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## looks at options for trash collection

July to hear how those companies would handle garbage pickup in Westland.

"I've been meeting with several of those companies already, so we've had some preliminary discussions," Cicirelli said.

Ultimately, a committee made up of Cicirelli, Public Services Director Tom Wilson and Westland City Council members Charles Pickering, James Godbout and William Wild will issue a trash-hauling recommen-

dation to the full seven-member council.

Midwest Sanitation had sought a six-month extension of its contract, but city leaders opted for an indefinite timeline as other proposals are studied.

"I frankly was not inclined to do that," Cicirelli said of the six-month extension, "so this is how we decided to go forward."

Residents in recent weeks have flooded the mayor's office with com-

plaints about late trash pickup, but Cicirelli said Midwest Sanitation appears to have caught up - for now.

"I want to see that on a consistent basis," she said, adding that Midwest's service "has been good for the most part" until recent weeks.

Neighboring Garden City has fined Midwest \$37,400 over trash pickup problems.

Cicirelli confirmed that Westland will consider similar measures. She also said that Midwest will be billed

for the cost of sending city workers out to pick up compost that the company was supposed to haul away.

"That will be deducted from their next bill," Cicirelli said, although she said she didn't know what the tab will be.

Midwest Sanitation President Paul Ruthenberg confirmed that trash pickup has improved in recent days, in the wake of problems that he

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Dajanay Phillips and Isis Welch take a turn on an inflatable slide during the Academy of Westland's recent field day.

## Summer Festival: fireworks, food and fun for all

Starts June 29 with parade

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

With the Westland Summer Festival nearing, organizers are offering carnival discounts and lauding corporations for helping to pay for the city's biggest fireworks display yet.

The festival - Westland's largest event - will start at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, with a parade that will move north on Wildwood from Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center, then west on Ford Road to City Hall.

The six-day party will culminate with what festival chairman Kenneth Mehl pledged will be a spectacular Fourth of July fireworks display as night falls over Central City Park.

"Things have been going well," Mehl said of preparations.

Frugal carnival fans have an opportunity to save \$5 on armbands that will give them one-day access to all rides on Wednesday through Friday, June 29 through July 1.

"It's for all ages," Mehl said.

The discount coupons for the armbands will lower the cost of rides from \$18 to \$13. Festival goers can get the coupons at various Westland locations including Art Van Furniture, Buffalo Wild Wings, Marvaso's Italian Grille, U.S. Print, the Bailey Recreation Center, Westland City Hall, the fire station at Annapolis and Irene, the Dorsey Community Center and the Westland library.

"Those are the main locations," Mehl said. The festival will be the city's 35th, and new this year will be corporate sponsors to help offset the cost of fireworks. Mehl commended Art Van Furniture and O&W Distributors, which distributes Miller beer, for donating money.

"It's the first time we've ever had any corporate sponsors to help with the fireworks," he said. The festival will include nightly entertainment, a petting farm, pony rides, puppet shows, horseshoe pitching, a pie-eating contest and an ice-cream eating contest, among many other events.

Organizers are working harder this year to promote the festival. To that end, event schedules have been distributed in all Westland public schools, whether they are in the Wayne-Westland or Livonia district, Mehl said. "That will help spread the word," he said.

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The festival ends with a fireworks display as night falls over Central City Park.

## rged with indecent exposure at library

According to a Farmington Hills police report, the man was spotted by staff before, viewing a pornographic Web site and possibly masturbating at a secluded terminal at the library on April 21.

At that time, staff told the man to leave and that he was banned from the visiting the library for 90 days.

However, the man returned June 8 and was spotted by staff masturbating to pornographic images on the computer screen, according to police. This time, library staff alerted police.

William Paul Dean told police he thought his 90-day ban from the library was up after he admitted to viewing pornographic Web sites on a library Internet-

connected computer.

Dean, a vending machine supply operator, was in his company uniform when police found him at the library on June 8. He told police he was on his break.

Dean was arraigned in 47th District Court on June 9 and was leveled with an "enhanced"

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Taste & Tunes: New York Dolls, Los Lobos highlight the Comerica Tastefest.



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Skate alert

The seasonal grand opening of Westland's skate park, Concrete Jungle, is scheduled for 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday, June 25. The event will include live bands, a best-trick contest and prizes. Cost is \$3.

Medical talk

Michele White, manager of American House, Westland I, and Deborah Warren, a registered nurse from The Senior Alliance, will be speaking at Westland Convalescent Center 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, about Medicaid waiver topics.

The session will include information about what the waiver program is and how people can apply. It also will include information about what services are covered by the program and what options are available when nursing home care is no longer needed. Westland Convalescent Center is located at 36137 W. Warren Road, between Wayne and Central City Parkway. All are invited to attend the free seminar. Contact Judy Bianchi at (734) 728-6100 to sign up.

Dive into bargains

The Churchill High School Girl's Swim Team is hosting a family garage sale from Thursday, June 23, through Saturday, June 25, at 8395 Hix in Westland. All purchases will support the swimmers. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rally for a Cure

The New Hawthorne Valley Golf Course is taking part in Rally for a Cure, a breast awareness campaign. This year marks the second time the club has pledged its support for the campaign against breast cancer - presented by *Golf for Women Magazine*. The organizer of the event is the Hawthorne Par Seekers.

A field of 24 players is expected for the Rally at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5. Rally for a Cure activities include a closest to the pin contest, a one-year subscription to *Golf for Women Magazine* plus many more gifts. Golfers interested in joining the outing can call Janet Sebok at (734) 422-9195.

Pitch your trash

The Cleveland Elementary School PTA is looking for you to donate your business or home recycling items, while helping the school save the planet and earn funds for its program. Business are asked to deliver empty inkjet, laser, copier and fax cartridges, used cell phones,

PDA's and laptop computers. The school will even pick up office recyclables to ensure they're disposed of properly. Call the Cleveland PTA at (734) 744-2700 or call Sandy, program coordinator at (734) 536-2087 or visit [www.cartridgesforkids.com](http://www.cartridgesforkids.com).

In addition, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office paper and junk mail will be accepted at the school's on-site recycling bin on the west side of Cleveland School, which is at 28030 Cathedral in the southeast corner of Livonia. Access is from Harrison Street, north of Joy Road. The program will not accept phone books, plastics, metals or glass.

Summer reading

Westland public library employees have announced the summer reading program for children through the fifth-grade level.

Titled "Dragons, Dream & Daring Deeds," the program will run now through July 23. The program is for recreational purposes and is not intended as tutoring. Children pace themselves, and they may read books from the library or from home. They will report their progress at the check-in table.

Participants will read books to earn prizes. The program is free. Call (734) 326-6123.

Blood drive

The Bova VFW Post 9885 will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, June 27, at the post hall, 6440 N. Hix, Westland. To make a blood donation appointment, call the post at (734) 728-3231, the post surgeon Terry Dana at (517) 521-5646 or blood drive chairman Larry Tebor at (734) 377-8329 or (734) 261-2807 and leave your name, telephone number and desired time of appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

All donors will entered in a drawing for three free games of bowling at Vision Lanes in Westland.

Summer program

Westland Bowl in association with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department will offer free bowling for kids now through Aug. 20.

Kids up to 18 years of age will be able to bowl one free game per day during summer hours with a participation card, available at the bowling center, 5940 N. Wayne Road. The center also is offering a free family bonus package on Saturdays.

Call Westland Bowl at (9734) 722-7570.

Canton's population surpasses Westland, now 11th largest

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The shift was a quiet one - a change that no one was likely to notice. But Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack noticed, and he'd seen it coming when the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments released its population estimates in May, and stated that Canton's population had passed that of Westland's, making the township the 11th largest community in the state.

"Being in the top 11 communities in Michigan is kind of a quiet distinction. I think it's not all that earth-shattering," Yack said.

It's even a more subtle shift than in other large Michigan communities because Canton is still very residential.

Canton's population at the time of the 2000 census was 76,366 and in May, 2005, SEMCOG estimated the township's population at 84,278, a 10.4 percent increase in five years. During the same period, Westland's population dropped by 3 percent from 86,602 in 2000 to 84,034 in 2005.

"If you look at the other communities in the top 10, their daytime populations swell, and we're still pretty much a bedroom community," Yack said. "The reality is most people that live here work somewhere else. But Dearborn's and Livonia's populations probably close to double dur-

Moving on up

ing the day." Though the distinction is subtle, Yack suspects that Canton's growth may lend the community a little additional influence at the state and county level, and certainly as more state leaders emerge from the community (such as state Rep. Phil LaJoy and state Sen. Bruce Patterson) it will become an even stronger statewide player.

But it's also meant that Canton has had to plan its growth carefully. Canton has areas of congested traffic like big cities, and its school district is filled to capacity like those in large and growing cities, but it doesn't have the same kind of crime statistics as other comparable cities. In 2003, Canton reported some 1,769 index crimes (serious crimes such as burglary, robbery, aggravated assault, car theft and murder) while Westland reported 3,043. Livonia, with approximately 12,000 more residents than Canton, reported 2,717.

Planning a variety of residential development has meant that the community is more stable, which helps create a sense of ownership and keeps crime rates lower than in communities of similar size, said Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

"The plan for police and fire services maintains a high level of accuracy as long as the building demographics don't change. As the community begins to grow out, we're seeing some shifting in the type of development, in terms of more multi-family housing and the start of commer-

cial development," he said. "It's likely mean a higher density and fire services, even if it means more crime."

The department may add officers for every 1,000 residents, considerably lower than the average for the average east Michigan community.

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"We have really many more civilians in the department," he said. "One example is a police officer, which at one time was a uniformed police officer clerk that works under a command officer."

Privatization in area control is another important police department possibility, according to Santomauro.

Canton's growth is another decade, Yack said. "It's the natural growth of the city. It was predicted that Ann Arbor would become one of the cities, and that's still away but you can't deny it," he said.

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Heart attack prompts purchase of defibrillator

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

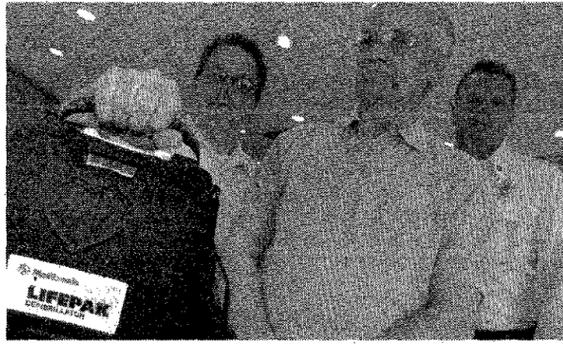
Surviving a heart attack and bypass surgery forced Robert Coon to make changes to improve his health, but also triggered some actions by his co-workers at Gordon Chevrolet.

A salesman, Coon collapsed at work April 18 and as 9-1-1 was called, his co-workers tried to assist the Livonia man, but they really weren't prepared to deal with the situation.

To be ready for a future emergency, 22 dealership employees came in on their own time for CPR training and the dealership purchased an Automated External Defibrillator.

"We have had a few injuries over the years - a cut or broken leg a few years ago," said Susan Ianni, Gordon Chevrolet's general manager. "But we'd had nothing like this where someone went down."

When he had his heart attack, Coon said he had just finished eating lunch when he



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Bob Coon (center) stands with Garden City Fire Chief Bill Forbush (left) and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Massey. After Coon suffered a heart attack at work at Gordon Chevrolet, the dealership acquired an Automated External Defibrillator.

felt what he thought was gas pain.

"I felt like I needed to burp - that it would help if someone hit me in the chest," said Coon, a 14-year employee at the dealership. "I went outside to walk it off and collapsed. I woke up three days later in the hospital. Someone else will have to fill in the rest of the details."

Another employee who was outside saw Coon collapse and summoned help from both the Garden City Fire Department and co-workers.

While the employees knew something needed to be done, Ianni said they didn't immediately recognize symptoms that Coon had suffered a heart attack.

"The CPR class taught us the warning signs. If we had known prior, we would have called 9-1-1 sooner," said Ianni, adding Coon was sweating, nauseous and had a severe headache, but not having chest

pains.

And while the employees knew they needed to do CPR and did until paramedics arrived three minutes after being called, Ianni said they were unsure when to start as Coon was gasping.

"It was an uncomfortable feeling not knowing what to do. We all felt very strongly that we want to know what to do," said Ianni. "We will probably never use it again or the AED, but we have it."

The Garden City Fire Department offers Advanced Life Support services which allows the paramedics to start an IV, administer drugs and use a defibrillator to get the patient stabilized.

"There were five paramedics and they all knew what they had to do. We just stood back and watched," said Ianni.

"We're lucky in Garden City to have this full-time crew available. It's not offered in a lot of

other

The Gordon Chevrolet dealership Center. "We cooperate. They have a competition," Chief Ianni said. "We'll see places."

After months of having on his work, Coon said he's up and saluting daily.

Before Coon's collapse, he also had a heart attack in year 2000. "People tend to think or think you couldn't," said Ianni. "Chief Ianni said Massey on car."

After the heart attack, Coon had a CPR class. "Since the department equipment fire class is by Coon Medical. Any up for a dealer."

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Thanks to extensive remodeling, Crestwood Dodge, a fixture on Ford for over 40 years, has a new look inside and outside.

## Remodeling project drives new look at Crestwood Dodge

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

Visitors to Crestwood Dodge have been enthusiastic about the new look achieved through a major remodeling.

"We've had a fantastic response from customers. People ask if we've added on," said Crestwood owner Robert Robbins. "We have 16,000 customers who've been here in the past year that we send a newsletter to — people are coming in just to see it."

The dealership, originally constructed in 1964 with a couple subsequent expansions, was enlarged this time but also had floors, ceilings, doors, graphics and furniture replaced. A new patio area on the front of the dealership moves vehicles on display back from Ford Road to improve sight lines.

"We went through the entire dealership — all the departments. We just decided it looked dated," said Robbins. "This is a high traffic area and the other dealerships nearby had done upgrades."

When Robbins came to Crestwood in 1981, the dealership was owned by Chrysler and wasn't a moneymaker. After 18 months, Robbins had bought out Chrysler to become the owner of the dealership and its 10.5-acre site.

"We've been a volume dealer for 23 years. We're a five-star elite dealer. There are only a few of those around — it's a new designation awarded this year," said Robbins. "That means you're the best of the best."

At festivities held recently to show off the remodeled dealership, guests included Chrysler Chief Operating Officer Tom



Crestwood Dodge owner Robert Robbins (left) visits with Anthony Risha and Tony Cawson during the grand opening of the newly remodeled dealership.

Lasorda and Chris Cortez, senior vice president for global service and parts, Chrysler's top-ranking female executive.

"Garden City has been a great community for me. It was good timing," said Robbins. "But what made us well-known nationally is the quality of my employees. Many of my employees — at least 40 percent — have been with me 20 years or longer. My employees are an integral part of the business."

Some of his longtime employees started as students or interns, he said, noting he's made a commitment to regular ongoing training for his employees.

"The key to customer satisfaction, in my opinion, starts with employee satisfaction," Robbins said. "If employees feel treated with dignity and respect, if they love the company and enjoy their co-workers, they will want the customer to feel the same."

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## Mr. Diabetes's trek around America brings him to area

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

If you want to walk with Andrew Mandell, you're more than welcome, but you'd better be ready to walk fast and far. Mandell has been walking every day, around the perimeter of the United States, since January 2002.

Mandell, 60, started his walk around the country to help raise awareness of diabetes — what he calls an American epidemic.

"I started out in January, so I got to walk through the winter rains in Louisiana, which was no fun," he said in an east coast accent thick as Boston baked beans. "And I walked through the desert in the summertime, and the ground was literally melting underneath my feet at times."

Mandell walked into Canton over the weekend, and plans to stay in the metro area for a couple of weeks, talking to various groups and spreading the word on the dangers of diabetes.

It wasn't too long ago that Mandell, who is himself insulin dependent, learned first-hand of the dangers and effects of diabetes. He thought he was healthy — he wasn't yet 40 years old, was an athlete and kept himself in shape — but still Mandell was diagnosed with diabetes in 1985. He figures he'd probably had diabetes for at least 10 years before the diagnosis. Since then, Mandell has had surgery on both his eyes, and was for two years, from 1996-1998, bedridden and suffering from debilitating nerve damage. He carries a walking stick now, due to after effects of the nerve damage in his legs.

"At that time we thought I was checking out," he said. "I'd made my peace and thought I was going to die."

He'd have been one of more



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Andrew Mandell's trek around the perimeter of the United States took him through Canton on Monday morning. By noon, he was already in Wayne. He wants everybody to check out his web site at [www.DefeatDiabetes.org](http://www.DefeatDiabetes.org).

than 200,000 people in the United States that dies from diabetic complications every year, he said.

As he recovered and learned more about the disease, he became ever more passionate about educating people about diabetes and trying to stop its spread. He said that about 75 percent of the 20 million Americans with diabetes could prevent the disease with lifestyle changes. That adds up to a lot of lives and a lot of money, as it's estimated that diabetes costs up to \$155 billion in terms of health care expenses every year. And as bad as that sounds, half of all the people who have diabetes don't know they do, he said.

"This is a disease that could bust our health care system," he said.

As he walks around the country, his tour manager, Steve, at the wheel of a white Range Rover emblazoned with the names of sponsors and the words "Mr. Diabetes, Wake up and Walk Tour," Mandell raises enough money to keep himself

on the road and to prepare printed materials to hand out to just about everyone he meets.

He started his walk in his hometown of Madeira Beach, Fla., and headed west. Mandell has been through the southern and southwest states, up the Pacific Coast, and came across the northern United States before arriving in Michigan via Chicago last month. When he got to Canton, he'd walked 6,400 miles already and doesn't plan on being home until sometime in 2007.

The walk seems extreme, but that was the only way to get people to take notice, according to Mandell.

"It's something that had to be done. We're talking about an epidemic out of control and we've been doing nothing about it. This called for radical action," he said.

To learn more about the Mr. Diabetes Wake up and Walk tour, visit online at [www.defeateddiabetes.org](http://www.defeateddiabetes.org). [cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net) | (734) 459-2700

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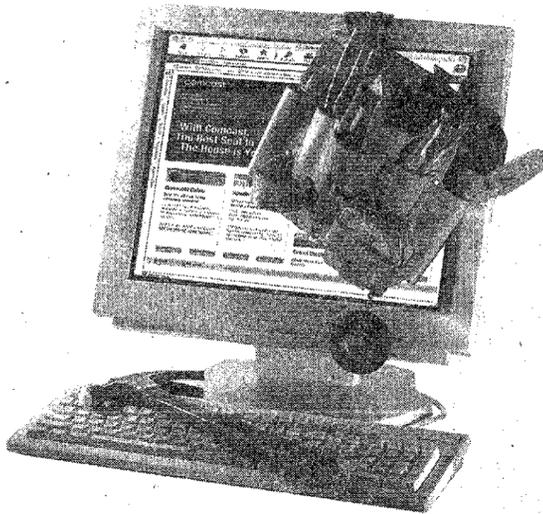
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and exotic Italian cars, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Meadow Brook Hall, the day before Concours d'Elegance. "Each year, the Concours at Meadow Brook becomes more spectacular, and our ultimate aim is to make it the best collector car show in the world," said Lolly Bezy, the event's executive director. "And thanks to our unique co-sponsor arrangement, and to the many other sponsors and supporters, we've been able to add events and features to create a Concours Week that really does offer 'something for everyone.'"

tized as "the horseless carriage," a reminder to the early days of the automotive industry in America.

Steeped in history and beauty, even casual observers can recognize that these autos are of the Brass Era. The 2005 event will host the largest gathering of High Horsepower, pre-World War I Magnificent Brass vehicles ever shown. The 27th annual Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance will also feature a unique exhibit of 100-year-old centennial automobiles from 1905 or earlier, from makers such as Stanley, Packard, R.E.O., Maxwell, Glide and others; and a display of rare Chrysler Hemi-engined convertibles from the Muscle Car Era.

In all, approximately 300 of the most prized antique, classic, and collectible automobiles will be on display and entered in judged competition at the Meadow Brook Concours venue. As part of the week-long series of events, Concorso d'Italia, featuring over 100 rare

Classic brass will be highlighted at the 2005 Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance on Aug. 7.

The show will feature "Magnificent Cars of the Brass Era" — including Pungs-Finch, Columbia, Thomas Flyer, American Undersling vintage automobiles and more.

They will be center stage at the 27th annual Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University. The world-renowned "main event" culminates a week-long celebration of automotive history and heritage beginning July 31.

"This event inaugurates a three-year series at the Meadow Brook Concours. We begin this year with the Magnificent Brass Era cars, followed next year by the Golden Era Classics of pre-World War II, and in 2007 we will highlight the Power Cars of post-World War II," said Don Sommer, founder and chairman of Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance.

Brass Era automobiles are distinguished by the use of polished brass radiators, headlamps, bulb horns, windshield frames and other brass parts. Usually tall bodies of distinctively detailed coachwork with tufted leather interiors are also indicative of the period. Built prior to World War I by manufacturers such as Mitchell, National, Stearns, Cadillac, Buick and many other companies, Brass Era cars are roman-



## Tiger Power



When Detroit Tigers Greg Monroe and Nook Logan paid a visit to Fanatic U in Garden City, there were plenty of folks to greet them, including owner Greg Every's staff. Watching the proceedings were Cindy Clayton (front row, from left), Christa Todd, Cheryl Todd, Nita Hanchett, Ashley Whititz, John Stanish, Tamera Asadorian (back row, from left), Every, Debbie Asadorian, Brad Bentley, Matt Billegas and Hanchett's grandchildren - Christian Hanchett and Lilli Bennetti.

Detroit Tigers Nook Logan signs autographs during a recent appearance at Fanatic U in Garden City recently.



Nook Logan and Greg Monroe strike a pose with Cindy Clayton during an appearance at Fanatic U in Garden City. Members of the Detroit Tigers, the two men were on hand to greet fans and to sign autographs. Their visit is one of several visits of sports stars planned for Fanatic U.

### FOR THE RECORD

#### DEATHS

- B**  
Evelyn I. Baker, 87, of Holly, died June 10.  
Gary W. Barnes, 55, of Oakland Township, died June 7.  
Ruth Marie Barr, 78, of Southfield, formerly of Livonia, died June 9.  
Grace A. Biggs, 88, of Auburn Hills, died June 10.  
Elizabeth Ann Bowman, 79, of Beverly Hills, died June 9.
- D**  
Thomas F. Daly Jr., 93, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died June 15.
- F**  
H. Howard Flint II, 66, of Bloomfield Hills, died June 14.



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- H**  
John Neil Hays, 87, formerly of Birmingham, died June 12.  
Arthur C. Hinz, 91, of Rochester Hills, died June 9.  
Phyllis Eileen Humphries, 63, of Wayne, died June 15.
- M**  
Ronald F. Merchant, 58, of Northville, died June 7.
- R**  
Mary Jane Rotan, 62, of Rochester Hills, died June 12.
- S**  
Ray E. Springer Jr., 79, of Shelby Twp., died June 9.  
Kenneth Wellington Sproule II, 65, of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Birmingham, died June 11.  
Theresa Stratford, 72, died June 13.
- W**  
Robert John Wilson, 80, of Hillman, died June 15.
- Y**  
Laudray R. Yoerg, 76, formerly of Farmington Hills, died June 16.

- G**  
Hazel Dittrich Geiger, 87, formerly of Beverly Hills and Rochester Hills, died June 2.  
James A. Gibson, 84, of Rochester Hills, died June 7.

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Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the Name of Bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front left hand corner "William P. Faust Public Library Parking Lot Improvements". Proposals must be addressed to the William P. Faust Public Library and delivered to the Jarrett-Mills-Schroen & Associates, Inc. office on or before the time specified above. No exceptions will be made.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid, payable without condition to the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

No Bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving Bids.

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**TRASH**

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called embarrassing. "I do believe that this company can do an absolutely excellent job for the residents of the city of Westland," Ruthenberg said Friday. His company, formerly Painter & Ruthenberg, has hauled Westland's garbage since Westland became a city in 1966, Ruthenberg said. The company has handled Garden City's garbage pickup off and on since the late 1960s,

he said. Ruthenberg portrayed his business as an area, family-owned company that has mostly done its job - and will again. He confirmed that he will make a pitch to keep a contract when city leaders meet in July with trash haulers. "Of course I'm going to fight to keep my contract," Ruthenberg said. "Even though we have had some difficulties over the last few months, I believe the citizens do care about a family business (as opposed to a national company)."

Ruthenberg blamed some problems on equipment breaking down. Midwest's trucks were geared more toward highway driving to a now-closed incinerator, and they have been hard hit by more rugged trips to a landfill, Ruthenberg said. Westland officials have set no specific deadline for deciding on a trash hauler. Cicirelli said officials will consider what's best for the city after meeting in July with companies.

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**ACADEMY**

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next school year, and the academy's parent-teacher organization also has embarked on a fund-raising effort to buy new playground equipment. That playground project received a major boost on June 10 when Dr. Anthony Williams, a gastroenterologist, made a \$3,000 donation. His gift came during an annual field day that included outdoor activities and a visit by employees of WJLB-FM. "We still need a few thou-

sand dollars," Lindsay said. Anyone interested in helping may call the academy at (734) 722-1465 or send checks to the Academy of Westland, 300 S. Henry Ruff Road, Westland, 48186. Academy of Westland receives federal and state funding, and it offers a state-endorsed curriculum and adheres to mandates of the federal No Child Left Behind effort, Lindsay said. The school is attended by students from kindergarten through eighth grade. The academy also has a theme of entrepreneurship,

and it teaches students what it's like to own and operate a business, Lindsay said. "Everyone classroom is its own respective business," he said. Parents like Alma Frazier believe that Lindsay, who just finished his first year as principal, and his staff will continue to make the academy a place that appeals to parents. "I think Mr. Lindsay has brought in a lot of new ideas," Frazier said. "And the teachers are very good. They are caring, caring teachers."

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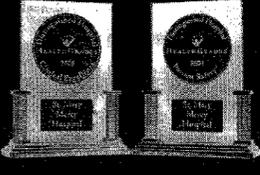
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charge of indecent exposure since he is a repeat offender, said Assistant Police Chief Craig Summers. Dean could face one day to life in prison for the enhanced charge, said Summers. Dean is also charged with trespassing since he visited the library before his 90-day ban concluded. That offense is punishable by up to 30 days in jail. Dean was released on a

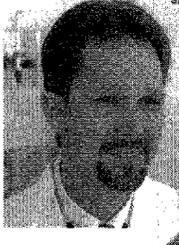
\$500 bond and ordered to stay away from schools and libraries. Farmington Community Library Director Tina Theeke said the computer Dean allegedly used was located in a more discreet area of the library outside the main computer lab. The lab computers have no Internet filters, noted Theeke. The children's and teen area computers have filters to block out questionable content, Theeke said. The director said the library doesn't use Internet filters for

the main lab area since the programs could block out legitimate content for patrons. Anyone spotted viewing questionable content on the computers is asked to close the screen or leave, said Theeke. She said the computer Dean was allegedly using is in police custody. When it is returned it will either be moved to a more public area of the library or fitted with Internet filters. Dean's preliminary exam is set for June 22 in 47th District Court.

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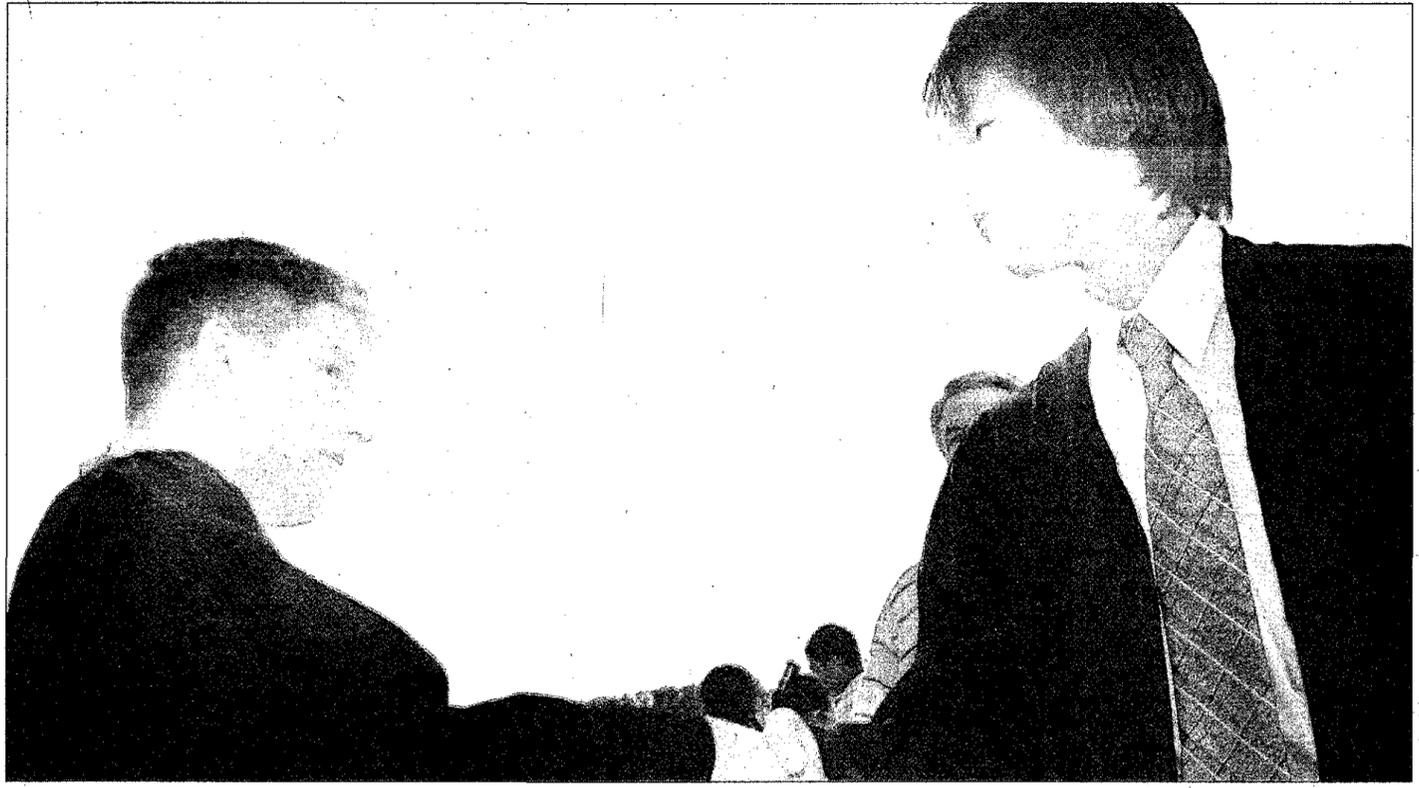
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David Lawrenchuk (left) and Daniel Kang congratulate each other after Churchill High School commencement ceremony Thursday evening. For more photos and a list of graduates, see Page A4.

# CHS 'taught us so much'

## Class of 2005 takes away, leaves something for Churchill

BY RUSS HAMMOND  
CORRESPONDENT

More than 500 members of the Class of 2005 from Churchill High School received their diplomas Thursday night at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. The graduates, resplendent in their cap and gowns - red for the girls and black for the boys - were greeted with thunderous applause when they entered the arena to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance.

Churchill principal Joseph Anderson welcomed the capacity-crowd of friends, family and well-wishers to the 35th graduation from the school. There were members of the Livonia Board of Education in attendance, including President Kevin Whitehead and Trustee Tom Bailey, along with Superintendent Randy A. Liepa and Marlene Bihlmeyer, executive director of instruction.

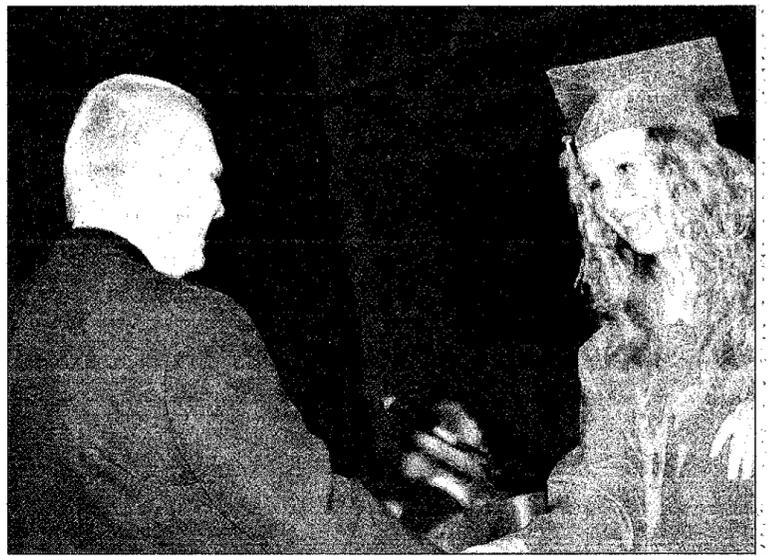
The Senior Ensemble sang the *National Anthem* and the *Celebration Song*. There were no honors, such as valedictorian and salutatorian, bestowed upon

members of the Class of 2005. Instead, they honored themselves by having the class and school officers say a few words about their time at Churchill.

"Our four years at Churchill have taught us so much," said Jennifer Howard, class president. "We're passing another milestone."

Senior class vice president Carla Beaver said, "Each person sitting here is not the same person they were four years ago."

Howard also presented the school with the class gift, which was a donation of cash to renovate the courtyard so future students could enjoy it. There were numerous graduates who have achieved high academic honors while at Churchill. More than 40 seniors graduated with a grade point average of 3.95 or higher, which gave them the distinction of summa cum laude. Another 30 students graduated magna cum laude, which means that they had grade point averages of 3.75 to 3.94. The cum laude graduates at Churchill numbered 42 and their grade point averages for this honor were 3.50 to 3.74.



Principal Joseph Anderson shakes hands with 2005 Churchill graduate Andrea Czapski, who will be attending Schoolcraft College for business administration in the fall.

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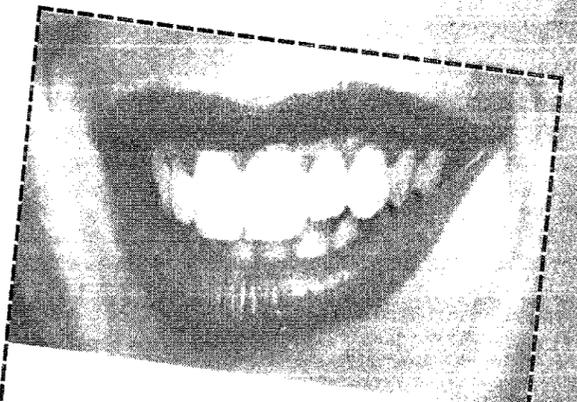
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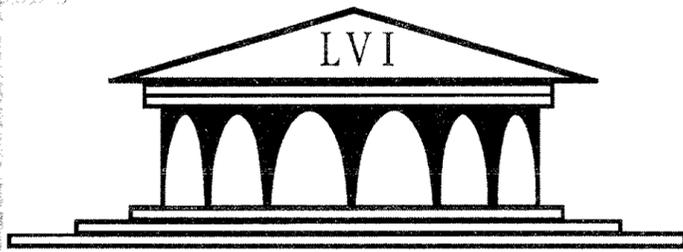
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# Michigan school funding needs a 'SEA-change'

Borrowing a well-known rallying cry from our beloved Detroit Red Wings, it's time to — "Get Your Red On!"

On Tuesday, June 21, a virtual Red Sea of thousands of parents, grandparents, school employees and community members from across the state will inundate Lansing to demand a sea-change in the chronic underfunding of public education, pre K-16. The school kids of today deserve Stable, Equitable and Adequate funding — a "SEA-change" from the current fairy-tale system which has been underfunded from day one.

Since the state took over the funding of local public schools 11 years ago, state government has systematically broken its promise to fully fund public schools and has brought the operation of most of its school districts to the brink of crisis. A June 2004 report by the Senate Fiscal Agency disclosed that only 28 out of 555 districts were better off today under state financial control. Nationally, Michigan has slipped from sixth place in per pupil funding to 16th.

The current talk in Lansing is that this Legislature has made public education its No. 1 priority. The proposed \$175 increase in the foundation grant for the 2005-06 budget year plus \$65 per middle school student to promote accelerated math and science sounds like legislators are beginning to "walk the talk."

If you dig deeper, though, beneath the superficial promise of \$175 more per student (absent the governor's additional \$50 for high school students) and read the fine print, you will discover that most schools will receive LESS funding from the state next year. The legislature plans to cut at-risk monies, funds for developmental kindergartens and the "20 J" funds for over half of the 51 hold-harmless districts. This political "shell game" will effectively put most districts back into the hole.

Term-limited legislators have taken a walk on public school funding. Over \$369 million has been cut from K-12, \$157 million from universities and \$35.5 million from community colleges in the past few years. Per pupil foundation grants for K-12 remained flat for three years and the state cut the promised grants in mid-year for the past two years.

School officials were left to scramble and scrape by in the middle of a school year when programs and personnel were already in place. Some made withdrawals from their ever-diminishing fund reserves while others had to make more painful cuts or borrow money to keep the lights on, the buses running and the students learning.

Evidence of school belt-tightening is statewide. Most districts have fewer adminis-

trators. Many share services with other districts, dial-down in the winter, make do with outdated textbooks, computers and equipment, etc. Some have restructured programs and entire schools, renegotiated health care costs, instituted pay-to-play and eliminated programs or busing to make ends meet.

Last year, more than 2,000 teachers lost their jobs as many school districts reluctantly had to increase their class size. Even more regrettable for Michigan is the loss of the talent pool of recent graduates of our schools of education. We are losing our best and brightest future teachers to other states and countries, such as China, because most school districts can't afford to hire new teachers.

The revenues received from the state might have been adequate in the simpler times of the past century, but they have not kept pace with the costly demands of a 21st century education. School districts have had to foot the bill for more stringent security measures put in place after Columbine and 9/11. A 21st century global economy meant that schools had to have increased technology hardware and software. Rising energy and health care costs, more state and federal mandates such as No Child Left Behind, and the addition of 200 charter schools to the roster of school districts have diminished each school's share of the funding pie.

As for retirement and health care costs, there were once ample dollars in a prefunded state health care account for school retirees before the former governor raided the fund to pay for one of his tax cuts in the early 1990s. Presently, if unsound investments by a hired third party manager of the state's school employees pension fund is the reason for the escalating percentage increases in retirement costs rolled back to school districts, then this is unconscionable and the state needs to correct this now.

The lack of a Stable, Equitable and Adequate method to fund learning is not the fault of current school employees or retirees. The buck stops in Lansing. Legislators and other leaders have known that the School Aid Fund has had a structural deficit for the past 11 years, but have chosen to use the Band-Aid approach to cover up rather than fix each yearly shortfall. The hemorrhaging from the School Aid Fund must be stopped now.

If you are beginning to "see red" and believe that we need a "SEA-change" — more Stable, Equitable, and Adequate funding for our public school students — then, "Get Your Red On!" June 21 and join us in "winging" our way to Lansing. Our kids can't wait.

Note: PTAs, PTOs and other school groups are providing buses for the trip to Lansing. Contact your local district for further information.

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# Society's obsession with sex isn't healthy for anyone

Sex. Now that I've got your attention ... I'm sorry. That was a cheap trick. It might be the oldest cliché in the newspaper industry, but like all clichés, it is based on a certain amount of truth.

And the one great, universal truth is that sex sells — anything. In fact, I'm willing to take that axiom one step further.

What is the single unifying theme of our current society? Think about it a minute. Democracy? Freedom of speech? The Super Bowl?

I say no. There is nothing that permeates every area of our culture, dare I say almost defines who we are as a people, as sex.

Don't think so? Name me an aspect of our culture that doesn't seem to revolve around sex — sports, music, media, politics, marketing, religion, entertainment. In each and every one of those examples, sex is an underlying current through which all else passes.

Certainly many will feel that's an exaggeration. But any objective examination will reveal otherwise. I can't think of any other topic that so dominates the American psyche, yet remains as the last great taboo — the forbidden fruit, as it were.

Because despite the fact that sex — not the act, but the celebration — is a part of everyday life for most of us, it is the one subject that can divide a room full of people more decisively than oil and water.

We as a whole are bombarded on a daily basis by images that try to convince us that sex is the one thing everyone needs in their life to truly find happiness. If a visitor from outer space were to descend upon our planet and quietly observe American culture, he/she/it would come to the conclusion that sex is the answer to all problems great and small and that all our energies are devoted to that end.

Let's take a quick look at some of those areas I mentioned already. Sports? What do dance teams really have to do with basketball, anyway? And don't you think there might be at least one older woman qualified to be a sideline reporter for NFL games?

Media? Puh-leeze. Check out any magazine or television show that carries advertising aimed at anyone under the age of 50. Many times you can't even tell the product being touted, but you sure get the subliminal message.

Politics? All I can say is Bill and Monica. I'm still waiting for the made-for-TV movie.

And I don't want to hear how it's the liberal media and movie stars who are pushing this agenda on the rest of us. According to the Web site Internet Filter Review, revenue

from the pornography industry in the U.S. is greater than that from all professional baseball, football and basketball franchise combined, greater than the combined revenues from ABC, NBC and CBS. It that true? It would be difficult to prove, but somebody is buying all those videos and magazines.

So, no matter how vociferously some might argue otherwise, sex has become a part of who we are as a nation. Figuring that out is the easy part. Trying to figure out how, as reasonable adults in a free society, we can hope to temper this overwhelming message for the good of future generations is the hard part.

Maintaining a head-in-the-sand attitude toward honest sex education hasn't gotten us very good results. Too many teenagers still become pregnant, too many people spread sexually transmitted diseases and too many women and children become victims of abuse.

Look at it this way. Our schools require every student to study mathematics, although few will ever become economists or engineers. We mandate that all students learn geography, although most will never become a cartographer or naturalist.

But, despite the fact that virtually every student in every classroom in every school in every state will at one time or another have a sexual experience, how can it be that a sizable number of people in this country feel that sex education has no place in schools?

We owe it to our children to teach them that sex is not an image to be bought and sold, that it's not a way to happiness, that in and of itself won't make them richer or more popular. We need to show children that promiscuity is a dead end filled with unwanted consequences, despite the daily blizzard of information to the contrary.

A recent study published in *Adolescent and Family Health* magazine showed that remaining a virgin into adulthood can have quantifiable positive results in one's life. A team of physicians studied more than 7,000 men and women beginning in 1979 and following up 20 years later. The results showed that those who were virgins at the age of 18 had, on average, one year more of higher education; half the risk of divorce; annual income nearly 20 percent higher; and were half as likely to use welfare benefits.

It's that kind of information that should be distributed to every child across this land, along with real, useful knowledge about disease, pregnancy, contraception and the fulfillment that comes with being in a long-term, monogamous relationship.

Instead, we get Paris Hilton. Sometimes we get what we deserve.

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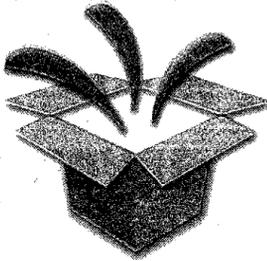
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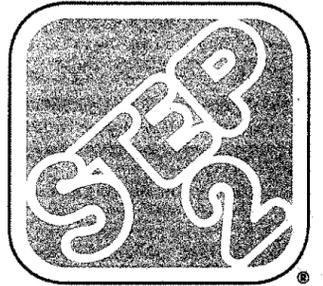
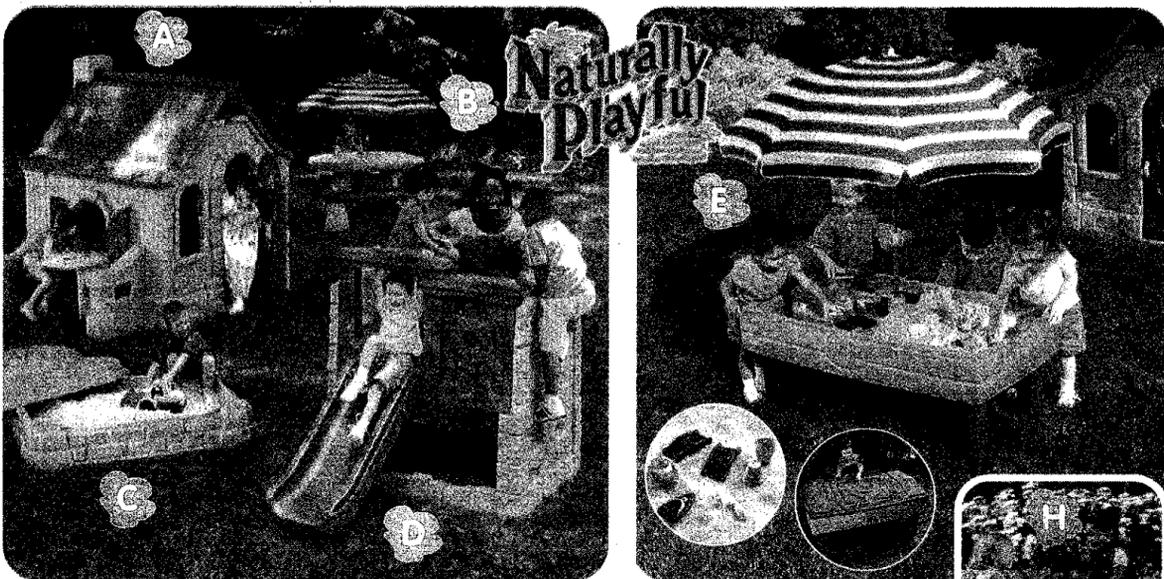


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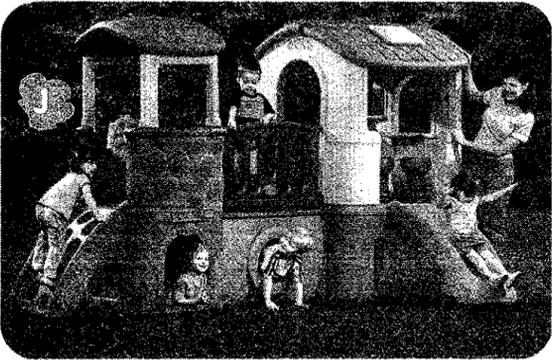
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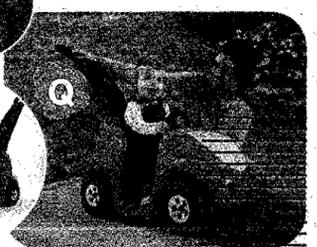
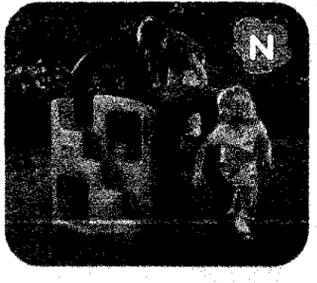
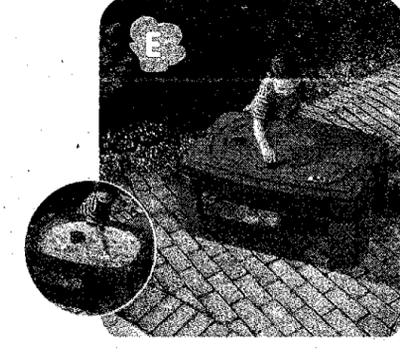
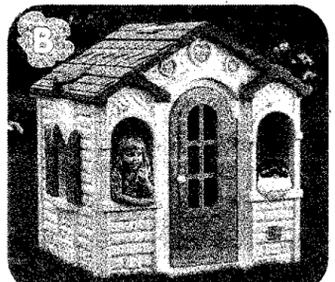
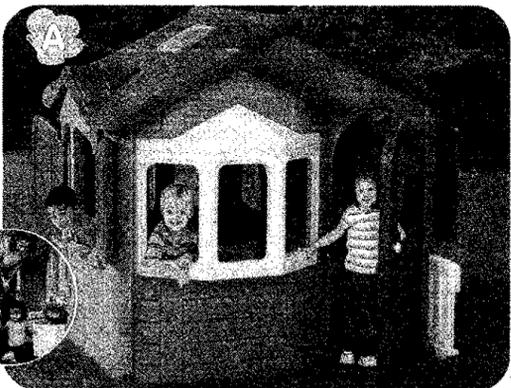


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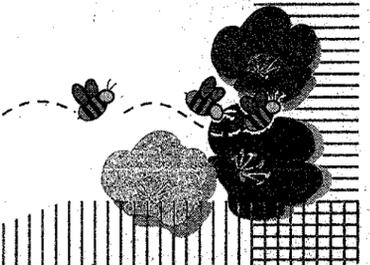
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