franklin (13-7) and Walled Lake Western (21-14 in overtime).

Both teams will be riding a wave of momentum into tomorrow night's contest. The Wildcats ousted Wayne Memorial, 37-14, on homecoming last week while the Chiefs pounded Northville, 35-0.

The spotlight will be on both teams' talented senior quarterbacks: Canton's Shawn Little and Plymouth's Brent Jones. Both Little and Jones can rip off long runs as well as overpower defenses with their strong right arms.

Longtime friends find success on tennis courts, in life

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Enduring friendships are a lot like entertaining, three-set tennis matches: They both offer plenty of memorable moments that enrich the lives of those

involved. No one knows this better than Salem senior tennis players

Maureen "Mo" Bohr and Katie Girskis, who have been best friends since crossing paths for the first time in first grade at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth.

They took tennis lessons together for the first time in

sixth grade, have served as president (Girskis) and vice president (Bohr) of the Salem Student Council for the past three years, and will no doubt remain fast friends long after they graduate in June.

"We're like sisters," said Girskis, who is the Rocks' No. 3 singles player this season. "Ever since we met, we've liked to do the same kinds of things."

"I'm sure when we're old women, we'll still be playing tennis together," Bohr said, laughing.

WINNING FINALE

The duo's final tennis season together at Salem has been packed with success. Through Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament, Bohr had compiled a 10-7 record at No. 2

while Girskis was 12-8 at No. 3. Together, they helped lead Salem to an impressive 7-2-2 dual meet mark.

"Both Mo and Katie are extremely hard workers," said Lin Ware, the Rocks' head coach for the past three seasons. "They're both co-captains and very well-liked and respected by their teammates. This past summer, they ran our team's conditioning program three days a week. We had good turnouts, too, thanks to them. They both really stepped up and went the extra mile."

Bohr has played throughout her senior season with a less-than-desirable partner: adversity. A talented softball player in the spring for the Rocks, she broke the middle finger on her



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Salem tennis players Katie Girskis (left) and Mo Bohr have been best friends since meeting in the first grade at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Bohr is the Rocks' No. 2 singles player while Girskis is No. 3.

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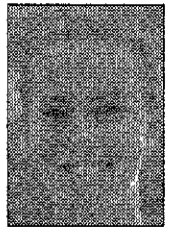
From 'A' to 'Z'

Zemanski helps fill offensive hole for Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Canton lost its offensive 'A' plan early in Tuesday night's home game against Livonia Churchill, the Chiefs turned to plan 'Z'.

After leading scorer Lisa Ealy left the game for good late in the first quarter with an apparent leg injury, the scoring burden fell on several role players, including Kelsey "Z" Zemanski, who buried three straight jumpers early in the second half to help the Chiefs bury the Chargers, 41-24. Both teams continued to head in opposite directions: Canton is now 8-2 overall and 4-0 in the Western Lakes



Zemanski

Activities Association while Churchill fell to 2-8 and 0-4, respectively.

"I thought we adjusted well to playing without Lisa," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Lisa plays a lot of minutes for us, so everyone else had to step up. Amanda Sitko and 'Z' did a nice job. Z's outside shots really got us rolling in the third quarter."

Churchill coach Keith McDonald couldn't have been much happier with his team's first-half effort even though his Chargers trailed, 16-6.

"I thought we played well defensively in the first half," he said. "Holding a pretty good offensive team like Canton to just 16 points is good. We just couldn't make any shots."

"In the second half we were getting some good looks, but nothing was falling. We needed to come out in the third quarter and knock a couple down

right away to get back into it, but it didn't happen."

Canton junior guard Becci Houdek had her usual solid game, netting 13 points, six rebounds and three steals. Junior forward Ja'nee Morton contributed nine points and 12 rebounds (eight offensive). Zemanski finished with six and Lauren Delapaz added five. Sophomore center Marie Martin chipped in with four points and seven rebounds while senior forward Leslie Olech had six boards and two points.

Stephanie Bradshaw was the lone Charger to hit double figures, twining 11 to go along with her seven rebounds. Liz Buttery was next in the production category with four points and five rebounds.

While Canton's gym was steamy Tuesday night, both teams' shooting touches were Arctic-like. In the first quarter, just 4-of-26 shots found the

mark and Canton led 8-2. The combined shooting percentages improved — but just barely — in the second quarter as Churchill went 2-for-7 while Canton hit only 3-of-18 attempts. The Chargers were hampered by turnover issues in the first half, committing 14 miscues compared to the Chiefs' four.

"We're going to have nights when we don't make a lot of shots, but even on nights like tonight, we still need to defend and get after it," said Samulski. "We did a nice job of keeping them in front of us tonight when we were defending."

Canton sank 17-of-56 shots from the floor (30.3 percent) and 5-of-17 free throws (29.4 percent). Churchill was successful on just 20.9 percent of its field-goal attempts and half of its attempts from the charity stripe.

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Teamwork propels Wildcats to victory

Plymouth High did it inside and outside to remain unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball chase.

The Wildcats improved to 8-2 overall and 4-0 in the WLAA with a hard-fought 48-36 win Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans (8-2, 3-1) came out in a sagging zone, but were forced to go man-to-man after Plymouth nailed four 3-pointers in the opening quarter to take an 18-8 advantage.

Colleen Flaherty hit a pair of triples, while Janet Hanchett and Val Klemmer added one each.

Stevenson fought back to within one at the half, 22-21, and trailed by only three after three periods, 30-27, before the Wildcats closed out the win with an 18-9 fourth-quarter run.

"They (Stevenson) started out in a zone and we came out and hit four 'threes' the first quarter," Plymouth coach Michelle Reilly said. "When they went 'man' we did not adjust as well, but they (Stevenson) are well coached and played hard. We just got a little tentative."

"But in the fourth quarter we made free throws (10-of-14) and we used our inside game."

Jeanine Moise, a 5-foot-11 senior center, led Plymouth with 14 points and nine rebounds. Kim Olech, a 6-foot senior center, added 12 points.

"They (Plymouth) are for real, we couldn't handle their size inside," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "We packed it in (a zone) to start, but we had to go 'man' the rest of the game. Our kids played hard. I'm not disappointed with our effort. We came back at half and were right there in the third quarter."

One disparity was free throws. Plymouth made 16-of-26 on the night, while Stevenson went 1-of-2.

Kaitlin O'Hara came off the bench to score eight of her team-high 10 points in the opening half. Amanda Alpert and Danielle Smith added eight apiece.

"We did not execute offensively," Newman said. "We were out of sync and I don't know if it was because we had to exert too much energy on defense."

Sophomore leads Rocks to win over Rockets

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's Alaya Mitchell played like a sophomore Tuesday night against Westland John Glenn. A college sophomore.

The smooth-dribbling, lightning-quick Mitchell poured in a game-high 12 points to lead the rocks to a 45-20 triumph over the visiting Rockets. The victory improved Salem's record to 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Glenn slipped to 4-6 and 1-3, respectively.

Mitchell played well, but it was far from a one-player show for the Rocks, who also got nine points and five rebounds from Teresa Coppiellie, seven points from Lauren Kurtz and six points and five boards from Becky Ward.

"We took control in the first quarter and then continued to play well throughout the rest of

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the game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

Salem led 14-3 after one quarter and 23-7 at the intermission. Any visions Glenn may have had of a second-half rally were subdued when the Rocks outscored them 10-5 in the third stanza.

John Glenn had four players with three points and four with two each.

Salem's next game should be more challenging — a Saturday night contest against state-ranked Detroit Renaissance. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. in the Rocks' gym.

"I saw them play this past summer," Thomann said. "They're very quick, they press a lot and they like to fast-break. They play at a very up-tempo pace."

"Playing a team like

Renaissance is a way for us to get better. It will be a good test for us."

PCA 53, WARREN ZOE CHRISTIAN 38: The Eagles snapped a two-game losing streak behind Kelsey Tietjen's 23 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and four steals. Several other Eagles soared as well, including Lauren Beckett (eight points, nine rebounds), Meghan Polera (eight points, five steals), Stephanie Auwers (six points, nine rebounds), Sara Ross (six points, 12 assists) and Charlotte Daly (two points).

Zoe was paced by Gabrielle Saulsby, who netted 14.

The win improved the Eagles' overall record to 6-4 and their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference mark to 1-3.

PCA fell behind 1-2 in the opening quarter, only going on a 21-9 run to finish out

the half.

"We really struggled to score early in the game," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "But we had a good second quarter, which gave us a boost heading into the locker room for half-time. I thought we played well as a team tonight."

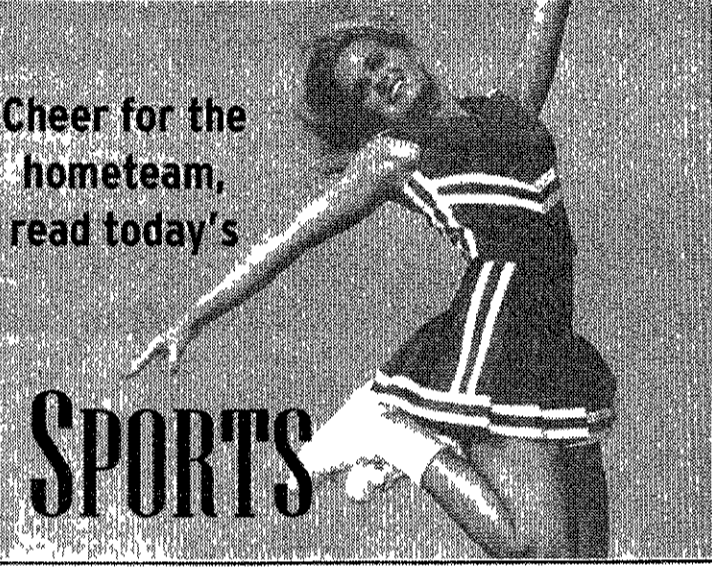
"Kelsey played a great game. She moved without the ball really well. She cut and got open, and she rebounded very well."

After seizing a 23-20 half-time lead, the Eagles surged to a 41-31 advantage with eight minutes left.

The Eagles connected on 5-of-14 free throws while Zoe hit 4-of-6.

PCA returns to action Friday night at Southfield Christian.

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FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 364; 2. Northville, 228; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 218; 4. Salem, 156; 5. Canton, 137. 200-yard medley relay: 1. Pioneer (Devan Raag, Brenna Irrer, Nikki Unbehauen, Stephanie Laing), 2:02.30; 2. Northville (Kille Warwood, Julie Gotberg, Sarah Bardsley, Lauren Moak), 2:09.95; 3. Stevenson (Kieran Dolin, Megan Gosdzinski, Naida El-Sabeh, Brittany Eilers), 2:10.93. 200 medley relay (A): 1. Pioneer (Melissa Spahlinger, Andrea Gregorka, Anne Stern, Rachel Nissley), 1:58.23; 2. Stevenson (Megan Holycross, Lisa Koch, Katie Kress, Blake Holtz), 2:03.41; 3. Northville (Alandra Greenlee, Yvonne Lunn, Meghan Kanya, Sarah Anker), 2:05.41. 200 medley relay (B): 1. Pioneer (Ashley Cohagen, Carlye Ellis, Margaret Kelly, Leigh Cole), 1:47.87; 2. Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Sarah Carr, Emily Hoppian, Jessica Weber), 1:56.37; 3. Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Anna Polkowski, Laura Timson), 1:56.67. 200 freestyle (A): 1. Emily Cox (AAP), 2:02.54; 2. Meghan Kanya (N), 2:07.95; 3. Addie Turlo (LS), 2:15.17. 200 freestyle (B): 1. Carleigh Schwartz (AAP), 1:58.77; 2. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:07.74; 3. Laura Landis (C), 2:10.10. 200 freestyle (C): 1. Lauren Shanley (AAP), 1:58.68; 2. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 2:01.71; 3. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:05.10. 200 freestyle (D): 1. Grace Fredlake (N), 1:54.78; 2. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:54.82; 3. Kristyne Cole (AAP), 1:56.56. 200 IM (A): 1. Andrea Gregorka (AAP), 2:18.67; 2. Erin Shea (N), 2:35.47; Kriste Nemans (S), 2:38.58. 200 IM (B): 1. Melissa Spahlinger (AAP), 2:16.13; 2. Julie Gotberg (N), 2:26.72; 3. Christine Hiltz (LS), 2:27.03. 200 IM (C): 1. Carlye Ellis (AAP), 2:10.13; 2. Lisa Koch (LS), 2:23.02; 3. Sarah Bardsley (N), 2:24.76. 200 IM (D): 1. Margaret Kelly (AAP), 2:07.90; 2. Laura Timson (LS), 2:17.31; 3. Alandra Greenlee (N), 2:18.64. 50 freestyle (A): 1. Allison Graziano (AAP), 26.27; 2. Lauren Moak (N), 28.30; 3. Kieran Dolin (LS), 28.37. 50 freestyle (B): 1. Ashley Cohagen (AAP), 25.34; 2. Sarah Anker (N), 27.42; 3. Blake Holtz (LS), 27.77. 50 freestyle (C): 1. Liz Koselka (AAP), Emily Hoppian (N), 26.58; 3. Brittany Eilers (LS), 27.32. 50 freestyle (D): 1. Leigh Cole (AAP), 25.30; 2. Jessica Weber (N), 25.40; 3. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 27.38. Diving (A): 1. Maeve Daly (AAP), 242.70. Diving (B): 1. Maria Trombley (AAP), 265.55; 2. Nicole Ret (S), 172.72; 3. Camille Barr (LS), 106.15. Diving (C): 1. Caitlin Noonan (AAP), 317.35; 2. Amy Reynolds (N), 262.60; 3. Emily Theodore (S), 170.50. Diving (D): 1. Susan Kennedy (AAP), 349.85; 2. Chelsea Seldon (C), 296.80; 3. Amanda Keeble (LS), 257.55. 100 butterfly (A): 1. Melissa Lang (AAP), 1:05.67; 2. Chelsea Miller (N), 1:11.84; 3. Naida El-Sabeh (LS), 1:11.89. 1:42.34; 2. Northville (Emily Hoppian, Jessica Weber, Tanya Tereszczenko, Grace Fredlake), 1:44.65; 3. Canton (Laura Landis, Isabela Paszkowska, Monica Blaesser, Allison Schmitt), 1:46.06. 100 backstroke (A): 1. Alyssa Myers (AAP), 1:06.72; 2. Katie Kress (LS), 1:09.95; 3. Danielle Roy (S), 1:14.12. 100 backstroke (B): 1. Devan Raag (AAP), 1:06.54; 2. Christine Hiltz (LS), 1:09.24; 3. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:09.61. 100 backstroke (C): 1. Ashley Cohagen (AAP), 1:00.11; 2. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:08.52; 3. Molly Dowd (C), 1:10.01. 100 backstroke (D): 1. Margaret Kelly (AAP), 58.18; 2. Marisa Gordon (LS), 1:03.38; 3. Kelsey Lincoln (S), 1:04.51. 100 breaststroke (A): 1. Brenna Irrer (AAP), 1:13.08; 2. Stephanie Buckley (LS), 1:14.28; 3. Megan Trotter (N), 1:23.98. 100 breaststroke (B): 1. Andrea Gregorka (AAP), 1:12.07; 2. Lisa Koch (LS), 1:12.40; 3. Meghan Sears (C), 1:24.94. 100 breaststroke (C): 1. Laura Timson (LS), 1:10.70; 2. Melissa Spahlinger (AAP), 1:10.71; 3. Yvonne Lunn (N), 1:19.96. 100 breaststroke (D): 1. Carlye Ellis (AAP), 1:05.63; 2. Brynn Marecki (LS), 1:09.52; 3. Sarah Carr (N), 1:13.04. 400 freestyle relay (A): 1. Northville (Erin Shea, Amanda Suokas, Rachel Englert, Yvonne Lunn), 4:05.07; 2. Pioneer (Rachel Muscott, Melissa Lang, Anne Warren, Stephanie Laing), 4:06.66; 3. Stevenson (Jill Beurer, Christine Hiltz, Laura Hurn, Megan Holycross), 4:06.73. 400 freestyle relay (B): 1. Pioneer (Carleigh Schwartz, Ashley Cohagen, Allison Graziano, Lauren Shanley), 3:47.61; 2. Stevenson (Stephanie Buckley, Becky Hurn, Lisa Koch, Brittany Eilers), 3:58.06; 3. Northville (Julie Gotberg, Meghan Kanya, Kelley Hill, Lauren Moak), 4:08.45. 400 freestyle relay (C): 1. Pioneer (Margaret Kelly, Liz Koselka, Kristyne Cole, Leigh Cole), 3:32.40; 2. Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Anna Polkowski, Laura Timson, Brynn Marecki), 3:47.54; 3. Northville (Chelsea Miller, Sarah Carr, Sarah Bardsley, Grace Fredlake), 3:50.26.



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Canton swimmer Allison Schmitt, pictured in a meet earlier this season, recorded a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle at Saturday's Rock Mauer Relays at Salem. Canton finished fifth.

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Plymouth Whaler Mike Letizia (left) and his teammates stay busy with off-ice clinics and fund-raising programs when they're not competing in Ontario Hockey League action.

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Hot streak

Plymouth runners win 2nd straight trophy

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

At the rate the Plymouth boys cross country team has been winning titles lately, the Wildcats' trophy case is going to get crowded real quick.

Plymouth racked up its second consecutive first-place finish Saturday afternoon when it captured the 11-team Dearborn Divine Child Falcon Invitational with 34 points. Filling out the top six in the standings were: Northville (54), Pinckney 98, Dearborn Fordson (111), Berkeley (120) and Salem (172).

The Wildcats' 'B' team finished ninth with 211 points.

"Including our 'B' team, we had 14 runners break 20 minutes, and most of them had never broke 20 before, so it was a very good meet for us," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "When we won the Western Lakes Jamboree last week, it gave us a lot of confidence."

Leading the Wildcats to victory lane was Anthony

Scaparo, who placed second overall with a school-record 16:34. He was followed across the line by teammates Patrick Slavens (fourth in 16:52), Sean Dillon (sixth in 17:20), Derek Lax (ninth in 17:38), Cristian Chagas (13th in 17:55), Justin Huey (23rd in 18:17) and Justin Magill (42nd in 18:53). Dillon's effort was a senior record for Plymouth.

Racking up points for the sixth-place Rocks were Jimmy Walsh (fifth in 17:14), Colin McGorey (28th in 18:29), Rob Curtis (44th in 18:58), Trevor Rice (47th in 19:12), Matt Shirey (48th in 19:15), Matt Korovesis (51st in 19:19) and Drew Furbacher (62nd in 20:11).

Running for the Wildcats' 'B' team were Alex Noble (30th in 18:48), Matt Lewandowski (37th in 18:42), Lucas Siebel (39th in 18:47), Ty Schroeder (52nd in 19:20), Jeff

Movsesian (53rd in 19:23), David Maycock (60th in 19:53) and Stephen Ostrowski (61st in 19:54).

CHIEFS SHINE

Canton's harriers turned in their most impressive varsity performance of the season when they placed seventh at Saturday's Haslett Invitational. The Chiefs' 197 points were 128 more than first-place Walled Lake Central. The top five spots were filled out by Novi Catholic Central (94), Ann Arbor Huron (118), Eaton Rapids (134) and Lansing Waverly (176).

"This was definitely the best we've run all year," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "We finished ahead of two Western Lakes teams and six of our seven runners had personal-best times."

Earning points for the Chiefs were Trey Wolfe (30th in 17:40.4), Derek Hoerman (33rd in 17:44.4), Duncan Spitz (39th in 17:51.0), Kyle Clinton (44th in 18:04.1),

Greg Reed (51st in 18:11.5), Evan Shepherd (55th in 18:16.5) and David Catalan (66th in 18:31.1).

CANTON WINS

The Chiefs captured the title at Tuesday's Westland John Glenn Freshman/Sophomore Invitational with 42 points, 24 less than runner-up Northville. Rounding out the seven-team field were Salem (81), Livonia Churchill (89), Livonia Franklin (103), Novi Catholic Central (119) and John Glenn (205).

Salem's Craig Cowing won the event in 17:39.

Earning points for Canton were Kyle Clinton (fourth in 17:53), Aaron McClellan (5th in 17:57), Derek Hoerman (eighth in 18:06), Greg Reed (12th in 18:21), Duncan Spitz (13th in 18:22) and David Catalan (17th in 19:01).

Joining Cowing for Salem were Kevin DeBear (11th in 18:08), Robert Curtis (14th in 18:33) and Richard Kane (18th in 19:04).

Salem kickers blank Zebras, 4-0

Salem thoroughly dominated Wayne Memorial Monday night, blanking the Zebras, 4-0, in a game played at the P-CEP football stadium. The victory boosted the Rocks' overall record to 12-3-2 and their Western Lakes Activities Association ledger to 7-1. Wayne dropped to 1-10 overall and 1-5 in the WLAA.

"Defensively, I thought we did a really good job," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "We didn't allow them any quality chances to score. Our back four did a very good job. Offensively, I thought we struggled a little bit. We probably should have scored more than we did, but their keeper made a couple of outstanding saves."

Chris Lidster was the offensive star for the Rocks, tallying a pair of goals. Lidster's first goal opened the scoring 10 minutes into the contest while his second capped the scoring mid-way through the second half.

Jake Bennett also had a strong offensive game for the winners, scoring Salem's second goal with 25 minutes left in the first half and assisting on Lidster's first goal. Dan McLaughlin added Salem's third goal just before halftime.

Steve Gallagher, Joe

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Salem

Halewicz and Adam Brown notched assists for the Rocks.

Brian Field (first half) and Matt Smokowitz (second half) shared the goal-keeping duties for Salem, which will take on Canton Saturday at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP soccer stadium. The game will be the final match of a triple-header that will also feature a Salem-Canton alumni game (4:30 p.m.) and a junior-varsity contest (approximately 5:30) between the two schools.

Rock harriers capture third Haslett Invite

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Salem's girls cross country team winning the Haslett Invitational is becoming about as predictable as the leaves changing colors in the fall.

On Saturday, the Rocks ran away with their third consecutive Haslett title, compiling just 64 points compared to runner-up Walled Lake Northern's 115. The top five spots in the 20-team field were filled out by Ann Arbor Huron (118 points), Plymouth (129) and Canton (139).

"It was good to win this one because from here on out we're competing in championship events," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "It was our last invitational before the post-season, so it was good for building confidence."

"It was a nice win, too, because there were several competitive teams in it, including Walled Lake Northern, Canton and Plymouth. Our top five girls did a tremendous job running as a unit. We're going to go as far as they take us."

Pacing Salem's victory was junior Hannah Cavicchio's second-place showing in 19:07. Also earning medals for the

Rocks were Marisa Carpinelli (ninth in 20:01), Allison Janda (13th in 20:07), Allie Vraniak (15th in 20:12) and Sarah Kosteva (25th in 20:34). Kristen Dondzila (41st in 21:21) and Rachel Gizicki (48th in 21:29) also competed for Salem.

All of Plymouth's top four finishers clocked personal-best times. Amy Ostrowski led the way for the Wildcats, crossing the line in 20:13, which was good enough for 16th place. She was followed by teammates Beth Heldmeyer (21st in 20:25), Pam Bhullar (26th in 20:37), Molly Slavens (32nd in 20:57), Sarah Sherwood (37th in 21:07), Nicole Melanichuk (41st in 21:11) and Jackie Beeber (81st in 22:56).

"We were thrilled to beat Canton because they have a very tough team," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "The girls ran very hard. They came to do a job and they did it. Hopefully, they can continue to compete like this in the coming weeks."

Canton's solid finish came on

the heels of last Thursday's second-place finish in the WLAA Western Division Jamboree.

"The girls ran very well again on Saturday," said coach Tracy Himmelspach. "There were some competitive teams there and we were pleased with our overall finish."

Leading the Chiefs was Sarah Thomas, who finished 11th in 20:06. Also earning points were Katy Galm (19th in 20:23), Becky McCormack (30th in 20:55), Katelin David (40th in 21:17), Jennifer Thomas (44th in 21:27), Lisa Clinton (45th in 21:28) and Anne Murphy (62nd in 22:08).

All three local teams will return to action Saturday at the Wayne County Cross Country Championship at Walled Lake.

JULIA LINDSAY

Salem and Canton finished third and fourth, respectively, at Tuesday afternoon's Westland John Glenn Freshman/Sophomore Invitational. Northville won the event with 19 points. Trailing the Mustangs were Livonia Churchill (67), Salem (70), Canton (108), John Glenn (119) and

Livonia Franklin (147).

Earning points for Salem were Hannah Fox (12th in 22:16), Casie Vella (13th in 22:21), Sabrina Burcoff (14th in 22:27), Allie Stephan (15th in 22:38), Freyal Shah (16th in 22:40), Taylor Abbey (20th in 23:13) and Kortney Marsh (27th in 24:10).

Earning points for Canton were Brittany Dempsey (10th in 22:04.38), Paula Schubatis (17th in 22:52), Katie Rymond (22nd in 23:38), Samantha Schlamp (26th in 24:07), Sarah Mendonca (33rd in 25:47), Hannah Zommermand (34th in 25:51) and Christy Van Esley (35th in 27:25).

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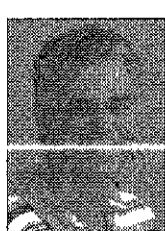
Year of promise turns into another

Life is tough. Life is not supposed to be easy. Life is supposed to try one's patience. Life gives you both agony and ecstasy. Unfortunately, life as a Detroit Lions fan rarely allows you the chance to experience ecstasy. Oh yes, there were the Barry Sanders moments and the playoff appearances under Wayne Fontes, but besides those years, Lions fans have only experienced agony.

What makes it worse is that I was not born a Lions fan. Born in Philadelphia, I was a fan of the Philadelphia Eagles, which growing up meant heartbreak after heartbreak. However, I did get to see the Eagles play in Super Bowl XV.

I LOVE THE LIONS

I moved here in 1986 and, for some reason that I can't understand, became a Lions fan. I cared about the Eagles, but suddenly I cared that Rusty Hilger had a bad day and that Walter Stanley ruined my Thanksgiving. So for the



Mike Stone

last 20 seasons, I have been rooting in vain for the Honolulu blue and silver. Yes, I still care about the Eagles (although I was crushed when they crushed the Lions in the 1995 playoffs), but I do love the Lions.

I bring this up now because of what has taken place the first three weeks of the 2005 season. A season that was supposed to be one of excitement and promise is now, like so many others, a season of mediocrity.

Despite my bold prediction of seven wins, I held on to the hope that I would be wrong. I hoped that Mooch's men would get out of the gate and show the promise that many "experts" expected. Instead, we get another year of bland, boring and, more importantly, losing football.

PATHETIC PERFORMANCE

As I watched the Lions' pathetic offense from the comfort of a neighborhood watering hole this past Sunday, a fan wearing a Seattle Seahawks jersey said "This is why I gave my rooting for the Lions." I can understand what he means. Here it is just three games into the season and this offense is highlighted by the lethal combination of dropped passes, poor routes by wide receivers, a quarterback that looks scared and confused, not to mention inaccurate, play calling that features the team's best running back on the bench for key third-and-eights while the third-stringer gets 4 yards on a draw play. And I have not even mentioned the offensive line.

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Imagine that your second favorite team has been to the NFC championship game four consecutive years and finally getting to the Super Bowl again. Imagine why the hell did they become your second favorite team while you root for a team that has rewarded its general manager with a contract extension by virtue of a 16-48 record over four years.

Sunday, the Lions host the Baltimore Ravens, a team whose offense rivals the Lions in its ineptitude, but with a defense that eats quarterbacks for lunch and spits them out for kicks.

Another pathetic, boring display is all set for Lions fans, but we will be there cheering and yelling, hoping and praying for a win. Yes, folks, for we are Lions fans. Why? Well some were born into the cult and others like myself were chosen by a higher being to be tested, for you see, life tries our patience. Life is not supposed to be easy and it's not, for we are Lions fans.

Despite the possibility of a snoozefest at Ford Field this Sunday there is one thing that is compelling enough to attend the game. This is the first and probably the last time to see Ray Lewis play in person. Forget about the off the field stuff, it was in the past. Lewis has been the best defensive player in the NFL. He is tenacious, a first ballot hall of famer and plays football the way it should be. When was the last time the Lions had a great defensive player year in and year out?

Sunday's game is one the Lions are actually capable of winning. If they pull out this Herculean task, they will be 2-2 on the season, which in this pathetic division is the equivalent of 4-0. A loss, with the possibility of another home loss to Carolina next week, and suddenly they are at 1-4. But that should still keep them within a game of the division lead.

Maybe Matt Millen knew something about Charles Rogers' drug situation when he picked Mike Williams in the first round. Critics said Millen was smoking something to pick three wide receivers with three consecutive first-round picks. Upon further review, the person doing the smoking was wearing No. 80.

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'I'll miss her (Girskis). But, hopefully, I'll get to visit her often.'

Mo Bohr

left hand playing that sport for a travel team this past summer. The injury forced her to play tennis with a cast or splint on the finger.

"Even though the injury is on her toss hand and not her racket hand, she's really had to get it out," said Ware. "The main thing she had to adapt to is hitting her backhand with just one hand because she normally hits it with two. Mo's done an unbelievable job with the injury."

SISTER, SISTER

Bohr was introduced to tennis by her older sisters, Megan, 24, and Emily, 20, both of whom played for Salem. Bohr said one of the highlights of her high school career came during her freshman season when she was paired with Emily at No. 4 doubles.

"That was a lot of fun," she remembered. "We'd yell at each other sometimes when the other one screwed up, which is something you can only do when your partner is your sister. The thing I remember the most, though, about playing with my sister was when we won the Saline tournament. That was fun."

A strong-armed catcher, Bohr will earn her third varsity letter in softball for the Rocks in the spring of 2006. She was almost faced with a brutal dilemma if the girls tennis season would have been switched to the spring this past summer by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"That would have been the hardest decision I would have ever had to make," she said, regarding the softball vs. tennis choice. "I like them both a lot, so I honestly have no idea which one I would have chosen."

MEMORABLE WIN

Girskis' shining moment this season came, ironically, when she was filling in for Bohr at No. 2 doubles in an early-season match up north.

"Katie beat Traverse City Central's No. 2 player Melissa Engle, who is a very good player," said Ware. "It was a huge win because they're ranked No. 4 in the state."

Girskis said she enjoys the one-on-one aspect of tennis. "I like it because it's all on you out there," she said. "There's no one to blame but yourself."

Both Bohr and Girskis are outstanding students. Girskis carries a 4.0 GPA into her final year at Salem while Bohr's is a nearly perfect 3.97.

"I almost lost it (the 4.0) in pre-calculus last year," Girskis said. "I had to put in a pretty intense study session right before the final. It wasn't an all-nighter, but it was close."

BALANCED LIFE

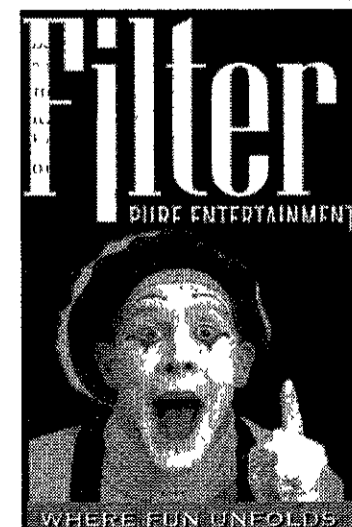
Bohr said her athletics-filled post-school hours actually are beneficial to her academic success.

"Being in sports helps my time-management skills," she said. "You have less time to fit everything in, so you have to make sure to work hard to keep your grades up."

There's a good chance the two will be separated next fall as Bohr has applied to Michigan State University while Girskis's No. 1 college choice is Boston College.

"I'll miss her," Bohr said. "But, hopefully, I'll get to visit her often."

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Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
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- Saturday, Oct. 8**
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Friday, Oct. 7
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Friday, Oct. 7
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Friday, Oct. 7
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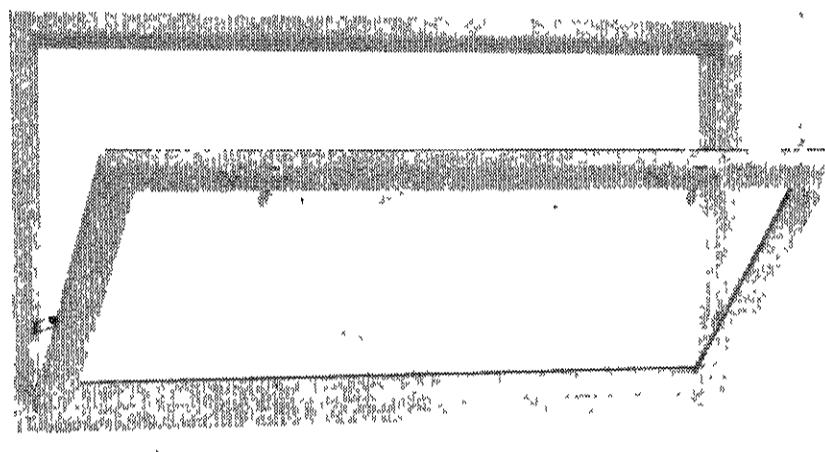
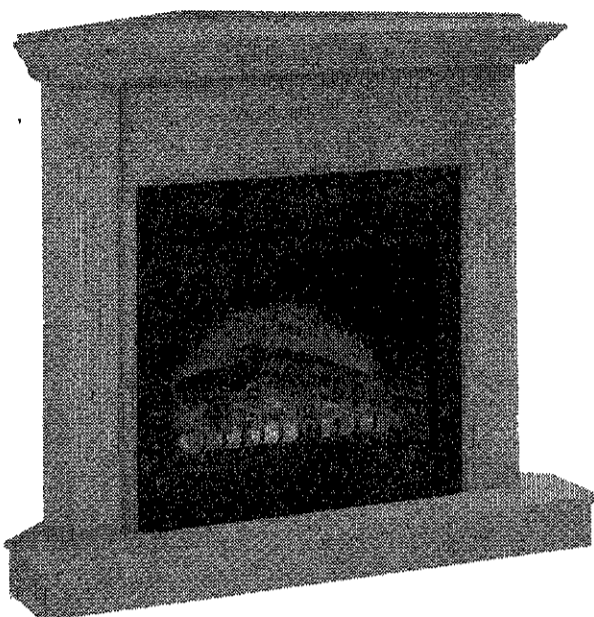
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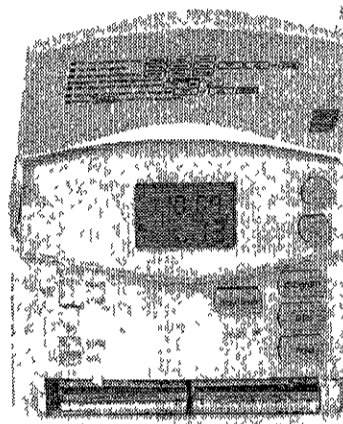
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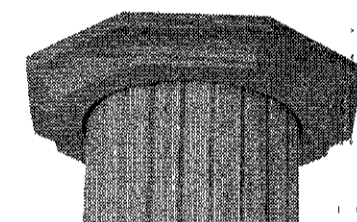
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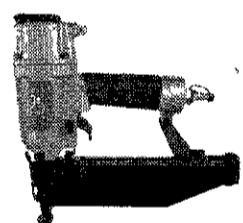
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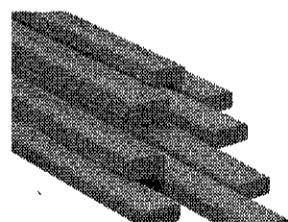
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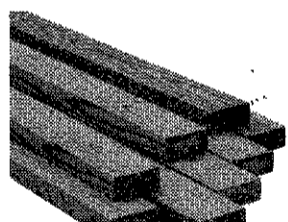
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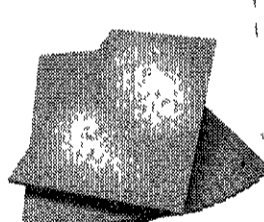
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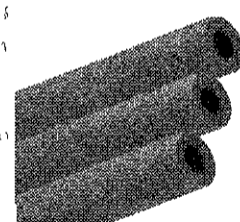
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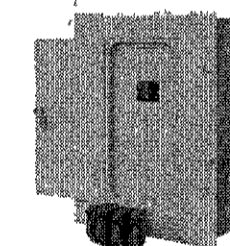
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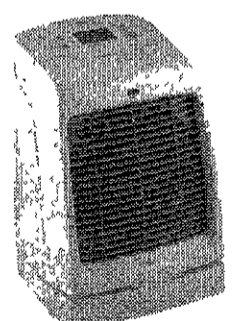
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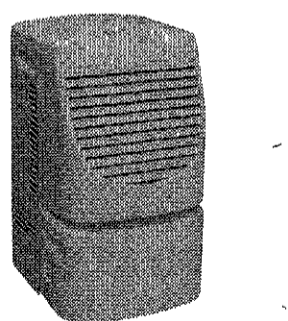
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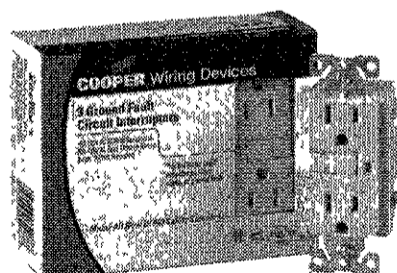
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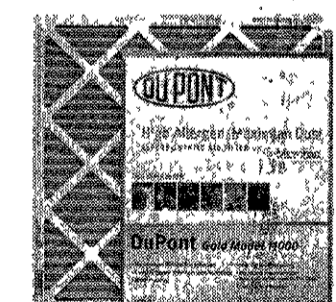
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UM-State game brings out passion in every fan

Despite working to 4 a.m. Saturday morning covering and reporting on high school football, I was bright-eyed and bushy-tailed later that morning in anticipation of the big Michigan-Michigan State game. It's always interesting to see how Maize and Blue and Spartan fans react to the Big Game. I prefer to watch games of this magnitude in my own home where I can actually hear the announcers and not be distract-

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ed. But because my Comcast Cable system has been acting up of late - the picture has been pixilating and breaking up for starters - I was forced to flee my recliner and watch the second half at a local Livonia establishment. I met three loyal Spartan grads at Brann's, but I quickly learned



Brad Emons

them. I felt bad for my fellow

those poor people were in the minority. It's hard to tell what a true Wolverine is these days, especially ones that wear pink shirts with the University of Michigan on

Spartans, who suffered another agonizing overtime defeat as the UM bandwagon jumpers broke into "Hail to the Victors" following Garrett Rivas' game-winning field goal. Thank God I don't really have an allegiance to either school. (What I was really dying to know is how my alma mater Franklin College (Ind.), nicknamed the Grizzlies, did during their homecoming.) Then there's my poor mother,

who was surrounded by Spartan fans Saturday afternoon in Battle Creek while watching the game. She's really ambivalent when it comes to sports, but even she took sides when confronted by a host of Spartan faithful. "I'm for Michigan because I don't want them to fire (Lloyd) Carr," she said. The former Westland John Glenn High coach, who didn't have many (UM) allies the past two weeks, apparently has one

lady on his side. And speaking of Glenn, when was the last time the Rockets failed to make the state high school playoffs? The Rockets, now 3-3, have gone to the postseason 16 times since 1985 and the last time they missed was 1995. Fifty-one teams, including 6-0 Livonia Franklin, are already penciled in the 256-team field. And if you're breaking things down, there's 10 already in the field among Class A-sized schools; 20 in Class B; 12 in Class C; and nine in Class D. And if you're counting, 37 Class A teams with 5-1 records can earn their way in this weekend, while 29 others stand at 4-2 (or 4-1). Among the area schools poised to get in this weekend include Plymouth, Livonia Stevenson and Redford Union, all at 5-1. Ironically, Stevenson can get in with a victory at home over Glenn. As far as the prediction race, it tightened up considerably this week after Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright went 10-3. He's in a dead heat at 53-17 overall with yours truly after I went an uncharacteristic 8-5. Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith also gained ground going 9-4 and he's only two games back in the overall chase at 51-19. Here is a look at this weekend's action:

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)
Liv. Clarenceville (3-3, 3-2) at G.P. Liggett (0-6, 0-5), 4 p.m.: The Trojans had their three-game winning streak snapped last week by non-conference foe Madison Heights Lamphere, 41-26. Liggett, outscored 262-18 this season, is coming off a 49-6 Metro Conference setback to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. **PICKS:** Emons (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville).

Salem (2-4, 1-3) at Liv. Churchill (0-6, 0-4): Both teams are coming off lopsided defeats from a week ago - Churchill 36-7 to Walled Lake Central; Salem 49-23 to WLA-A-Lakes Division leader Stevenson. Churchill edged Salem in last year's meeting, 19-14. **PICKS:** Emons (Salem); Wright (Salem); Smith (Churchill).

Liv. Franklin (6-0, 4-0) at Wayne (1-5, 0-4): The Patriots are in the playoffs and now are playing for homefield advantage. Wayne played better, but still came up short in a 37-14 setback last week to Plymouth. **PICKS:** Emons (Franklin); Wright (Franklin); Smith (Franklin).

Westland Glenn (3-3, 1-3) at Liv. Stevenson (5-1, 4-0): Three weeks ago this game looked like a divisional championship matchup, but Glenn has now lost three straight and has little offense to show. Stevenson's offense has been cranked up since the opening weekend. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Glenn).

Plymouth (5-1, 3-1) vs. Canton (4-2, 2-2) at PCFP: All the Wildcats need to remember is last year's 74-14 pasting administered by the Chiefs last year. This is definitely the best WLAA matchup of the night. A win by the Wildcats gets them into the playoffs. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton).

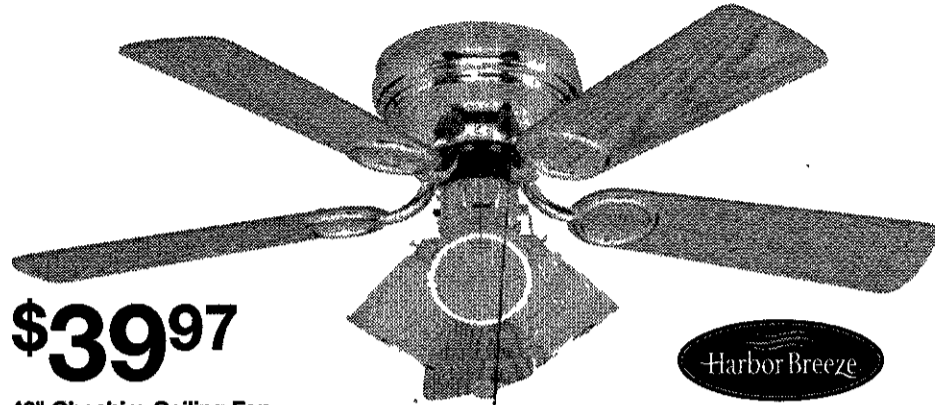
Garden City (2-4, 2-2) at Red. Thurston (4-2, 2-2): Two old Northwest Suburban League foes get reacquainted this week. The Cougars have not capitalized in their move down to the Mega-Blue. Thurston doesn't have any trouble scoring points, even when they lose, as evidenced by last week's 43-41 setback to Dearborn Heights Crestwood as Tarell Lewis accounted for 423 yards and three TDs in defeat. **PICKS:** Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston).

Redford Union (5-1, 4-1) at Lincoln Park (3-3, 3-1): The Panthers' move from the Mega-Gold into the Mega-White has been impressive. RU is in position to earn another playoff spot against the Railsplitters, who are coming off a 33-13 win over Woodhaven. **PICKS:** Emons (RU); Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

Belleville (1-5, 1-3) at Dbn. Fordson (3-3, 2-2): The Tigers, a Mega-Red team, fell flat last week against Mega-Blue leader Trenton, 35-13. Dearborn Fordson has three quality losses this fall to Walled Lake Western (20-0), Allen Park (22-17) and Dearborn (17-10). **PICKS:** Emons (Fordson); Wright (Fordson); Smith (Fordson).

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Red. Covenant (0-4) at Romulus Summit (3-3, 3-1), 1:30 p.m.: It's been a tough haul this season for Covenant, which is coming off another lopsided defeat (62-6 to previously winless Britton-Macon last week). Summit Academy, a member of the Southern Michigan Football Conference, had won three in a row before losing to Warren Zoe Christian last week, 7-0. **PICKS:** Emons (Summit); Wright (Summit); Smith (Summit).

Luth. Westland (3-3, 3-2) at B. Cranbrook (5-1, 4-1): The Warriors have their playoff backs to the wall this week against Cranbrook, which hopes to lock up a playoff spot. Lutheran Westland, a 40-29 loser last week for Metro Conference co-leader Lutheran North, must find a way to shut down Cranbrook QB Chris Cooley. **PICKS:** Emons (Cranbrook); Wright (Cranbrook); Smith (Cranbrook).

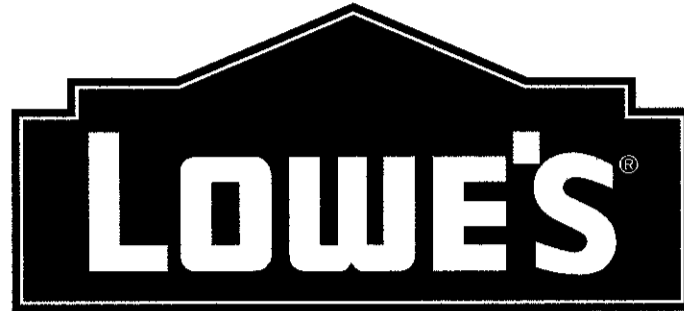


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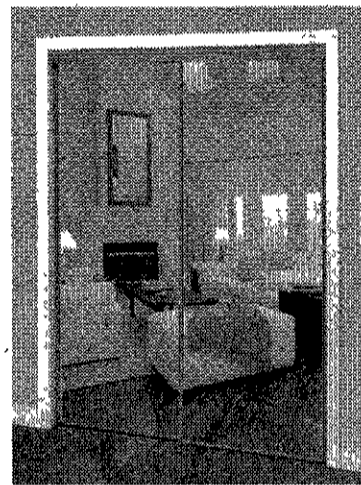


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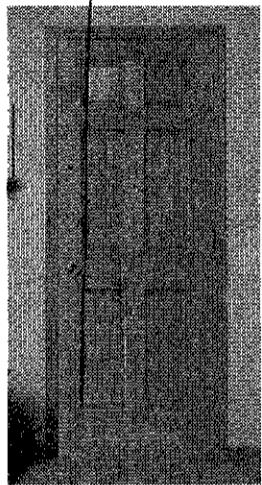
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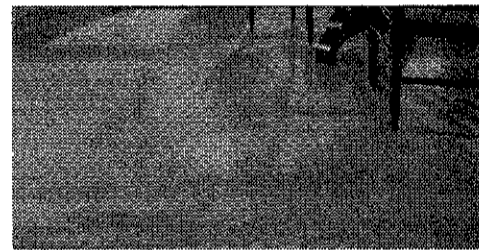


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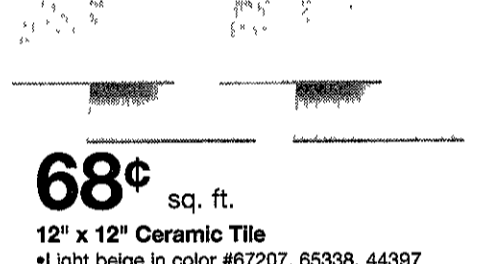
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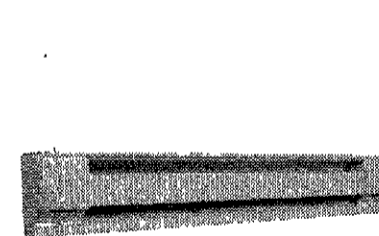


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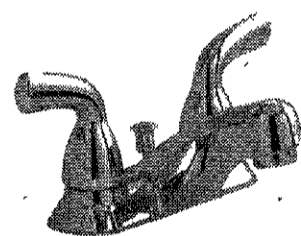
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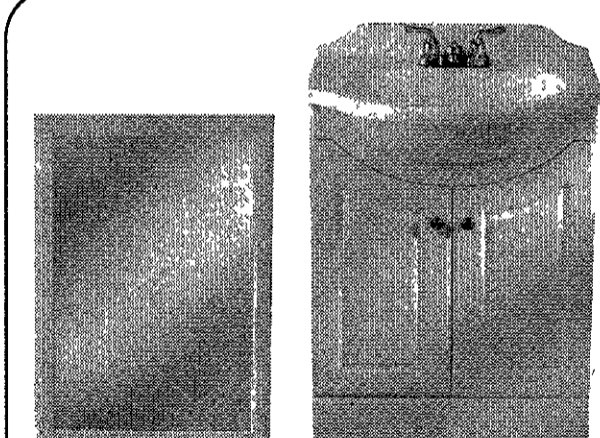
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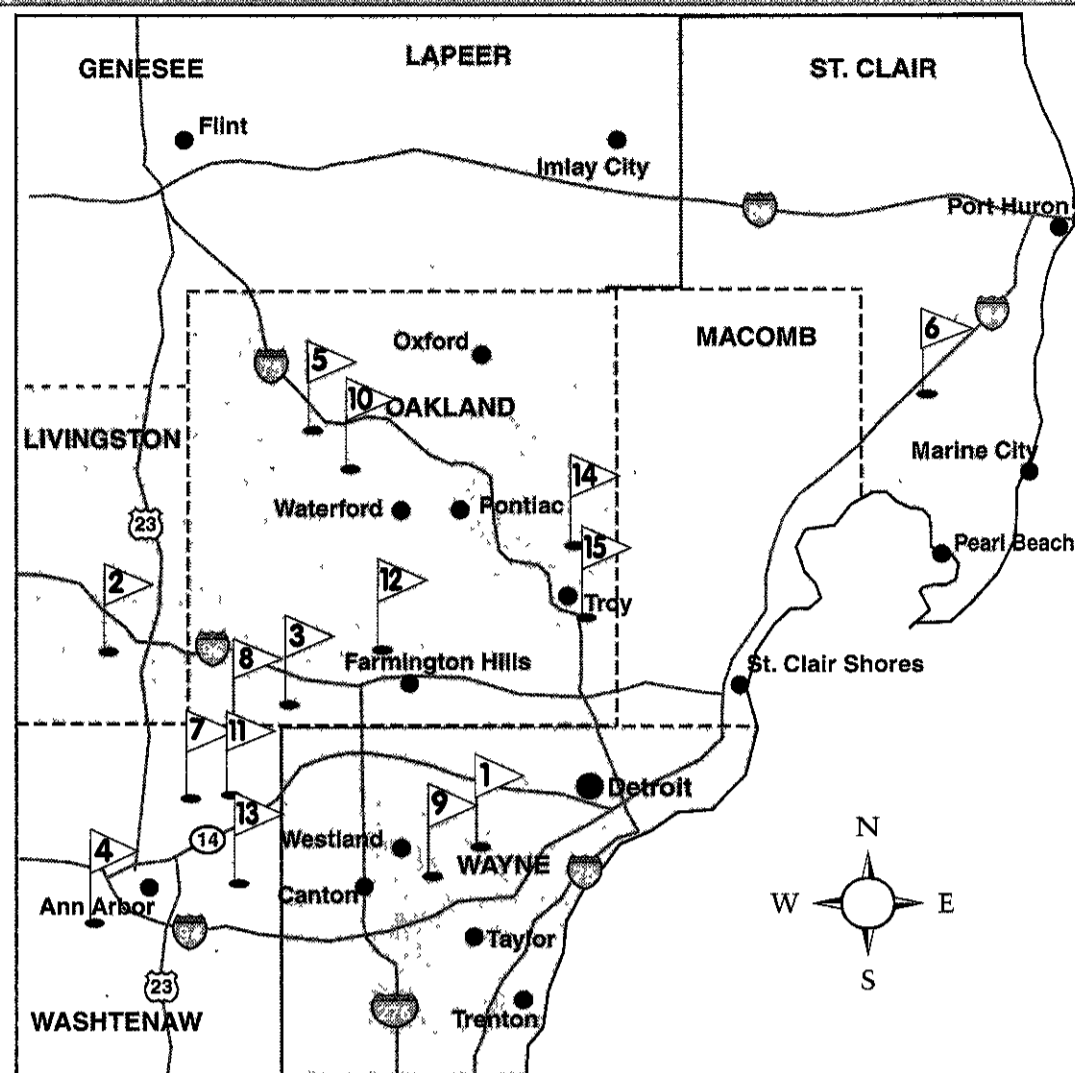
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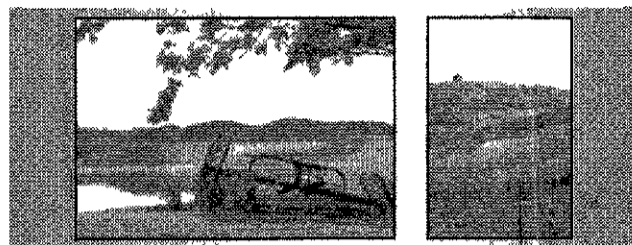
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Hole #: 4 Par: 3
Club Used: PW

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Hole #: 8 Par: 3
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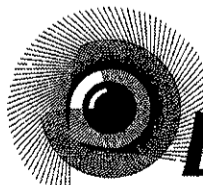
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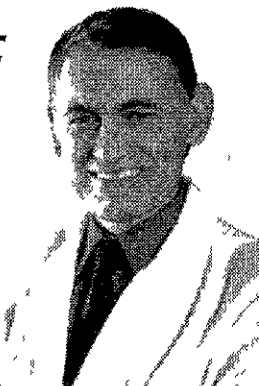
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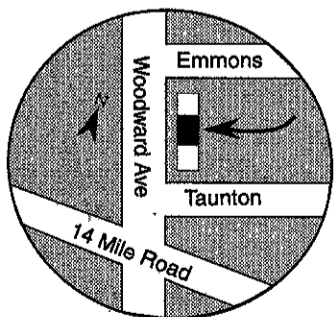
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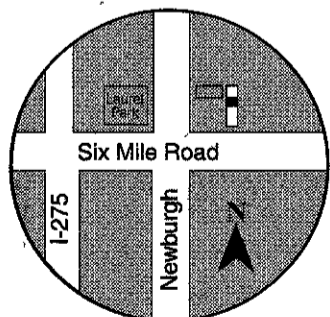
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Lady Ocelots relax, win tourney

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Ditching technique and taking a more-relaxed approach paid immediate dividends for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team last weekend.

Schoolcraft scored a 5-1 triumph Sunday over Illinois-based College of Lake County and won the annual Ocelot Invitational. With the tourney title, the Lady Ocelots has captured the invitational each of its eight years, although one year was a shared title.

The victory followed a scoreless tie the day before against Loyola, a game where the Lady Ocelots did not get into any kind of offensive rhythm.

According to Schoolcraft head coach Bill Tolstedt, the win - featuring two goals each from forwards Jessica Saba and Stephanie Squires (Rochester Hills) - followed a pep talk he had with his players following the Saturday match.

"We have put so much emphasis on hitting the far post that they became too worried about the finishing aspect instead of letting it go free-flow," Tolstedt said. "After Saturday's game I told them, 'Just put them up and see what happens.'"

What happened was total dominance, with Schoolcraft (8-2-3) outshooting Lake County by a 42-4 margin.

In the first half, sophomore midfielder Jennifer Dahl set up both Squires and Saba, as the Lady Ocelots took a 2-1 lead into the halftime intermission.

But the Lancers hung around, as far as the scoreboard was concerned. The Lady Ocelots broke it open with three goals in the final 10 minutes.

After Saba's second goal made it 3-1, sophomore forward Nicole Saigh opened up a three-goal margin with 4:06 left. She showed her leg strength by pumping home a booming shot from about 15 yards out, just inside the left post.

The shot underscored Tolstedt's instructions for the players to ease up and trust their offensive abilities.

With 1:47 remaining, Squires chipped in her second of the contest.



It's a foot race between Schoolcraft College freshman midfielder Sarah Davies (left) and an opponent from College of Lake County during the Ocelot Invitational Sunday.

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"The confidence we had to put the ball up today was a huge plus," Tolstedt added.

He cited the work of tri-captains Squires and Saba for being aggressive and making things happen at the offensive end.

But Tolstedt perhaps saved his strongest praise for freshman midfielder Sarah Davies.

"She just dominated, controlled the center third of the field," Tolstedt said. "Nothing got through her on defense. She was physically strong and active."

Davies' efforts supported Schoolcraft goalkeepers Jenna Cataldi and Meagan Farrell (Livonia), who split netminding duties.

Meanwhile, Tolstedt said having confidence in the offensive game is crucial for the Lady Ocelots to have any kind of postseason run.

In other tournament matches, Olivet and the College of Lake County played Saturday afternoon with the Lancers winning 2-1, enabling them to play for the championship on Sunday. And Olivet wrapped

up the tourney with a 2-0 win over Loyola.

Schoolcraft will visit Cincinnati State 11 a.m. Sunday in a regional match. A victory there will enable the Lady Ocelots to garner their eighth Region XII title in nine years.

MADONNA 2, SIENA HEIGHTS 0: Second-half goals by Dina Allie and Caitlin Boyak, both assisted by Kelly Japowicz, enabled visiting Madonna University to capture this Wolverine-

Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer match, Saturday in Adrian.

Allie scored just 2:08 into the second half, beating Saints' goalkeeper Katharine Koch (12 saves). The insurance goal, by Boyak, came with less than three minutes remaining.

Earning the shutout for the Crusaders (8-1-3 overall, 3-1 in the WHAC) was Brittany Cervi, who stopped three Siena Heights shots.

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Madonna men blank Aquinas

Excellent goalkeeping and all-around play helped Madonna University to a 3-0 victory Tuesday over host Aquinas in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference contest.

Darrell Quinn made seven saves for the Crusaders (8-3 overall, 6-1 in the WHAC), holding the Saints at bay until his teammates could break through on offense.

With 8:16 left in the first half, John McIntyre scored on a penalty kick to put MU on the board.

That's how it stayed until the 28-minute mark of the second half. Ryan Montague chipped in an unassisted goal past Aquinas goalkeeper Jarod Smith.

Derrick Mudri added a goal about four minutes later, on assists from Stefan Japowicz

and John McIntyre.

Aquinas fell to 2-9 overall and 2-5 in the WHAC.

Ocelots roll

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team racked up an impressive week, with two victories and a tie.

After earning a 3-3 tie on Sept. 29 with No. 5 Cincinnati State, the Ocelots routed Cuyahoga (Ohio) and Lakeland Community College by scores of 7-0 and 8-0, respectively.

Sophomore forward Richard Godfrey scored three goals against Cuyahoga to pace the Ocelots.

Against Lakeland, sophomore midfielder Renato Susnja tallied two goals and freshman midfielder Gilberto DaSilveira contributed a goal and three assists.

MU spikers still unbeaten

The victories keep on coming for Madonna University's volleyball team.

MU improved to 26-0 overall and 4-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a three-game victory Tuesday over pesky host Aquinas (10-12, 1-4).

The Saints battled the Crusaders all night, but just fell short, losing by scores of 30-23, 30-26, 30-23.

Natalja Tinina tallied 18 kills and 21 defensive digs for MU while Laura Lesko (12 kills), Ashley Frost (57 assists, 11 defensive digs) and Stefanie Denardin (21 defensive digs) also gave the Crusaders a boost.

Lindsay Nanninga had 13 kills and nine defensive digs for Aquinas, while Michelle Maleski contributed 35 assists.

Schoolcraft wins

It took four games, but host Schoolcraft College earned a victory Tuesday night over Macomb Community College. The Lady Ocelots lost the opening game by a 29-31 score, but roared back with wins of 30-16, 37-35 and 31-29.

Schoolcraft's defensive stalwart was Marcie Hill, with 28 defensive digs. Teheika Fellows chipped in with 21.

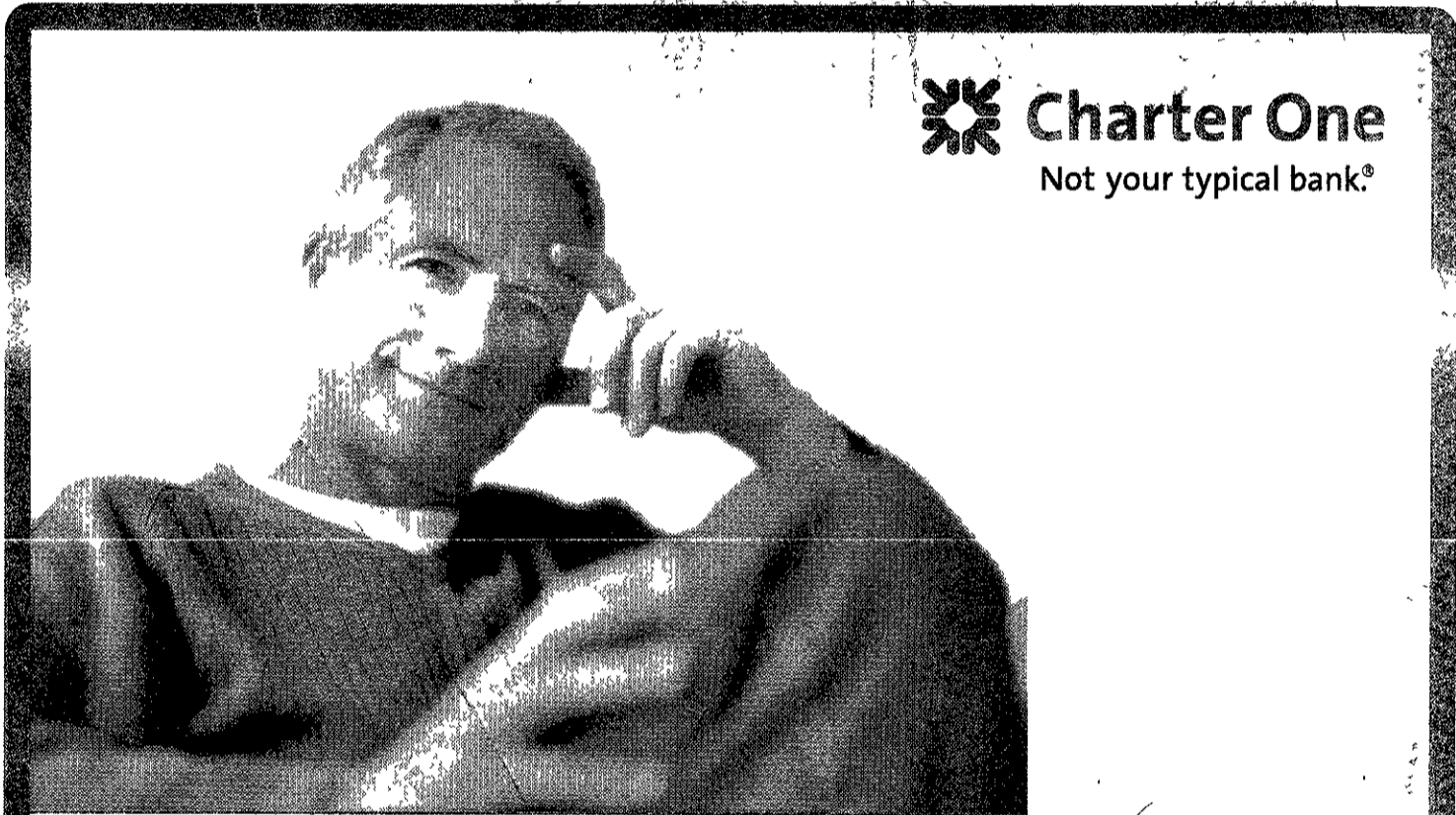
In the setting department, Ashley Cecil and Roni Juszczyk led with 29 and 21 assists, respectively.

Meanwhile, Amy Golem had 26 kills and 10 service aces; Fellows also had 21 kills.

Schoolcraft improved to 13-5-0 overall and 6-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.



Stephanie Squires (right) gets set to drive the ball past an opponent.



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BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

When Kathy Hosten of Whitmore Lake and husband Karl went house shopping a few years back, they had some ideas about what they wanted.

"We always wanted lake property," said Hosten, a travel agent with Carlson Wagonlit/Suncoast's Plymouth office.

Her son who lived in an adjacent subdivision told them about the development.

They'd lived in Howell and were looking for a shorter commute. "We

probably wouldn't have seen this because it was a new development," said Hosten, who checked the quality of the builder's work at other sites.

She continues to look at real estate ads in newspapers casually, "just to see what compares." They'd most likely look for something smaller at this point.

Hosten recently saw a couple Portage Lake properties advertised as reasonably priced. She's not alone in perusing ads for real estate, which run the gamut from newspapers to the Web to prime time television.

"It is a dynamic that I think we're all still learning the best way to utilize," said Jeanette Schneider, vice president and co-regional director for RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan, speaking of the Web. Some 70-80 percent of con-

sumers now start their home search online, she said, so Realtors need a Web presence for marketing purposes.

The Web allows multiple photos and virtual tours, but isn't the only source of consumer information on real estate. "Obviously newspapers are still a viable option," Schneider said. "Not everybody is in love with the Internet."

Newspaper ads often provide information on open houses at properties for sale, she said.

Some agents who've been in the business longer as a career have their own Web sites. Those will include their listings, community information, a mortgage calculator and other items.

Network TV ads are carried by major franchises, Schneider said, to build brand name. "It's getting the name out there." Some local Realtors use cable TV to get their name out, although cost is a consideration there.

She agreed word of mouth remains the top source of information for real estate consumers. A recent RE/MAX survey of the metro area found people relied on others they knew to track down trustworthy Realtors.

"By far, it was family and friends," Schneider said, adding that service is what matters the most. "It makes all the difference in the world."

Peter Neill, general manager for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, noted that newspapers now combine their print product with a Web presence for real estate ads. Ads promote both the individual property and the real estate brokerage.

"The Web site and the print product come together," he said, with the paper driving the individual to the Web site. Newspaper ads are strong visually, and bring calls into Realtors, he added, citing the newspaper's reputation and history.

"The Realtors get exposure in both areas," he said, noting Thursday summer readership was 502,800 and Sunday 428,800. For the *Observer & Eccentric*, real estate advertising has been retained and even grown in the Web era.

"I think the O&E has been fortunate," Neill said, crediting his predecessors who recognized the Web's importance. "We have maintained our print business. It's an important category."



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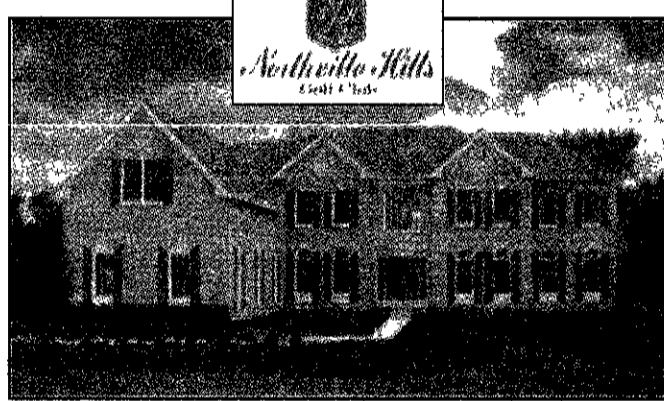
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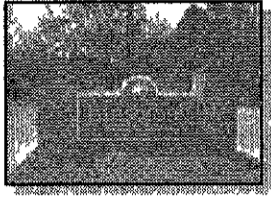
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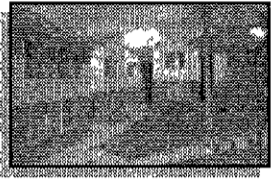
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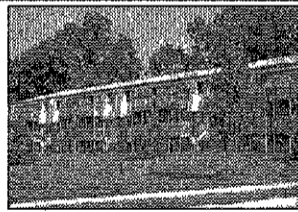
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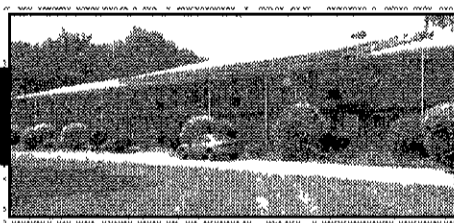
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In 1999, Fred Getz opened RHI's Salaried Professional Service (SPS) under the umbrella of Accountemps. From Hoffman Estates, Calif., he now serves as executive director over 75 SPS offices nationwide. He says that similar services exist in engineering and technology.

FGP International has approximately 100 contractors in the Carolinas and Georgia, according to Eddie Payne, division manager of professional staffing in Greenville, S.C. Most of his company's temporary staffing is in accounting/financial, office support and IT positions. The company's Professional

Search Group recruits internationally in health care, accounting and finance, IT and apparel/retail.

Payne and Getz use very different styles. Payne is very grassroots, capitalizing on a trend that's just beginning to emerge among competitors, other businesses and clients. He states that "soccer moms" reentering the workforce have always been integral to meeting the demand for temporaries, but that the demand for them is increasing. "Some companies are dropping stereotypes and recognizing the educated talent this pool provides," he observes.

"In the past," he continues, "the need for soccer moms to leave work at 2:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon could cause difficulty. Because of high demand and low supply, clients are now being much more flexible. They're more willing to use those skill sets . . . to their benefit." He's observed this trend grow particularly in requests for staff accountants, whether C.P.A.s or degreed professionals.

SPS hires people full time to meet needs in more than one organization. These permanent employees tend to be "more experienced and older" Getz says. "They receive a market salary (guaranteed for 37.5 hours per week, whether they work or not), compensation for overtime, which they didn't necessarily have before, and full benefits -- paid vacation, medical and dental." Their consultant lifestyle is similar to that of temporaries. However, unlike temporaries, they can't reject an assignment.

Getz, not wanting to tip off

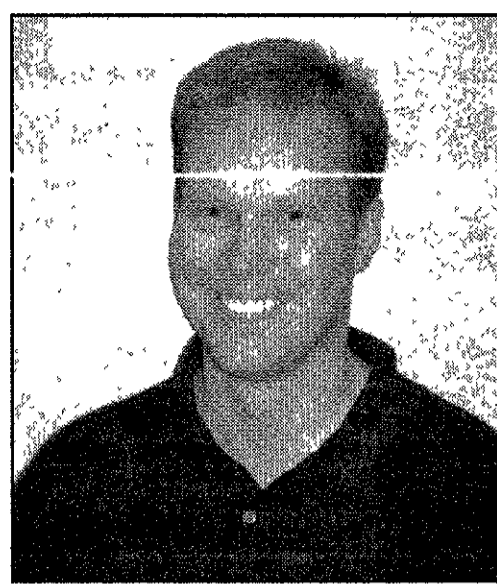
competitors, is tight-lipped when asked for statistics on the number of employees, the amount of revenue or growth percentages for his six-year-old service. Instead, he states, "We have never had enough employees to meet client needs and we have to redouble our recruiting efforts. We continue to grow with Fortune 500 companies and many small to mid-size companies who need long-term employees who can work like their own employees. We have (some) employees traveling domestically and internationally."

Both companies are growing. In addition, SPS appears to be developing a community of highly-skilled consultants who act as temporaries only for client companies. Some have been with SPS since 1999.

REFERRALS

Businesses and corporations having difficulty finding people to hire might learn how these staffing companies recruit. Screening uncovers many of the best temps for FGP. "In Charlotte, Greenville and Atlanta," Payne states, "we use world-of-mouth. For example, one candidate came to me through a personal relationship she had with a former co-worker of ours. This mushrooms, which helps us more as we search for that level of skill and experience." He mentions that soccer moms don't always hunt actively for work, because they believe that companies will be unresponsive to their schedules.

In contrast, Getz remarks that his recruitment challenge is to hire people who have multiple options. Some being recruited for client companies end up



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working in SPS, which markets to clients with certain skill sets in mind. His service also uses "pinpoint recruiting," or responding to a client's specifications by recruiting "an exact match," often a lengthy process.

"My goal is to keep salaried SPS employees busy long-term," he says. "We do advertising. We go on referrals. We give salaried employees business cards. We get referrals from there."

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I've been in love with the Lincoln Aviator for at least three years, since I first drove one for a few days on a business trip out east and marveled at the vehicle's power, comfort and flexibility. And I'm still very enamored of this vehicle, despite a number of drawbacks that weigh more heavily now than they did then. Ford must think it's pretty good, too, because there aren't wholesale changes planned for 2006.

What I like best about Aviator is that it's a near-luxury sport-utility vehicle that practically stands alone in its segment. It's a surprisingly enjoyable vehicle that takes the best characteristics of Lincoln Navigator, its larger cousin, and applies it to a smaller, more manageable package.

The superior packaging starts with Aviator's supremely confident, yet understated, exterior styling. Its lines are sleek and long, and there are just enough wrinkles down the length of the vehicle that Aviator doesn't look too boxy. The distinctive comb-like Lincoln grille gives Aviator just enough of a proud touch without looking pretentious.

On the 2005 all-wheel-drive version that I drove, 17-inch machined-aluminum wheels added a nice luxury touch. Integrated running boards should be standard equipment on any vehicle of this size or above, and their presence was greatly appreciated in the Aviator when our family used the vehicle to attend a wedding; there was no need for an awkward giant step up or down in evening wear.

Another feature that I really appreciated - which you won't find on other vehicles in the near-luxury segment - are the "puddle lamps" on the bottom of the side-view mirrors that light your way to and from the vehicle in the dark. And from driving other vehicles, I've also learned not to take for granted the turn signals that Lincoln has put on the side-view mirrors as well.

Now while Aviator has a close mechanical cousin in the Ford Explorer, Lincoln has done far more with this vehicle than just dress up the Explorer. It delivers a smooth,



The Aviator is big and spacious and all Lincoln.

comfortable ride and predictable handling thanks to its combination of a precisely tuned suspension, stiff chassis and smooth steering. It easily soaks up garden-variety potholes and other road disturbances with aplomb. Aviator moves around town with powerful authority, doling out just enough power for every normal driving situation. And when it comes to passing or merging, Aviator builds speed quickly and smoothly.

That's thanks to the 4.8-liter, dual-overhead V8 engine that powers Aviator. This 32-valve engine cranks out 302 horsepower and 300 pound-feet of torque. A five-speed automatic transmission sends this ample thrust to either the rear wheels on the two-wheel-drive versions or all four in the case of the all-wheel-drive version that I drove. The latter capability came in very handy plowing through weekend rainstorms.

Mileage is a paltry 13 miles a gallon in the city and only 18 miles a gallon on the highway, which naturally is a much greater concern as gasoline prices hover in the high \$2s a gallon. But Aviator may be about as small as someone with truly large SUV needs might venture to go. Add to that the fact that Aviator has a serious towing advantage over its less-rugged competition with a maximum capacity of 7,300 pounds (though just 7,100 for all-wheel-drive versions).

Overall, I was pleased with Aviator's cabin, with just a

few caveats. It's big and spacious and all Lincoln, featuring pleasant white-colored instruments with black characters, an analog clock, plenty of real wood trim, leather seating, dashes of polished nickel and power-adjustable pedals. I also was very happy with copious room in the rear of the vehicle, including the second row of seating as well as the cargo area, which features a fold-down third row of seating. With 77 cubic feet of cargo capacity, Aviator can carry a load equal in volume to the Lexus GX470.

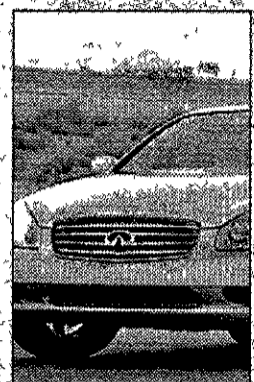
But while our family also appreciated the pull-down DVD screen and the DVD player for the second row, I was frustrated by the fact that the screen pulls down exactly smack-dab in the middle of the back view from the rear-view mirror, making it difficult and uncomfortable to monitor traffic behind me.

What's more, while I appreciate the fact that the console in the middle of the second row of seats offers conveniences such as storage space and cupholders, the overall effect of not having a bench seat in that row is to make the area less cozy for those passengers for trips. Add the fact that the second row of seats don't recline all that far, and second-row passengers don't get nearly the feeling of riding in the lap of luxury in Aviator that they should get.

But that's a nit. Overall, Aviator is a hit.

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