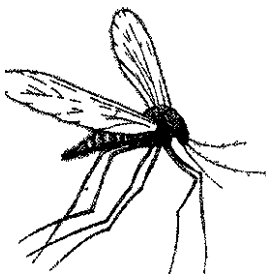


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Pipeline Board forum

The four candidates for two seats on the Plymouth Canton Board of Education have been invited to take part in a public forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Incumbent board President Judy Mardigan and challengers William Gibbons, Becky Moore and Barry Simescu were all invited to attend Discovery Middle School is located at 45083 Hanford.

Candidates will give opening and closing statements and will answer questions posed by audience members. The election is scheduled for June 14.

Showcase

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce hosts Showcase Plymouth and Taste of Plymouth, 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center. A \$10 ticket gets the buyer tastes of food from local restaurants, including Compari's, Station 885, The Plymouth Crossing (formerly Dunleavy's), E.G. Nick's, Bannigan's, Steak & Ale, Papa John's, Atlantis, St. John's and Laurel Manor. The chamber will award four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors and honor a volunteer of the year from every Plymouth service club. Call (734) 453-1540.

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Crustacean curiosity fuels exhibit

Students dive into marine life lessons

Megan Moncion's index finger touched the water and hovered over the decorator crab, until it moved. She quickly jerked her hand away from the water and began to laugh. Two more times, she nearly touched the crab, then shook her head.

"Oh, no," said the 9-year-old student at Farrand Elementary, and she plunged her hand into the water to pick up a sea star, pulled it out of the water, and turned it upside down to inspect it.

Moncion and her classmates had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with a variety of Pacific Ocean marine life, thanks to a two-day visit from the Living Science Foundation.

The school's PTO raises the money — some \$1,500 — to bring the foundation and its tide pool to the school every three years or so, to give students an up-close look at sea creatures, according to school Principal Ann Kuhn.

The students receive a 20-minute presentation at the tide pool, a shallow, table height pool, and a 20-minute classroom presentation.

"It's actually really cool, it's fascinating," 10-year-old Sarah Galea said as she reached out to lightly stroke the purple spikes on a sea urchin.

Despite the giggles and gasps from the students, the presentation is not just for fun. It's all about the knowledge, according to Kuhn.

"They get to see and feel the animals," Kuhn said. "It's a different experience. Now when they learn in the classroom about the marine life, they can picture it immediately — what it feels like, smells like, and how it moves."



Caitrin Engstrom and Sabrina Daugherty examine sea stars in the Living Science Foundation exhibit at Farrand Elementary School.



Farrand Elementary School students got an up-close look at marine life in a salt-water tidal pool brought by the Living Science Foundation.

6th Circuit dismisses Prose suit

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

There's only one place left for Dr. Tom Prose to take his \$100 million lawsuit against the city and several other defendants: the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati this week affirmed a lower court ruling dismissing the case. Circuit Judge Alan Norris wrote in the April 27 decision that Prose's case "did not raise any genuine issues of material fact to support his allegations," and affirmed the decision of the lower court judge.

It's the latest setback in a cause of action Prose brought in September 1999, alleging his civil rights were violated when former *Community Crier* publisher W. Edward Wendover conspired with police in the City of Plymouth to file charges of disorderly conduct against Prose.

Also named in the suit are Wendover's wife, Sally Repeck, former Plymouth police Chief Bob Scoggins, current police Lt. Ed Ochal, former *Crier* employee Mike Carne, former Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke and Joe Koch and former City Manager Steve Walters.

According to Gus Morris of Cox, Hodgman & Giarmino, who represents the city, an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is Prose's only remaining option, albeit, in Morris' opinion, an unlikely one.

"The chances of them granting a petition on this is extremely unlikely," Morris said. "It doesn't really present any novel or unresolved legal issues that hadn't been adequately addressed in other cases. The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals didn't even see fit to publish their decision. They concluded there's no evidence Dr. Prose's Fourth Amendment rights were violated."

Prose didn't return phone calls seeking comment. Wendover said he was pleased "another three people (the 6th Circuit judges) recognized this logorrhea."

"I've felt vindicated in every lawsuit he has filed against us," Wendover said. "The whole thing originated because people called the police because this man was threatening them. All we did was protect our colleagues and our employees. Anyone would do that."

There is still a state portion of the lawsuit pending. The case was put on hold by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Giovan, pending the outcome of the federal suit. Everyone except Scoggins and Ochal has been dismissed as defendants in that case.

Morris said Giovan would be asked to rule "some time in the next 90 days."

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Board tweaks police, fire retirement plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Police officers and firefighters in Plymouth Township who move into leadership positions will no longer have to give up their union-negotiated retirement benefits to take a promotion.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted 4-2 Tuesday to adjust the township's retirement policy to allow union members who have to leave the

union to take leadership promotions to maintain those benefits.

It had been the township's practice in the past — most notably for current assistant fire chief Mark Wendel — and Tuesday's vote puts the policy in place.

"This really just memorializes the township's past practices," Supervisor Steve Mann said. "It takes it away from a case-by-case practice and makes it general policy, which I think is the smarter way to go."

Trustees Charles Curmi and Abe Munfakh voted against the measure. Mann, Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Marilyn Massengill and Trustee Kay Arnold supported it.

The policy essentially applies to the lieutenant's position in the police department, and to the assistant chief and fire chief positions in the fire department. Mann said the policy would also cover a new police chief, if one is promoted from within.

Union members who take such promotions routinely lose personal days, overtime, holiday pay, longevity and other benefits. The new policy doesn't affect those things, but it does protect the retirement health benefits.

"It's almost a backwards system, in that we're in a position absent this policy of asking employees to give up their union security and other fringe benefits,"

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Local parks draw big crowds

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Lawrene Rocheleau of Plymouth likes the fact it's only walking distance from her home to Kellogg Park.

"I like the fact there are restaurants around, so you can get something and come back to the park and eat," she said. "It's nice to just sit and watch the fountain on a nice day. And the kids like to climb the trees."

Her daughter, 11-year-old Kyana, likes the many gatherings in Kellogg Park. "It's big, and you can come to the con-

certs and relax," she said.

And her brother, 12-year-old Jon, likes the three-day Fall Festival because "I like the kettle corn."

For almost any reason, Kellogg Park is the drawing card for the events and shops in downtown Plymouth. That's why it finished in a tie with Plymouth Township Park in the *Plymouth Observer's* "Best of Plymouth" balloting.

"The kids like it when the fountain is going and the farmers market. It's perfect," said Kathleen Grupa of Plymouth,

PLEASE SEE PARKS, A5



Blake Connell runs through the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park during the Plymouth Township picnic. The sprayscape is one of the attractions that makes the park popular.



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ARTISTS' EXHIBIT

Plymouth resident Kathleen Montgomery will be among three artists whose work will be on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council May 4-27

Montgomery, who works primarily in colored pencil, pastels and oils, has still life, compositions and portraits as her main focus

Karen Reinstroffer creates wooden characters, hand

painted and posed to reflect action or mood, or just express a little fantasy and whimsy

Christina Haugh, an abstract artist, bases her work on pure imagination and vision, using acrylic to create vibrant works of color inspired by nature and the movement of water

"I personally admire the City of Plymouth for the way they support the arts," Haugh said "With all the media focus on the war, political venues and our daily routines, this exhibi-



Christina Haugh, an abstract artist bases her work on imagination and vision

tion is a perfect way to leave behind the dreary cold winter, let go of the ordinary and celebrate the vibrant colors of spring The enthusiasm of this exhibit will enhance our lives to a deeper sense of a soulful expectation"

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JOB SEEKERS' WORKSHOP

Franchise specialist Mark Cory, owner of the FranNet-Detroit office speaks at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Career Networking Group at 7 p m Monday, May 10, in the OLCG social hall

Cory will discuss Franchising for the Corporate Soul, a talk focusing on why individuals choose to start their own business and how franchising provides a relatively safe and affordable alternative to traditional employment

Admission is free and open to the public

For information or directions to the presentation, call Ed Walton (734) 634 2245 or the church office, (734) 453-0326



High fashion

Kelly Karadsheh and her 4 year old daughter, Mia, modeled robes at the annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce fashion show The show provided the entertainment at the chamber's annual Staff Appreciation Day luncheon (formerly Secretary's Day)

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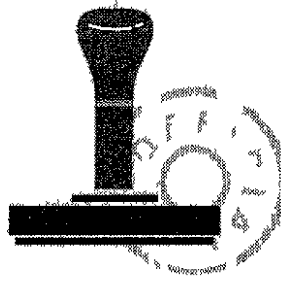
BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Fix it or trash it
That was the essence of an order issued to National Church Residences of Ohio, owner of the abandoned Sheldon Place senior housing center at Sheldon and Ford roads
The building has been vacant since August 2001 after leaks and cracks appeared in the then 3-year-old \$4.4 million building
About a year ago, a dangerous building hearing was held on the structure. At that time Joseph Philips, the hearing officer, told NCR to fix the building and that the issue would be revisited in a year
On March 23 of this year, another hearing was held on the building, which has been shored up but not repaired
At that hearing, Philips asked for a letter from a structural

engineer attesting to the safety of the building. He set a deadline of April 6 to receive the letter. As of April 21, Philips said, he still had not received any such correspondence
On that date he sent a letter to Mark Ricketts, president of NCR, informing him of the situation
"It is my opinion," Philips wrote in the letter, "that the condition of the building in its current state is unsafe. I draw this conclusion from the fact that you have chosen to vacate the building."
Philips then ordered that the building be demolished or otherwise made safe by Aug. 1, 2004.
"My main concern is having things done by wintertime," Philips said Friday. "I tried to give them enough time to go through the legalities. I think they know the building is safe, but they're hesitant to make

that statement because it may be used against them in the lawsuit."
NCR has filed suit against DeMaria Construction Co., the contractor who built the building, in a dispute over liabilities for the building's problems
In his order Philips told NCR that if a decision is made to demolish the building, it must apply for a permit by July 1. If the decision is to repair the building, a permit to begin repair work must also be applied for by July 1.
"That's a pretty aggressive time frame," Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said. "I support this approach 100 percent. The building's been empty for almost three years."
Bryan Amann, a local attorney representing NCR, was out of town Friday and not available for comment. Another NCR attorney did not return a phone call from the *Observer*.

FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's *Observer Life* section in *Passages* on page C5.

DEATHS

B
Bernice Buzonik, 88, of Farmington Hills, died April 29.
K
Phyllis G. Klei, 76, of Redford, died April 27.
L
Walter H. Leverenz, 75, of Quincy, formerly of Farmington, died April 28.
N
Florence Caroline Nulty (nee Sederlin), 94, of Plymouth, died April 27.
S
William C. Savage Jr., 60, of Farmington Hills, died April 29.
Geneva Schrage, 89, of Santa Fe, N.M., formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died April 25.
T
Arthur H. Trost, 100, of Weeki Wachee, Fla., formerly of Westland, died April 27.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between April 21-27:
Tuesday, April 27 - Residential rescue runs on Beech Court, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Brookside rescue run to a public building on 5 Mile.
Monday, April 26 - Mutual-aid fire run on North Territorial west of Napier residential rescue runs on Irvin and on Tyler, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Harvey rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road.

Sunday April 25 - Investigation on southbound I-275 north of M-14, residential rescue runs on Sheldon, on Filmore and on Aspen rescue runs to public buildings on Ann Arbor Road and on Greenview Place.
Saturday, April 24 - Wash-down on eastbound M-14 and Sheldon, dumpster fire on Golfview, residential rescue run on Lincoln.
Friday April 23 - Commercial rescue runs on Beck and on Lilley, residential rescue runs on Aspen, on Deer Creek Circle, on Sheridan and on Palmer vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Massey vehicle accident at 5 Mile and Ridge rescue runs to public buildings on Ann Arbor Road.
Thursday April 22 - Vehicle accident with wash-down on Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, vehicle accidents on Beck south of Ann Arbor Road and on Northville Road, vehicle accident with extrication on the

westbound I-96 ramp to northbound I-275, rescue run on 5 Mile, residential rescue runs on Adams and on North, commercial rescue run on Sheldon.
Wednesday, April 21 - Commercial rescue run on Plymouth Road open burning on Cottonwood, residential rescue runs on Hillcrest, on Latheron on Shadywood, on Northville Road and on Pinewood, special run on Sheldon, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road rescue run on Ann Arbor Road west of Canton Center, vehicle fire on northbound I-275 north of M-14.

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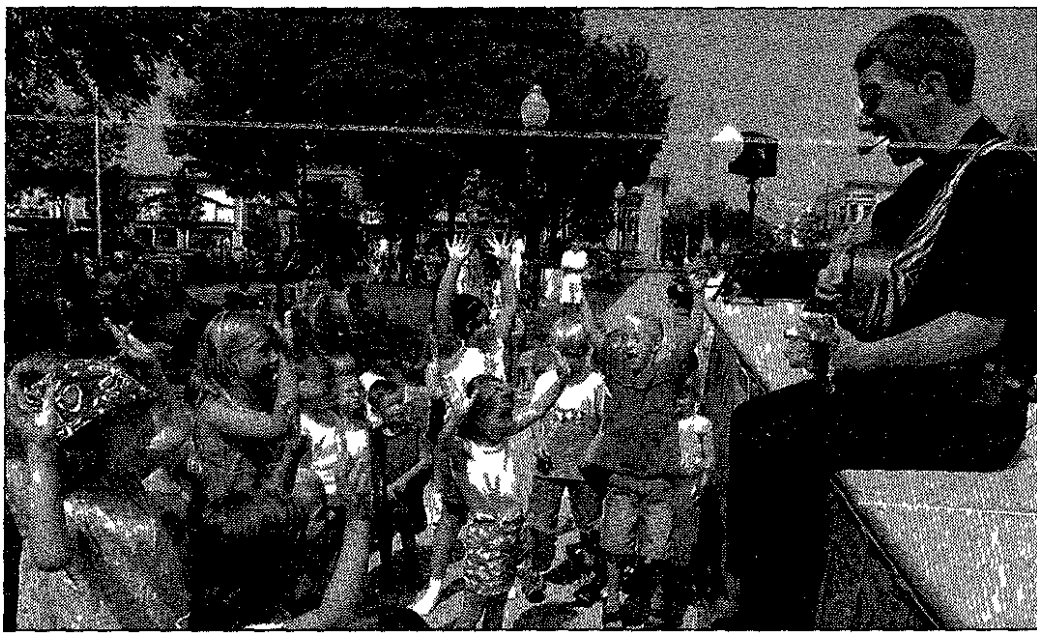
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Zak Morgan performs at the edge of the stage at the summer finale of Plymouth's Music in the Park series Wednesday in Kellogg Park

Streets set to go to the dogs

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITERS

Local-area dogs hoping to participate in the annual Evening Kiwanis Club Plymouth Dog Jog should be getting their owners in shape now.

The annual jog is scheduled for May 8, starting in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, then wandering over a 1.5-mile course through the streets of the city.

Registration for "X Marks the Spot - Kellogg Park," starts at noon. The walk starts around 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the Dog Jog go to the Michigan Humane Society, which will have its brand new adoption bus on hand so participants and spectators can cozy up to animals available for adoption.

"The bus is brand new, and it's beautiful," said organizer Charlene Miller. All the money goes

to the Humane Society, so they agreed to have the bus out here for our event."

Sponsors Specialty Pets and Pet Supplies Plus have provided the money for the jog's T-shirts and bandanas, and various stores will have tables available hawking their wares.

Veterinarian Vyvian Gorbea of Plymouth Veterinary Hospital will also be on hand. The hospital provided some 100 bags of goodies to give away, and it will also host an open house in conjunction with the jog, Miller said.

Competition takes place in age groups 18-under, 19-39 and 40-and-older. Emceed by Cur Lamar, the jog also features shortest- and longest-tail contests and prizes for dogs who look most like their owners.

K-9 Mike will also provide a home training demonstration.

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PARKS

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who was enjoying the sunshine in Kellogg Park with 4-year-old Wyatt, 3-year-old Ella, 3-month-old Thomas and Theo, their trusty four-legged companion. "It's easy for the kids to ride their bikes and waste time in the sunshine."

Mayor Stella Greene said there's no doubt Kellogg Park is the center of the Plymouth

community.

"It affords the opportunity for businesses and residents to come together to enjoy the best of what the greater community has to offer," she said. "Many communities wish they had the foresight to have a gathering place to bring people together to socialize."

Like Kellogg Park, Plymouth Township Park, at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha, is a big drawing card for township residents. Its pavilions are a natural for family picnics and

reunions, and the park has the facilities to host any number of activities.

The township has added a playscape and a sprayscape, along with an ice rink. There are nature trails and a pond for fishing.

"There is an abundance of offerings at township park," Supervisor Steve Mann said. "There are activities for all seasons."

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Mann said "On top of that they give up the medical retirement benefits they've already earned in order to take the promotion, which in many cases, salary-wise, is not that huge to begin with."

The first person to benefit

could be fire Capt. Randy Maycock, with whom the township is negotiating to become the new fire chief. Maycock and Mann have had preliminary discussions already, and further talks are scheduled after Mann returns from a vacation next week.

Maycock said while the new policy helps, there are still discussions to be had.

"We're still talking," Maycock said. "The bigger stepping stone is going to be the style of the retirement package. The chief would be allowed. We've had a couple of meetings. We'll see if we can't finally hammer some issues out and come to a conclusion one way or the other."

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Drive nets 48,000 books for Detroit schools

Books make great gifts. Just ask the hundreds of students at two Detroit schools who benefited recently from the generosity of elementary and middle school students throughout the *Observer* circulation area.

More than 48,000 new and gently-used books were collected by 10,000 students in schools throughout Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton and Farmington Hills as part of 'Pass It Along - Share the Gift of Reading.'

"It truly is a wonderful thing you did for these children. I know it seems like such a small thing, but for them to get their own books is very special," said Sue Simcox, director of Bridgepointe, a nonprofit

organization which helped distribute the books to Nienas and Maybury elementary schools in Detroit.

Both schools struggle to provide even the basics for students.

Douglas Elementary School in Garden City with 409 students collected the most books - 6,046.

The school wins a pizza and ice cream party courtesy of Boscos and Edy's Ice Cream.

Third- and fifth-grade teachers Jim Crosby and Kim Mussen, along with Bev Johnson, school librarian, coordinated the contest at Douglas. "That's terrific," Crosby said when notified that Douglas won. "We have a great school community and they really rallied."

Douglas students donated nearly 13 books per student.

"We made it a competition and awarded a pizza party to the class who brought in the most books," said Crosby, adding a first-grade class won the party.

The entire school will be treated to pizza and ice cream before the school year ends.

"The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* along with our partners - Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP), Edy's Ice Cream and Boscos - want to congratulate all participating schools, students, parents and teachers," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *O&E*. "The response to our book drive was tremendous. The generosity of students throughout our circulation area is overwhelming and heartwarming."

From the largest (St Michael's Catholic School in Livonia with 816 students) to the smallest (five-member Scorpion Den Pack 743 of Allen Elementary) schools stepped up to help make a difference.

The books made a difference the day they were delivered, according to one volunteer.

"While we were in the classroom today, the students went to the auditorium to pick out the books you had delivered. The children were so excited! What a great gift for them. Every child couldn't wait to show us what books they picked. Those books will truly make a difference in these children's lives," said one volunteer at Nienas Elementary.


Other schools participating in the seven-week long book drive included Hoben Elementary, Canton, Bentley Elementary, Canton, Tonda Elementary, Canton, Hayes Elementary, Westland, Walker/Winter Elementary, Westland, St. Raphael Catholic, Garden City, Farmington Elementary, Garden City, St. Valentine Catholic, Redford Township, Our Lady of Loretto Catholic, Redford, Central Middle, Plymouth, Grandview Elementary, Livonia, Coolidge






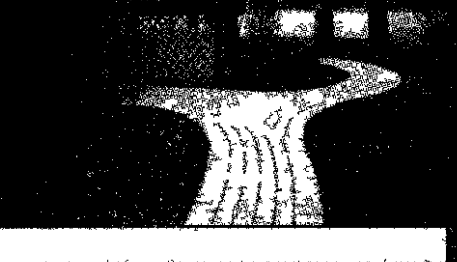
Central Middle School students load books, some of more than 48,000 new and gently used books collected by 10,000 students in schools throughout Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton and Farmington Hills as part of 'Pass It Along - Share the Gift of Reading.'

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Bridgepointe is a nonprofit organization which aids inner-city schools. "Bridgepointe is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty," Simcox said. "There is no quick-fix or easy answers. What we do know is that we are making a difference in the lives of these very special children. With your help, we can do more to create an environment of learning."



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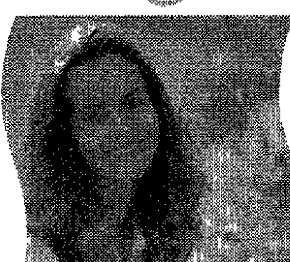
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Detroit's new top cop can't solve city's woes by herself

This has been a rough year so far on the mean streets of the Motor City, with the homicide rate bafflingly skyrocketing even as the population continues to shrink. Some of the murders have been particularly harrowing. Two young cops were gunned down in cold blood after a routine traffic stop. A man tortured and beat his ex-girlfriend and four of her kids to death with a pipe.

By last week, Detroit had recorded more than 135 murders, up nearly 50 percent from a year ago. That's almost as many as in New York City, which has nine times Detroit's population.

This has made for a rough baptism under fire for a woman who might have been known, were demography different, as Detroit's first Japanese police chief. Detroit Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings is always introduced as the first top cop in Motown who is a woman. Make that, an African-American woman. But she was born in Japan — her mother is Japanese who married a black GI from Detroit, and her heritage is a big part of who she is.

"Every day I look in the mirror — I have my mother's eyes. My mother is my heart," she says. But she no longer speaks a word of the language, and has never been back to the country she left in 1959, before she was 2.

And before she contemplates her mirror, she usually checks her home computer for the grim toll from the night before.

"There is no one factor I can see," she says when asked why so many murders. "If you look at the homicides in the city, most are not random. They are people that knew one another, and if it is not drug-related, it is either revenge or retaliation



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or domestic violence."

Last year at this time, she never expected to be sitting here. Five years ago, she left the police force, she thought for good, because she didn't respect the administration at the time. Then two years ago, a new chief, Jerry Oliver, arrived from Virginia with a new agenda, and persuaded her to come back as an assistant chief. It took some selling, but she did.

Then last fall, Oliver, who had been controversial from the start, attempted to board a plane with a loaded handgun in his luggage. That was the end of his Detroit career.

Three days later, the mayor appointed Bully-Cummings. Thirty years earlier, she had been a ticket taker in a neighborhood theater, a skinny little girl from a desperately poor family. A car pulled up, and a policewoman in full uniform emerged. Ella was transfixed. "It was nothing I could ever think about becoming up to that moment." Thereafter, she couldn't think of anything else.

She worked her way through college and law school on the force, did most of the major jobs, was shot at, learned the ropes. Except no one really can learn how to be chief. And the department she took over last November was under fire, indeed. Federal investigators said it was the most troubled they had ever seen.

Two embarrassing "consent decrees" stipulated that Detroit's police would be watched over by the federal courts for at least five years. That came after the U.S. Department of Justice charged that Detroit citizens were sub-

jected to "excessive force, false arrests, illegal detentions" and police who routinely violate constitutional rights.

Citizens complained of cops who gunned down people needlessly. Cocaine disappeared from a locked room in the aged and dank police headquarters on the fringe of Greektown, a place where insulation pokes through walls and wires hang crazily.

None of this fazed Chief Ella. "I would call it a department undergoing change," she says, choosing her words carefully. "But it is a reform that was long needed. It is about accountability, and maintaining standards."

Those standards are meeting with some resistance. Last winter, when homicides skyrocketed, she put cops on 12-hour shifts to get more police presence on the streets. The police union protested, and she backed down.

"But what I am going to do is redeploy resources back into patrol." She plans to have fewer of her 4,000 cops manning desks, that is, put more on the streets. She can make the change on her own. But what isn't clear is how much good that will do.

The real problem is that Detroit is a city of broken families and increasing poverty, where the whites are gone, the black middle class is now fleeing for the suburbs and casino gambling is nearly the only growth industry.

Wringing corruption out of the force is bound to help. But what Ella Bully-Cummings and her cops need most is a city with more jobs and hope, and leadership with the vision to get Detroit there.

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Health care coverage is vital for a healthy community

May 10-16 is "Cover the Uninsured Week." This week is also designated as National Hospital Week, set aside every year to recognize the doctors, nurses, volunteers and support staff in hospitals throughout the country caring for patients every day of the year.

Events are planned during this week throughout southeast Michigan to recognize health care workers, as well as to bring attention to the plight of the 12 million individuals in Michigan who are uninsured, about 11.7 percent of our neighbors and friends. Having health care coverage — whether through an employer, an individually purchased plan, or a publicly subsidized program — is essential to everyone's well being.

Additionally, health care coverage is a vital element for assuring that our state's economy is productive and able to compete with other states and nations in attracting job-creating investments. As such, it is of concern that over three-quarters of those who are uninsured are those who are working, or who are members of families where at least one of the adults in the family is employed.

Following in the tradition established by the Felician Sisters of Livonia, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia supports assuring that health care coverage is widened so that all individuals have access to needed health care services. As such, we are supporting "Cover the Uninsured Week" as a focused way of bringing attention to the problems arising when so many people are



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uninsured. Each year, about 43,000 individuals visit our Emergency Center, a service to our community that has grown substantially in

the last several years. Throughout Michigan, the number of emergency visits has climbed significantly as well. As our numbers have grown, so has the breadth of our emergency services. Our board-certified emergency physicians and skilled nurses quickly respond to patients needing care, regardless of their ability to pay.

Through our Fast Track service, we are able to care for less severe injuries or illnesses generally within an hour. Our Emergency Center also offers a Chest Pain Clinic, provided through funding from the Hearts of Livonia. This generous donation has allowed patients with chest pain to receive immediate response and evaluation in a specially equipped clinic to determine if their symptoms indicate a heart attack.

A large majority of those who visit our Emergency Center have true emergencies. However, many working poor — especially those who are not eligible for Medicaid or working for those employers who do not offer health care coverage — come to our Emergency Center because they have no other place to receive health care services. They do not have a physician from whom to

receive preventive services or care needed to manage a chronic disease. In total, nearly 2,000 patients a year without insurance are treated at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, as part of our mission, has collaborated with other community-based organizations to understand the specific needs of the uninsured in our community. To that end, we sponsor wellness activities and health assessment services for seniors, hold health fairs to assist families in their use of car seats, provide free CPR classes and health screenings, among other services.

Most recently, over 600 men participated in a free prostate screening at the hospital. In addition, we collaborate with local leaders in developing strategies for the improvement of the health status of area residents. A full listing of our upcoming community programs is included in the *About Your Health* newsletter inserted in today's newspaper.

All of these efforts are important and part of the mission of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. We salute our doctors, nurses, volunteers and support staff providing quality, compassionate care to every person who enters our doors. However, to truly maximize the health status of the residents of our community, provide health and medical care efficiently and effectively, as well as enhance the infrastructure of our economy, we need to assure that all individuals have health care coverage.

David Spivey is the president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. A resident of Northville, he also serves as chairman of the board, Livonia Chamber of Commerce and is a board member of the Rotary Club of Livonia. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is a member of Trinity Health based in Novi. For more information visit www.stmarymercy.org or call market ing/public relations at (734) 655-1591.

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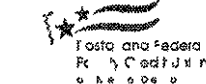
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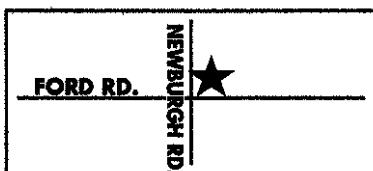
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Ozone level does not meet standard

Twenty-five Michigan counties do not meet new standards for ground-level ozone and must clean up their act by the end of the decade, the Environmental Protection Agency said earlier this month.

The new eight-hour standard, which averages amounts of ground-level ozone over eight hours, replaces the one-hour standard in place since 1979. Wayne and Oakland counties both have moderate ozone problems, and state and county officials will need to reduce pollution from power plants, motor vehicles and factories if Michigan is to meet the new standards by the 2010 deadline.

The 25 Michigan counties are among 474 nationwide that have too much ground-level ozone. Most major U.S. cities have moderate ozone problems, with Los Angeles the worst of all. Eighteen states are in complete compliance with the new rules.

Ground-level ozone, a primary ingredient in smog, poses a significant threat to public health. It is harmful to breathe even in small amounts, especially for children, and can cause permanent lung damage and can aggravate respiratory conditions like asthma and bronchitis.

The rules are now catching up to the science, said David Gard, energy policy specialist at the Michigan Environmental Council. Ozone in lower concentrations is still very harmful to people's health.

Motor vehicles, power plants and factories are the primary sources of ozone pollution, which tends to spike in the warm summer months as the sun's ultraviolet radiation combines with nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds to produce ground-level ozone.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is working on a plan to meet the new standards, said Chuck Hersey, manager of environmental programs.

SEMCOG is conducting a pollution inventory on vehicle emissions in order to estimate how much pollution comes from vehicles. It has formed a task force of community, environmental and business leaders to work with the state Department of Environmental Quality to find the best ways to meet the standards. And it is beginning to study different types of fuel to determine which are the most environment-friendly.

The ruling means a return to auto emissions testing for Wayne and Oakland counties, though the process will be simpler for most vehicle owners than it was in the past.

That's because Michigan has one of the newest car fleets in the country, and newer cars, which have on-board diagnostics, can avoid the old tail-pipe test and simply be hooked up to a computer that will determine the car's emissions level.

Manufacturers and business owners complain that the new rules will be costly to meet. But Gard of the Michigan Environmental Council said that's the wrong way to look at the situation.

It's always important to keep in mind costs [of air pollution] we're paying in society, he said. Lax pollution controls may keep utility prices low, he said, but drive up health insurance premiums, lower productivity and cause children to miss school.

Hersey said he there are too many variables to promise the region will meet the new standards by the deadline. But, he said, "I am optimistic that we're going to come together and figure this out. What we do know is the air is going to be far better than before."

Johnson Creek Day has contests, fun run

The Johnson Creek Protection Group is holding Johnson Creek Day 2004 Saturday, May 15. This educational, hands-on, community day is to raise awareness about Johnson Creek. The day will consist of two main programs, and you can choose to do just one or both events!

The first Johnson Creek Trail Run/Nature Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. and a Children's Fun Run at 10:30 a.m.

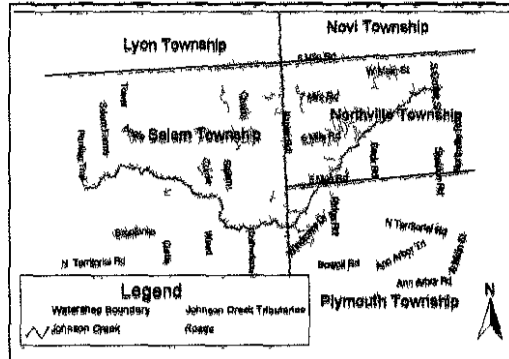
The Johnson Creek Trail Run and Nature Walk course takes participants through areas of landmark trees, along the creek itself and overlooks vital wetlands. This event starts and finishes at Northville Community Park in Northville Township, located on the west side of Beck Road, between Five and Six Mile Roads.

Register for the 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk for \$15 or the Children's Fun Run (1/4 mile for kids 8 and under) for \$10. All proceeds go toward JCPG interests and activities. Participants will receive a Johnson Creek Day T-shirt (while supplies last) and will be entered in a post-race raffle drawing. For more details and the entry form, visit the Web site at www.jcpg.org. Space is limited and early registration ends May 1, so sign up now!

The fourth-annual Fish Hatchery Park Trout Celebration will begin at noon.

The Trout Celebration will be a community-oriented celebration of Johnson Creek at Fish Hatchery Park in Northville (on the

JOHNSON CREEK WATERSHED



This map shows the route of Johnson Creek

south side of Seven Mile Road, west of Sheldon), providing information to the public on how they can help to preserve the creek for the future.

This multifaceted event will include demonstrations and displays by the Michigan Bat Conservancy, Nature Discovery (frogs and toads by Jim McGrath), Doug Sweet from the Belle Isle Aquarium presenting shells of Michigan mussels, Friends of the Rouge, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wayne County and others.

Space will be limited for some events. Find out more by contacting Michelle West at 734-761-1010 or mwest@alm.com or register on our web site www.jcpg.org.

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Salem's Kristin March plays the ball away from Stevenson's Jamie Radley who later assisted on the Spartans' first goal

Rocks fall to Spartans, 2-1

The best always seem able to elevate their game when needed most

Last Wednesday, in a soccer match that always seems to determine the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division champion, Livonia Stevenson's Melissa Dobbyn sent a rocket that Salem keeper Kristen O'Beirne got a hand on but couldn't stop. The resulting goal gave the Spartans a 2-1 triumph in a game played at Salem.

It also, no doubt, will give Stevenson a berth in the WLAA championship game — even though it was just their second division match. Still, the Spartans are 6-0-2 overall, 2-0 in the Lakes. Salem is 4-2-1 overall, 0-1 in the Lakes.

"She hit it very well with her left foot," said Stevenson coach Chris Pinta, "and their keeper had a hard time handling it."

The goal was the ninth of the season for Dobbyn, who missed all of last season with an Achilles tendon injury.

This year it was the Rocks, who beat the Spartans last year, who had to play with a key injury. All-state midfielder Marissa Sarkesian injured her back six days earlier in a match against Royal Oak Kimball, she sat out the first half against Stevenson and played only part of the second half.

A strong wind played a role in the match, but not the way it should have. Stevenson had the wind at its back in the opening half, but could not score, all the goals were scored in the second half, when the wind favored Salem.

Personally, I thought we played better into the wind," said Pinta. "We're not a kick-ball

style of team, so in the second half we passed the ball more and played better."

Stevenson got the game's first goal early in the second half when Kelly Valdivia out wide on the flank, beat the Salem defender and sent a hard cross into the box. The ball hit a Rock defender and deflected in, Jamie Radley was given the assist.

Salem tied it on a Jordan Falcusan goal, Cherrn Buijk earning the assist. Dobbyn's game-winner came with about 14 minutes left to play.

"It was a good game," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "The wind gave both teams fits. I thought our defense played as well as we could play."

"We had some chances (late)," The Spartans made some adjustments at half that helped, offensively and defensively. "Our focus at halftime, their field is so big, we had a hard time adjusting to it," said Pinta.

"So there was a big gap in the field that (Salem) took advantage of. We talked about lessening that gap, and we did. By restricting the space, we were able to win the ball in there and generate our attack from there."

And probably assure themselves of a title-game berth. **Canton 1, Northville 1:** On Wednesday at Northville, the two teams that in recent years have ruled over the WLAA's Western Division clashed — with no decision.

The draw left Canton at 6-0-3 overall, 0-0-1 in the division.

Rachel Perry scored for Canton with 18 minutes left in the first half. Christie Daniels assisted. Northville's goal came from Danielle Toney 10 minutes into the match, Vanessa Bailey assisted.

Sidelines

Warriors reign

Four goals by John Moylan helped carry the Plymouth/Canton varsity lacrosse team to a 9-6 triumph over Ypsilanti Lincoln Wednesday at Canton's Heritage Park.

The win gave the Warriors a 4-3 overall record.

Moylan also had two assists in the game. Jared Ruark contributed two goals, Bobby Groat had a goal and an assist, and both Jeff Brandt and Chris Gould got goals.

Canton wins

Canton's golf team improved to 3-1 overall

with a 201-219 dual-meet victory over Walled Lake Northern Wednesday at Hilltop.

The Chiefs' Natalie Slupek earned meet medalist honors with a 48.

Chiefs' boosters

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 in the Chorus Room at Phase Three.

Parents of all present and future football players, including those of students currently in eighth grade, are well come to attend.

For further information, call club president Marie Farkas at (734) 453-6327.

Meet the coaches

The Canton Chiefs Football Meet the Coaches Night is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 18 in the



Canton HS cafeteria. This is a mandatory meeting for parents of all current football players. Parents of new players, particularly incoming freshmen, are also encouraged to attend.

Important information regarding the football program will be discussed.

The Booster Club will have its membership meeting at the conclusion of the Meet the Coaches meeting.

For more information, call Marie Farkas at (734) 453-6327.

Tennis Free Day

There will be a community Tennis Free Day from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Griffin Park in Canton. Instruction, tips and information on the upcoming community tennis tournament will be available.

Prizes, drinks, snacks and more will be available.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

Wildcat boosters

The Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will have their next meeting at 7 p.m. May 4 in Room 401 of Plymouth HS.

All parents of current and incoming freshmen football players are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Conlon tosses a no-hitter for Canton

Finally — Canton's softball team got to play an unranked team.

The final wasn't all that spectacular. The Chiefs got eight hits at Walled Lake Central Friday, but could produce just one run. Fortunately it was enough, especially with the way Molly Conlon pitched.

Conlon tossed a near-perfect game, allowing no runs, no hits and no walks. Indeed, the only baserunner for Central reached on an error in the Chiefs' 1-0 victory.

Canton improved to 6-5-1 overall. On Wednesday, the Chiefs lost 2-1 in eight innings to fourth-ranked Walled Lake Western, on Thursday, No. 1-ranked Brighton topped them 7-1.

In the win over Central, Canton scored in the fifth when Jackie Perrino reached base on an error, stole second, was sacrificed to third and came home on a passed ball.

The Chiefs had eight hits in the game, three of them (including a double) by Heather Richardson and two others by Rachel Wade.

"We're playing real good," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "We just didn't get the key hits at the right time."

"We stranded eight runners on base. You can't keep doing that and be successful."

In their Western Division loss to Western, the Chiefs had a 1-0 lead going into the bottom of the sixth inning.

Western pitching ace Lauren Talbot led the inning off by blasting a home run to tie the score. Three hits in the eighth off of Conlon gave the Warriors the 2-1 win.

Richardson had two of Canton's five hits in the game, one of them a double. Conlon allowed two runs on eight hits and no walks, striking out 12.

Talbot got the win, giving up one unearned run on five hits and no walks, striking out 12.

Sarah Anthony started and took the loss against Brighton, surrendering three runs on five hits and a walk in three innings. Canton's only run came in the first on a Brittany Scero single, a passed ball, a walk and a ground out by Anthony.

Madonna takes WHAC title

The most pleasing moment for a coach, any coach, is witnessing their advice come to fruition.

For Madonna University softball coach Al White, it happened at the most pivotal of moments. With two out and the go-ahead run at third base in the sixth inning, White called timeout to give some advice to his batter, Stacey Sexsmith.

It worked. Sexsmith lined a shot up the middle, scoring Krystal Shina with what proved to be the game-winning — and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference-clinching — run in the Crusaders' 4-3 triumph.

The win gave Madonna a split with the Golden Eagles, who won Thursday's first game, 4-1. But it was enough to clinch the WHAC regular-season title, and the bye in the conference tournament straight to the NAIA regional tournament.

After his traditional soaking following the victory, White revealed what he had said to Sexsmith.

"She was hitting down on the ball and trying to hit it toward left (field), he said. 'I told her to square her bat toward the pitcher more and hit it up the middle.'"

It proved to be crucial advice at a critical

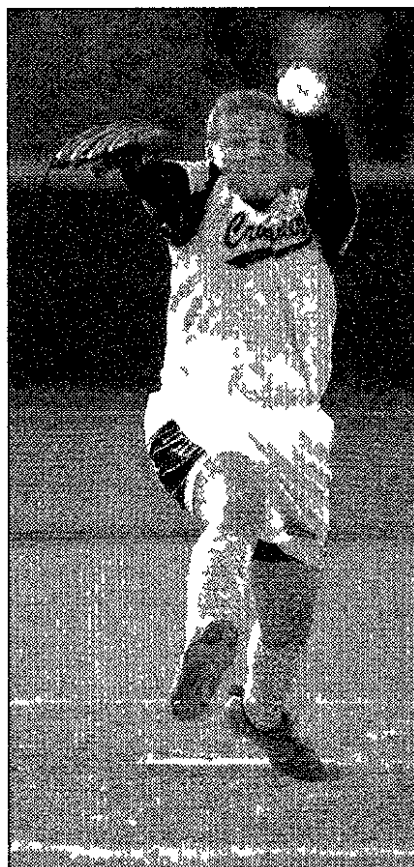
juncture. The Crusaders had entered their doubleheader against Cornerstone University with a relatively comfortable lead in the WHAC, the opening-game 4-1 win by the Golden Eagles had jeopardized that.

True, Cornerstone had to sweep both of Thursday's games, played at Livonia Ladywood HS, and Friday's twinbill against Madonna in Grand Rapids. But that first-game win had started the momentum rolling toward reality.

The girls knew if we went there, there would be a lot more pressure on us, said White.

The second game was close throughout, neither team leading by more than a run. Cornerstone's offense was provided almost entirely by third baseman Kendra Beckman, who tripled off the center-field fence to drive in a run in the first and then smacked a mammoth solo homer that hit the flag flapping in the breeze beyond the center-field fence in the fourth.

The Crusaders kept battling back, however, getting a run in the second on a single by Shina (from Farmington Mercy) and a two-



Madonna University freshman pitcher Shannon Noder started, but did not get the decision in the second game against Cornerstone.

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 tie and rebounding than what we lost."
 Marcus Johnson said he looks forward to reuniting with Gary Johnson.
 The two played together during the 2002-03 season as Schoolcraft finished 31-4 and

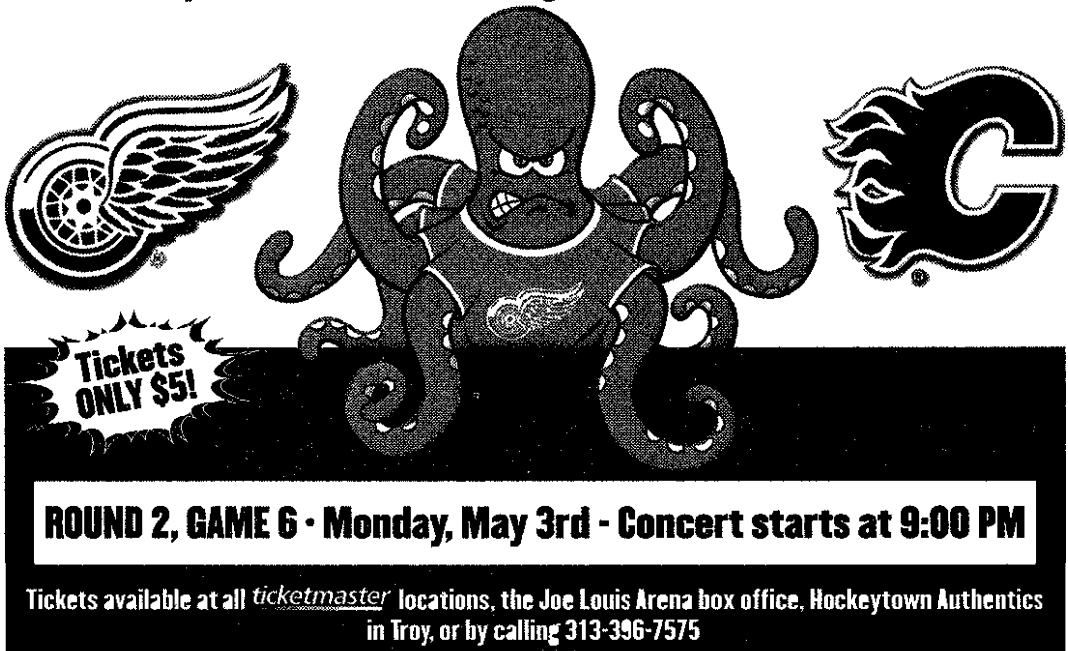
earned its third straight trip to the NJCAA Division I Tourney in Hutchinson, Kan.
 "I'm looking forward to playing with Gary because he's my type of point-guard," Marcus said, "I also like their style of play (UCF's). They like to play defense like I do, which is get up on your man. And I do like the coaches, too."

UCF will play one more season in the Atlantic Sun before moving over to Conference USA.
 "The opportunity to play right away and to play in two different conferences helped me make my decision," said Marcus, who also made an official visit last fall to Texas A&M

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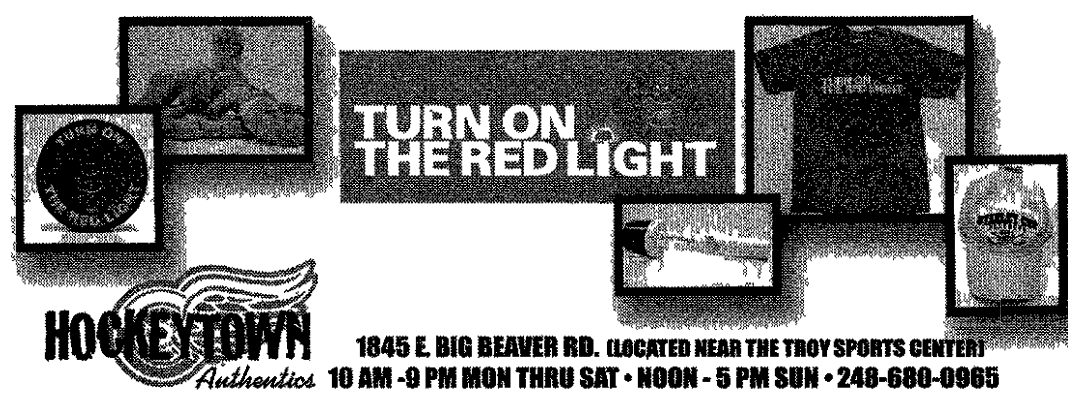


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out, run-scoring double by Kasey DeSutter Beckmans homer was offset by a solo blast by Madonna's Jamie Bobrowski, also over the center field fence, tying the game at 2-2 after four innings

The Crusaders took their first lead with a run in the fifth. After two were out, Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) singled and Arin Fowler walked. Emily Cunningham then singled into left field, scoring Little to make it 3-2.

Beckman had wreaked havoc all day on Madonna's pitching, collecting three hits in four trips (with two runs batted in) in the first game. Her triple and home run convinced Madonna pitcher Shannon Noder to pitch carefully to Beckman when she led off the sixth, resulting in a walk.

It backfired, however, with Kathy Betts running for Beckman and one out, back-to-back singles by Mary Mauro and Barb Korpi delivered the tying run.

Yet White was certain his team could and would, deliver in the clutch, simply because it had all season. "These girls don't believe they can get beat," he said.

Shina, who was 3-for-3 in the game, started Madonna's sixth with a double to right-center field. She was sacrificed to third, and was still there with two out when Sexsmith came to the plate. Sexsmith had struck out and grounded out in her two previous at-bats against Mauro, the Cornerstone pitcher. But her third trip was a charm.

"Coach told me to make it happen," Sexsmith said, "and to go up the middle."

Her execution was perfect. The Cornerstone seventh was a bit nerve-racking, with Kelly Nilson pitching in relief of Noder and two out. Cunningham booted a ground ball at shortstop, the Crusaders first error of the game. That brought — guess who? — to the plate. But Nilson got her on a grounder to Cunningham, ending the game and giving Madonna the title.

Nilson got the pitching win, boosting her record to 20-8, with 1 1/2 scoreless innings. Mauro, who's 21-13, took the loss.

Rocks struggle to score in pair of defeats

When Salem defeated Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson 3-2 on Monday, there were indications of trouble ahead.

Stevenson was good but not that good. And Salem man aged just six hits.

That trouble surfaced when the Rocks met a pair of state-ranked teams and were blanked by both. On Friday, Walled Lake Western — No. 4 in Division 1 — got a superb pitching performance from ace Lauren Talbot in beating Salem 2-0 at Salem.

Last Tuesday at Chelsea, the Rocks lost 6-0 to the top-ranked team in Division 2.

"We knew we'd have a tough week," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "And we're not hitting the ball well right now. Seems we're hitting it right at people."

"We've been facing some real good pitching, but I'd rather get them out of the way now and get these girls prepared."

Against Talbot on Friday, the Rocks only hit was a double by Emily Maletic in the sixth inning. She was sacrificed to third but was stranded there.

Western got a run in the fourth and another in the seventh off Salem ace Kelli Szczepanski, who gave up two earned runs on nine hits and three walks, with three strikeouts. Talbot walked one and struck out eight in getting the win for Western.

There were some bright spots for Salem against Western. "Our defense today was outstanding," said Southerland.

Szczepanski also took the loss against Chelsea, giving up six runs on eight hits and one walk, fanning three.

The two losses dropped Salem to 4-2 overall, the Rocks are 2-1 in the WLAA.

Agape 19, Franklin Road 6:

Canton Agape Christian got its first win of the season Wednesday, stopping Novi Franklin Road with a five-inning mercy.

An 11-run second inning was the key for the Wolverines, now 1-4 overall and 1-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic conference.

Tarah Armbruster was 4 for 4 at the plate and scored three runs to lead Agape. Lindsey Gant and Rebekah Pummill each had three hits, as the Wolverines took advantage of the Franklin Road pitcher's wildness — she hit eight batters.

Juli Schultz got the pitching win.

Mercy 2-2, Ladywood 1-1:

In a Catholic League Central Division double-header Thursday, visiting Farmington Hills Mercy (9-3, 5-1) swept both ends by identical scores over host Livonia Ladywood (6-5, 3-5).

Mercy rallied to win the opener in the 10th innings as Danielle Maxwell led off the seventh with a homer and Kelly Blanchard clinched it in the 10th on an RBI double.

Tammi Karagosian, who scored the game-winning run, walked in the 10th and moved to second on Kelli Ferrara's sacrifice bunt.

Winning pitcher Dana Frantz, a junior, struck out 12, walked only one and allowed just four hits in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Lauren Taylor allowed five hits, two walks and struck out nine in 10 innings.

Ladywood took a 1-0 lead in the fifth when Stephame Day singled and courtesy runner Kasey Shelton scored all the way from first on Jess

Blaesser's single.

In the nightcap, Mercy's two runs in the opening inning held up for the victory.

Amanda Hall, who gave up seven hits, was the winning pitcher.

Ladywood pitcher Kaitlyn Huddas allowed six hits, one walk and struck out four in seven innings.

The Blazers tallied their lone run in the sixth when Jill Schulz scored from second on Blaesser's single.

Schulz and Halle Doenitz each had two hits in the loss. Blanchard, who had a double, and Maxwell, who tripled, collected two hits apiece.

Huron Valley 12, Agape 5:

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's Amanda Gruenewald went 3-for-4 with three RBI Thursday leading the Hawks (3-4, 2-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference triumph over Canton Agape Christian (1-5 overall).

Rheanna Howard also went 2-for-2 with three walks and two RBI.

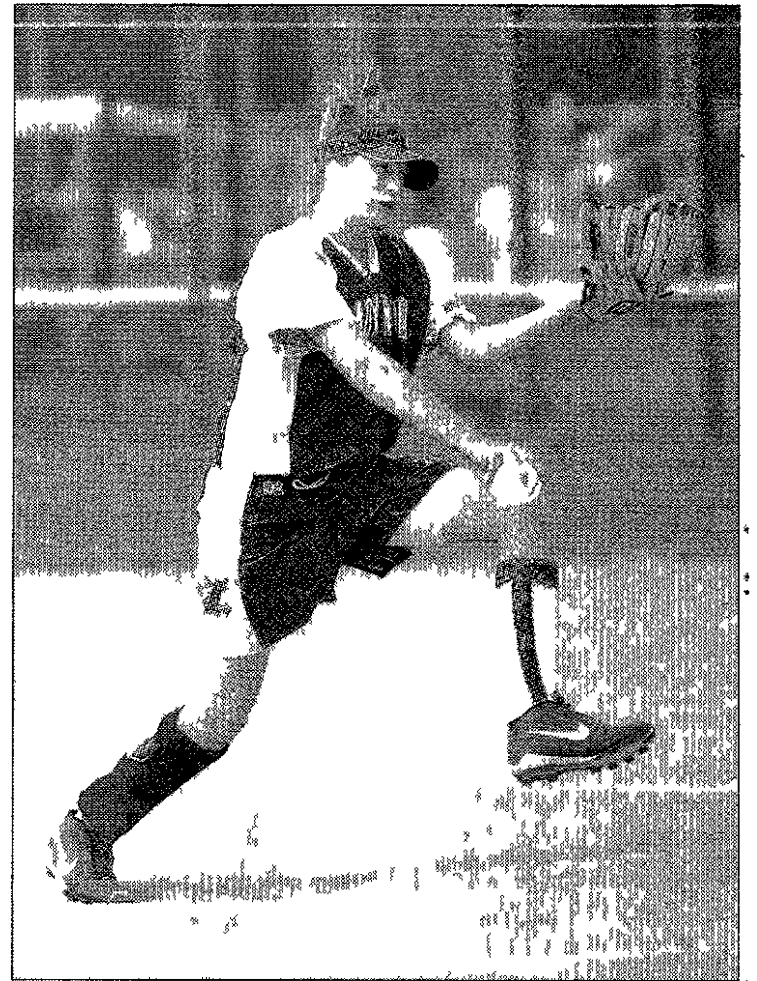
Lauren Greer, the winning pitcher, tossed a three-hitter. She struck out 10 and walked one.

Churchill 5, Franklin 4:

Cat Sidor clubbed a third-inning homer over the fence and added a triple Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (6-4, 2-1) overcame some sloppy play in the field to beat host Livonia Franklin (4-4, 0-2) WLAA-Western Division game.

"We were lucky to win, we did not play well," said Churchill coach Carrie Korcam, whose team committed five errors.

Brynn Kerr, Shannon Cleet and winning pitcher Bridget Long each collected a pair of singles for the victorious



Ladywood pitcher Lauren Taylor in first game with Farmington Hills Mercy

Chargers Kerr also had an RBI.

Becky Garbutt had an RBI double for the Patriots, while Lisa Garbutt singled and had an RBI. Sara Wagaman doubled.

Long allowed five hits, walked one and struck out three in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Amanda Morrill gave up eight hits, walked one and struck out two. Three of the five runs were earned as the Patriots made six errors.

John Glenn 18, Wayne 3: It was no contest Wednesday as

visiting Westland John Glenn (2-6, 2-1) took four innings to mercy rival Wayne Memorial in a WLAA-Lakes Division game.

The Rockets took advantage of 14 walks and outlasted the Zebras, 8-1.

Winning pitcher Dana Baran went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks and two RBI. She struck out three and walked four in four innings.

Devin Ross also contributed an RBI double.

Shelby Scott had the lone hit for Wayne. Glenn had four errors, while Wayne had two.

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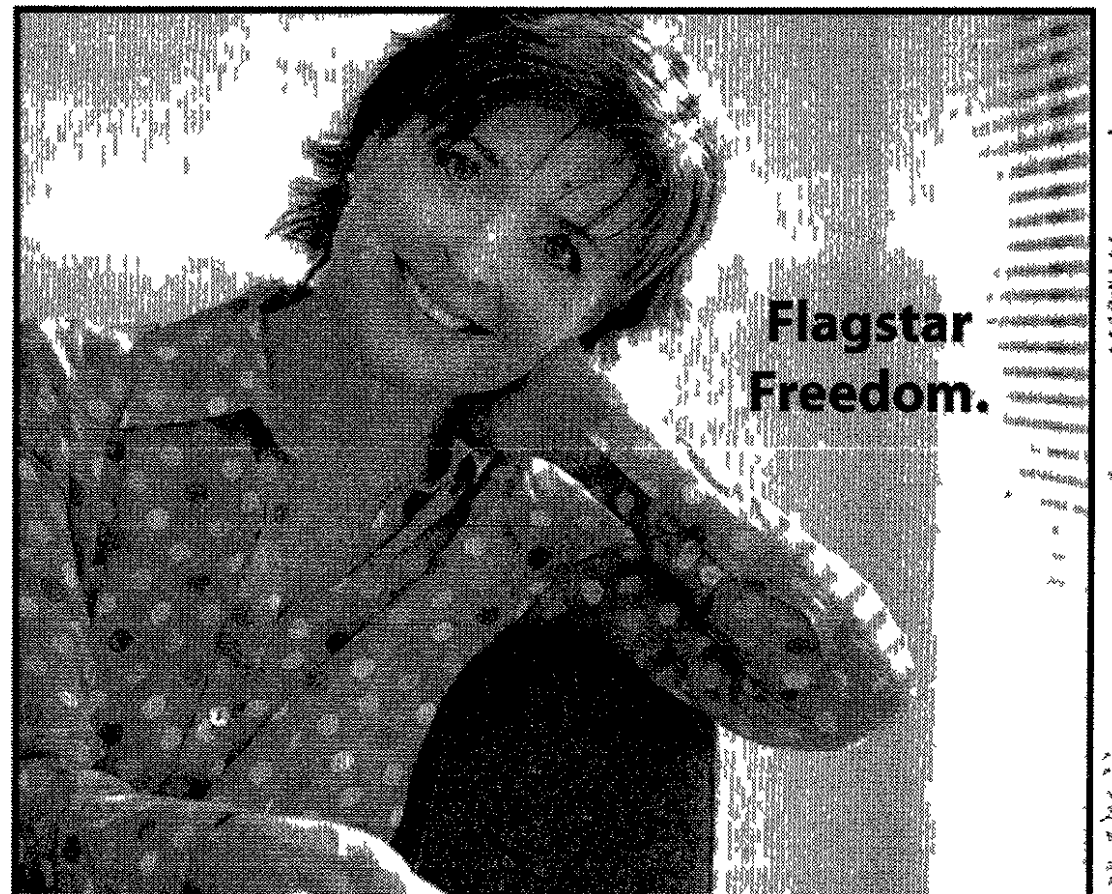
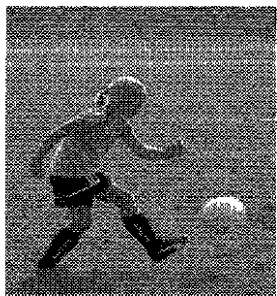
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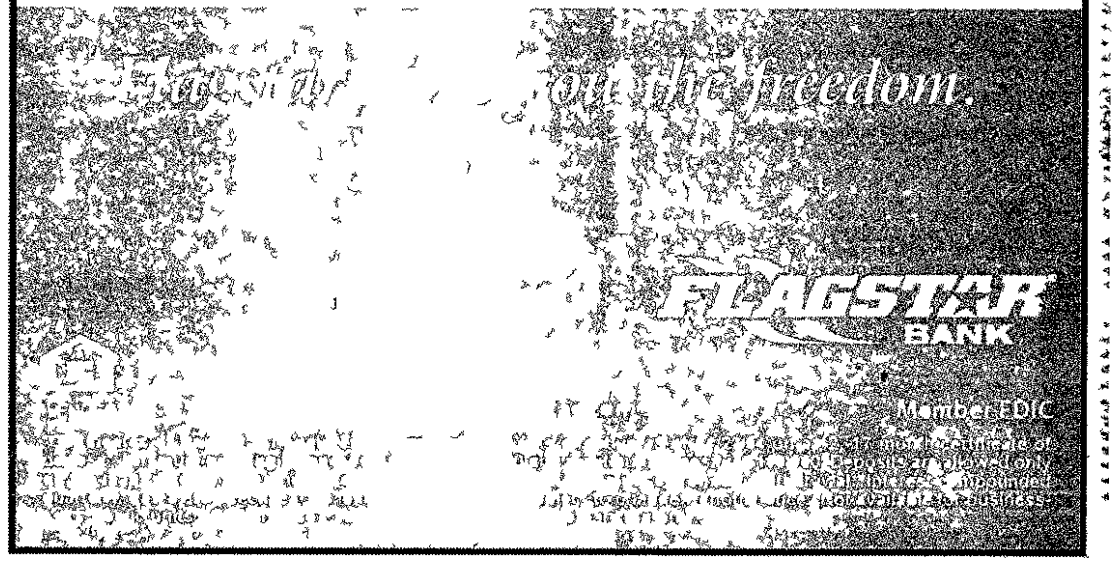


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BOYS BEST TIMES

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Shot put	
Paul Stradtner (Garden City)	48.5
Phil Rucker (Church II)	47.5
Jon Smart (Redford CC)	46.11.5
Chuck Cannon (Churchill) 46.4.5	
Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson)	45
10.25	
Ryan Danescu (Redford CC)	45.9
Chauncy Jones (John Glenn)	45.6
Chris Snider (Canton)	45.47.5
Dan Haller (Luth Westland)	45.1
Brad Waidmann (Canton)	44.3.5
Discus	
Paul Stradtner (Garden City)	164.5
Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson)	150.3
Ryan Danescu (Redford CC)	146.8
Brad Waidmann (Canton)	146.3
Chuck Cannon (Churchill) 144.3	
Ika Mbanugo (Salem)	132.8
Alex Jachym (John Glenn)	128.10
Jon Smart (Redford CC)	128.3
Adam Bogenschutz (Churchill)	127.0
Nick Schwagle (Redford Union)	123.2
Long Jump	
Juhan Smith (Canton)	21.3
Francisco Beltran (Churchill)	20.10.5
Brian Rumao (Salem)	20.9.5
Joe Mielke (Franklin)	20.8
Matt Smitherman (John Glenn)	20.7.5
Donnie Carson (Clarenceville)	19.7
Rodney Preston (Canton) 19.6	
Dan Haller (Luth Westland)	19.4.2.5
Zack Zrull (Redford CC)	19.3.5
T.J. Dillard (Wayne)	19.3

High Jump	
Brad Waidman (Canton)	6.4
Matt Graham (Franklin)	6.4
Joe Mielke (Franklin)	6.2
Andy Rossow (Canton)	5.10
Matt McClellan (Canton)	5.10
Mike Lanus (Canton)	5.10
Matt McClellan (Canton)	5.10
Nick Reed (Stevenson)	5.10
Steve Payne (Canton)	5.8
Joe Gonzalez (Stevenson)	5.8
Cam Scharchburg (Plymouth)	5.8
Pole Vault	
Jon Chapman (Canton)	12.9
Ryan Santa (Churchill)	12.3
Bill Breslin (Churchill)	11.9
Derek Reeves (Canton)	11.9
Brad Waidmann (Canton)	11.9
Aaron Reamy (Churchill)	11.6
David Hain (Churchill)	11.6
Rich Hensel (Canton)	11.0
Chip Fisher (Salem)	10.6
Matt Kappler (Salem)	11.6
Joe Pond (Stevenson)	10.6
100 meter hurdles	
Bill Makela (Redford CC)	15.2
Ross Farquhar (Churchill) 15.2	
Rodney Preston (Canton) 15.4	
Brad Waidmann (Canton)	15.6
Brad Zygmuntowicz (Redford CC)	15.6
Matt Kappler (Salem)	16.1
Bryan Anderson (Churchill)	16.2
Aaron Anselmet (Stevenson)	16.3
Alan Culbertson (Franklin)	16.5
Nathan Gholston (Plymouth)	16.6

300 meter hurdles	
Bill Make a (Redford CC)	39.3
Rodney Preston (Canton) 40.7	
Brad Zygmuntowicz (Redford CC)	41.7
Zach Zrull (Redford CC)	42.2
Ross Farquhar (Churchill) 42.3	
Corey Stewart (Canton)	42.6
John Mitche I (Stevenson)	43.2
Tim Chew (Salem)	43.3
Jon Zereb ny (John Glenn)	43.6
Joe Mielke (Franklin)	43.9
100 meter dash	
Erik George (Church II)	11.0
Mike Palombo (Redford CC)	11.0
T.J. Dillard (Wayne)	11.1
Dev n Thomas (Canton)	11.1
Brandon Reeves (Canton) 11.2	
Edd e Brown (Thurston)	11.3
Matt Smitherman (John Glenn)	11.3
Donnie Carson (Clarenceville)	11.4
Nana Adamako (Stevenson)	11.4
Jul an Smith (Canton)	11.5
Ian iler (Redford Union)	11.5
D.J. Coleman (Plymouth)	11.5
200 meter dash	
T.J. Dillard (Wayne)	22.2
Brandon Reeves (Canton) 22.9	
Eddie Brown (Thurston)	22.9
Ben Moldenhauer (Luth Westland)	23.1
Dev n Thomas (Canton)	23.1
Erik George (Churchill)	23.1
Francisco Beltran (Churchill)	23.2
D.J. Coleman (Plymouth)	23.5
Julian Smith (Canton)	23.5
Keith Hearn s (Stevenson) 23.6	

400 meter dash	
Keith Hearn s (Stevenson) 50.6	
Andy Rossow (Canton)	51.5
Cyrus Azizi (Canton)	51.6
Max Working (Stevenson)	52.8
Trevor Hearn s (Stevenson)	53.4
Devin Thomas (Canton)	53.5
Chr s Wade (Plymouth)	53.8
Pat Brown (Thurston)	54.3
Brad Sokolowski (Salem)	54.4
Donnie Carson (Clarenceville)	54.9
800 meter run	
Ke th Hearn s (Stevenson) 2:03.8	
Joe Cr st (Sa em)	2:04.9
Joe Horke (Church II)	2:04.9
Matt Patra (Redford Union)	2:05.0
Coll n Ha I (Stevenson)	2:05.0
David Lucas (Redford CC) 2:07.0	
Max Working (Redford CC)	2:08.0
Eric Kehoe (Luth West and)	2:08.7
Ryan Zhukke (Stevenson)	2:10.0
Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton)	2:11.0
John Gourlay (Redford Union)	2:11.0
1600 meter run	
Dave Lucas (Redford CC)	4:35.5
Max Working (Redford CC)	4:40.0
Matt Patra (Redford Union)	4:40.0
Ke th Hearn s (Stevenson) 4:41.9	
Scott George (Canton)	4:43.7
Joe Horke (Churchill)	4:44.1
Alex Lumley (Salem)	4:44.3
Jimmy Walsh (Salem)	4:48.0
Adam Warner (Salem)	4:50.5
Adam Kosteva (Sa em)	

3 200 meter run	
Max Working (Redford CC)	9:52.2
Dan Horgan (Redford CC)	9:57.4
David Lucas (Redford CC) 10:06.0	
Adam Warner (Salem)	10:17.3
Dan Kapacia (Salem)	10:19.0
Jimmy Waisf (Salem)	10:23.2
Tim Howse (Church I)	10:29.0
Connor Schultz (Churchill)	10:36.7
Marc Sanders (Churchill)	10:42.1
Mark Piorkowski (Stevenson)	10:42.4
400 relay	
Canton	44.1
Stevenson	45.0
John Glenn	45.2
Wayne Memorial	45.3
Church II	45.5
800 relay	
Canton	1:33.1
Stevenson	1:34.4
Churchill	1:34.4
John Glenn	1:34.9
Lutheran Westland	1:35.1
1600 relay	
Stevenson	3:30.0
Canton	3:34.6
Lutheran Westland	3:38.3
Salem	3:40.2
Redford CC	3:40.4
3 200 relay	
Sa em	8:26.9
Redford CC	8:30.0
Stevenson	8:34.2
Canton	8:37.5
Churchill	8:43.0

GIRLS BEST TIMES

OBSERVER'S BEST GIRLS TRACK TIMES (through April 30)	
Shot put	
Nia Henderson (Churchill) 43.7.5	
Anna Wilson (Salem)	33.67.5
Jenna Hudy (Frankl n)	33.3
T fany Clarke (Thurston)	33.0
Sarah James (Franklin)	32.4
Bethany Jiry (Ladywood) 31.9.5	
Maggie Fisher (Salem)	31.4
Er n Lovell (Frank n)	30.5
Amy Bodnar (Stevenson)	30.4
Jessica Jaskot (Churchill) 30.0	
Discus	
N a Henderson (Churchill) 140.7	
Rachel Cooper (Garden City)	110.11
Anna Wilson (Salem)	108.2
Alicia Krueger (Luth Westland)	101.4
Robyn Whalen (Frank n)	101.2
Angela L ghtle (Churchill) 100.9	
Er n Lovell (Franklin)	99.0
Amy Bodnar (Stevenson)	97.9
Sarah James (Franklin)	92.0
Jessica Jaskot (Churchill) 89.5	
Long Jump	
Jennifer Anderson (Wayne)	18.9
Br ttany Howard (John Glenn)	18.0
Br ttany Lockhart (Salem) 15.7.5	
Sumon Joyner (Canton)	15.6
Natalie Wasio (Thurston)	15.5
Renita Pr ce (Wayne)	15.5
Andrea Nyberg (Canton)	15.2
Aly Pi sko (Stevenson)	15.1.5
Courtney Powell (Plymouth)	15.0
Lisa Arrowsmith (Stevenson)	15.0
High Jump	
Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5.4	
Kelsey Ramthun (Luth Westland)	5.0
Kasey Butler (Stevenson) 5.0	
Br ttany Petty (P ymouth) 5.0	
Izabela Taszkowska (Canton)	5.0
Lache W lkns (Churchill)	4.11
Krist n Zgorecki (Church I)	4.10
Andrea Watts (Stevenson) 4.10	
Megan Kmet (Franklin)	4.10
Kara P orkowski (Stevenson)	4.10
Pole vault	
J.Q. Williams (Canton)	9.6
A lie Vraniak (Salem)	9.0
Jennifer Perkins (Stevenson)	9.0
Jenny Dav s (Garden City) 8.6	
Katalin Dugan (Churchill)	8.6
Ashley Aquinto (Salem)	8.0
Jackie Demers (Churchill) 8.0	
Shea Truxell (Churchill)	8.0
Cassie Burnett (Garden City)	8.0
Lauren Yockey (Franklin)	7.6
Mina Pirzadeh (Canton)	7.6
Kayla Coleman (Canton)	7.6
Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson)	7.6
100-meter hurdles	
Casey Lynett (Franklin)	16.5
Dana Eldred (Salem)	17.1
J.Q. Williams (Canton)	17.1
Jenelle M iler (Stevenson) 17.2	
Tauri Rothermel (Churchill)	17.4
Andrea Lang (Salem)	17.5
Ka tin Armstrong (Stevenson)	18.0
Kr sten Oltersdorf (Stevenson)	18.0
Stephanie Foster (John Glenn)	18.2
Gretta Me vin (Thurston)	18.3
300 meter hurdles	
Ka tin Armstrong (Stevenson)	49.5
Rebecca Fedrigo (Churchill)	49.9
Tauri Rothermel (Churchill)	50.8
Andrea Lang (Salem)	51.1
Dana Eldred (Sa em)	52.0
Casey Lynett (Franklin)	52.2
Å l sha June (Garden City) 53.0	
Amanda Mondella (Franklin)	52.5
Mend R chardson (Stevenson)	52.9
D ane Burek (Stevenson)	52.9
100-meter dash	
Tiffany James (Wayne)	12.4
To n ia Wh te (John Glenn) 12.6	
A yse Wh te (Church I)	12.6
L nda Montgomery (Stevenson)	12.7
Pam Bryant (Frankl n)	12.8
El zabeth Sturdy (Stevenson)	12.8
Kathy Carey (Ladywood)	12.9
Lache W lkns (Churchill)	12.9
Aisha Moore (Wayne)	13.1
Jennifer Perkins (Stevenson)	13.2
200-meter dash	
Alyse White (Churchill)	26.1
Stephanie Foster (John Glenn)	26.6
To n ia White (John Glenn) 26.6	
L nda Montgomery (Stevenson)	26.7
Tiffany James (Wayne)	26.8
Kathy Carey (Ladywood)	27.1
Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson)	27.6
Al son Collins (Stevenson) 27.6	
Megan Wilson (Franklin)	28.0
Lache W lkns (Churchill)	28.0
400 meter dash	
Lache Wilkins (Churchill)	1:01.0
Alyse Wh te (Churchill)	1:01.6
Linda Montgomery (Stevenson)	1:01.7
Christine Rothermel (Churchill)	1:02.4
Natalie Wasio (Thurston)	1:02.6
Sarah Stobbe (Canton)	1:03.0
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 1:04.5	
Lisa Arrowsmith (Stevenson)	1:04.8
Amanda Sculthorpe (Stevenson)	1:04.9
Kat e Tuomi (Clarenceville)	1:05.0
Janet Hanchett (Plymouth)	1:05.0
800 meter run	
Laura Fr edman (Salem)	2:25.6
Ke ly Gibbons (Stevenson) 2:27.0	
Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson)	2:27.0
Erica Hope (Churchill)	2:27.9
Kristen Frey (Stevenson)	2:29.7
Nicole Schim dt (Churchill) 2:30.0	
Amber Cicala (Stevenson) 2:31.0	
Amanda Sculthorpe (Stevenson)	2:33.0
Kylen C esiak (Churchill)	2:34.0
Jess ca The sen (Ladywood)	2:35.8
1600-meter run	
Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 5:18.0	
Kylen Cieslak (Churchill)	5:21.2
Kristen Frey (Stevenson)	5:22.1
Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson) 5:24.1	
Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson)	5:29.2
Amber Cicala (Stevenson) 5:29.8	
Amy Drinan (Churchill)	5:31.5
Laura Friedman (Salem)	5:37.0
Meghan Wafer (Thurston) 5:37.0	
Kr sten Teeders (Wayne)	5:41.0
3200-meter run	
Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 11:19.5	
Kylen Cieslak (Churchill)	11:39.2
Kr sten Frey (Stevenson)	11:57.0
Meghan Wafer (Thurston) 12:05.0	
Sarah Kulczycki (Stevenson)	12:10.5
N cole Renaud (Church II) 12:17.1	
Lauren Ka (Salem)	12:30.6
Kr sten Teeders (Wayne)	12:34.0
K rst an Tyler (Franklin)	12:37.0
Gaby Gutierrez (Church II) 12:39.9	
400 relay	
Wayne Memorial	50.6
John Glenn	51.6
Stevenson	51.9
Franklin	52.1
Church II	54.1
800 relay	
Churchill	1:48.7
Stevenson	1:49.1
John Glenn	1:50.0
Canton	1:52.8
Plymouth	1:54.0
1600 relay	
Churchill	4:17.7
Stevenson	4:17.9
Salem	4:23.0
Canton	4:27.8
Ladywood	4:30.7
3 200 relay	
Stevenson	9:47.2
Churchill	10:16.7
Ladywood	10:42.4
Plymouth	10:53.0
Canton	10:53.7

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CANTON 114 PLYMOUTH 23 April 29 at Plymouth
Shot put: 1 Chris Snider (C) 42 feet 1 1/2 inches 2 Lester Booker (C) 40 1 3/4 3 Miller (P) 39 2 1/4
Discus: 1 Brad Waidman (C) 141 0 2 Snider (C) 122 0 3 Joe Zuga (C) 107 0
High jump: 1 Waidman (C) 6 3 2 Matt McClellan (C) 5 8 3 Cameron Scharchburg (P) 5 8
Long jump: 1 Julian Smith (C) 20 7 2 Rodney Preston (C) 19 3 3 Nathan Gholston (P) 19 1
Pole vault: 1 Jon Chapman (C) 12 9 2 Derek Reeves (C) 11 9 3 Rich Hensel (C) 11 0
4x800 meter relay: 1 Canton (Eric Zech Scott Reidsma Nick Johnson Scott George) 9:15 2 Plymouth 9:39 0
110 hurdles: 1 Preston (C) 16 6 2 Tim Phillips (P) 17 7 3 Corey Stewart (C) 17 9
400 dash: 1 Kevin Burdette (C) 12 2 2 Gholston (P) 12 3 3 Dave Calille (C) 12 3
4x200 relay: 1 Canton (Smith Brandon Reéves Andy Rossow Devin Thomas) 1:38 4 2 Plymouth 1:48 0
1600: 1 Dave Otting (C) 4:56 0 2 Nathan Phillips (C) 4:57 0 3 Sean Dillon (P) 5:08 0
4x100 relay: 1 Canton (Smith Burdette Calille B Reeves) 4:56 2 Plymouth 4:59 9
400: 1 Cyrus Azizi (C) 5:5 2 Thomas (C) 5:8 2 3 Chris Wade (P) 5:6 5
300 hurdles: 1 Stewart (C) 4:3 2 2 Gholston (P) 4:4 9 3 Phillips (P) 4:5 0
800: 1 Phaltiel Whitlock (C) 2:11 2 Scott George (C) 2:14 1 3 Zech (C) 2:16 0
200: 1 B Reeves (C) 2:4 2 2 Burdette (C) 2:4 6 3 Rossow (C) 2:5 4
3 200: 1 Patrick Slavens (P) 11:42 3 2 Christian Chagas (P) 11:58 0 3 Charles Wolfe (C) 12:03 0
4x400 relay: 1 Canton (Azizi Calille Whitlock Preston) 3:46 4 2 Plymouth 4:00 7
Dual-meet records: Canton 4 0 overall 2 0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division Plymouth 0 4 overall

CANTON 91 PLYMOUTH 46 April 29 at Canton
High Jump: 1 Brittany Petty (P) 5 feet 2 Izabela Tazskowska (C) 5-0 3 Katie Cezat (C) 4 8
Pole vault: 1 J.Q. Williams (C) 9 6 2 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 7 6 3 Kayla Coleman (C) 7 0
Discus: 1 Kara Jones (C) 82 5 2 Dorian Mac (C) 69 8 3 Heather Hicks (C) 64 3 1/2
Shot put: 1 Jennifer Dunn (P) 26 11 2 Mac (C) 25 3 1/2 3 Ashley McClellan (C) 23 11
Long jump: 1 Sumon Joyner (C) 15 6 2 Andrea Nyberg (C) 15 2 3 Courtney Powell (P) 15 0
4x800 meter relay: 1 Plymouth (Janet Hanchett Jackie Beeler Nicole McLaughlin Sarah Sherwood) 10:53 0 2 Canton 11:04 0
100 hurdles: 1 Williams (C) 17 1 2 Leslie Olech (C) 18 9 3 Coleman (C) 19 1
100 dash: 1 Breana Wallace (P) 13 3 2 Amber Lee (C) 13 8 3 Sara Mueller (P) 14 3
4x200 relay: 1 Canton (Sarah Stobbe D Angela Pitts Joyner Lee) 1:52 0 2 Plymouth 1:54 0
1600: 1 Beeler (P) 6:03 0 2 Becky McCormack (C) 6:07 0 3 Anna Jimenez (C) 6:13 0
4x100 relay: 1 Canton (Wendy Dishong Joyner Nyberg Williams) 5:52 2 Plymouth 5:58 2
400: 1 Stobbe (C) 1:03 0 2 Janet Hanchett (P) 1:05 0 3 Michelle Lager (C) 1:06 0
300 hurdles: 1 Cezat (C) 5:3 2 2 Paszkowska (C) 5:41 3 Olech (C) 5:4 2
800: 1 Sherwood (P) 2:41 0 2 Beeler (P) 2:45 0 3 Lisa Clinton (C) 2:49 0
200: 1 Wallace (P) 28 6 2 Mueller (P) 29 4 3 Lee (C) 30 1
3200: 1 Alli Schmitz (C) 13:57 0 2 Clinton (C) 13:58 0 3 Carrie Oleszkowicz (C) 13:59 0
4x400 relay: 1 Canton (Stobbe Lager Williams Cezat) 4:27 8 2 Plymouth 4:47 0
Dual meet record: Canton 2-2 overall 1 1 WLA Western Division Plymouth 0 4 overall 0 2 Western Division

SALEM 54 LIVONIA STEVENSON 83 April 29 at Stevenson
Pole vault: 1 Jennifer Perkins (LS) 9 0 2 (tie) Allie Vraniak (S) Ashley Aquino (S) 8 0
Long jump: 1 Brittany Lockhart (S) 15 7 1/2 2 Ally Plisko (LS) 15 1 1/2 3 Lisa Arrowsmith (LS) 15 0

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Shot put: 1 Anna Wilson (S) 33 6 3/4 2 Kelly Griffith (LS) 28 8 1/4 3 Amy Bodnar (LS) 27 10 1/2
Discus: 1 Wilson (S) 108 2 2 Bodnar (LS) 92 4 3 Sarah Mausols (LS) 87 2
High jump: 1 Kasey Butler (LS) 5 0 2 (tie) Lynden Gault (S) Kara Piorkowski (LS) 4 8
4x800-meter relay: 1 Stevenson (Amanda Sculthorpe Melanie Anderle Amber Cicala Plisko) 10:31 2 Salem 10:59 7
100 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S) 17 5 2 Dana Eldred (S) 17 9 3 Kristen Oltersdorf (LS) 18 3
100 dash: 1 Elizabeth Sturdy (LS) 13 3 2 Jennifer Perkins (LS) 13 9 3 Allison Collins (LS) 13 9
4x200 relay: 1 Stevenson (Collins Arrowsmith Kaitlin Armstrong Linda Montgomery) 1:51 0 2 Salem 1:57 8
1600: 1 Heather Sirko (LS) 5:21 5 2 Kelly Gibbons (LS) 5:24 1 3 Kristen Frey (LS) 5:24 9
4x100 relay: 1 Stevenson (Collins Sturdy Armstrong Perkins) 5:23 2 Salem 5:5 6
400: 1 Linda Montgomery (LS) 1:03 3 2 Lockhart (S) 1:04 8 3 Arrowsmith (LS) 1:05 4
300 hurdles: 1 Armstrong (LS) 4:9 5 2 Lang (S) 5:1 2 3 Diane Burek (LS) 5:2 9
800: 1 Laura Friedman (S) 2:25 6 2 Lisa Montgomery (LS) 2:27 0 3 K Frey (LS) 2:29 7
200: 1 Linda Montgomery (LS) 28 0 2 Gault (S) 28 9 3 R Rehberg (LS) 29 2
3,200: 1 Lauren Kane (S) 12:30 0 2 S Kulczycki (LS) 12:51 0 3 Liane Griffiths (S) 12:38 0
4x400 relay: 1 Salem (Lockhart Cindy Edwards Katie White Friedman) 4:26 4 2 Stevenson 4:36 7
Dual meet records: Salem 3 1 overall 1 1 WLA Lakes Division Stevenson 4 0 overall 2 0 in the Lakes

LIVONIA STEVENSON 100 SALEM 37 April 29 at Salem
Shot put: 1 Geoff Leskie (LS) 44 feet 2 inches 2 Ike Mbanugo (S) 40 2
Discus: Ike Mbanugo (Salem) 132 8

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BADMINTON TOURNEY
 Northville Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its third annual Midwest Stephen Race Badminton Tournament, Friday through Sunday, May 7-9, at the Recreation Center at Hillside
 Race was a player who was instrumental in building badminton popularity in the mid-west
 Last year, 110 players participated from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Indiana and Ontario
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 For more information, call Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947

FRANKLIN FOOTBALL ALUMNI
 The Livonia Franklin High Football Varsity Alumni Association will stage its second annual dinner from 6 p m to midnight, Thursday, May 27, at the Italian-American Club, located on Five Mile Road (just west of the I-275 overpass)
 Those interested should send a \$50 check Franklin Football Varsity Alumni Association, C/O George Lovich, 44142 Parkside Road, Canton, MI 48187

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **District Wide Paper Towel** Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416 2746 For technical information please contact Harry Lau in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2955 Sealed bids are due on or before 3 00 p m Tuesday, May 18 2004 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on JUNE 4th, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS**

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UNIT #454 - KEVIN WAGNER OF 44977 MIDDLEBURY, CANTON, MI 48188 Furniture, frig, chairs, tables, VCR, microwave, boxes, other misc items

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Chiefs blow past Walled Lake Western

The bats boomed for Canton's baseball team Wednesday in its six-inning 16-6 mercy of Walled Lake Western at Canton.

The Chiefs improved to 3-12 overall and evened their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division record at 1-1.

Several players contributed to the onslaught Brad Gallison had three hits, including two doubles, and drove in three runs, Kevin Kwiatkowski had three hits

and three RBI and Tarik Khasawneh had two hits and three RBI.

Dave Mintz also had three hits with a double and four runs scored, Dave Neu was 2-for-2 with a triple and three runs scored, and Kyle McKinney slammed a solo home run.

The pitching win went to Rich DeMeyere.

On Monday, Canton lost a double-header to Dearborn Divine Child, 15-2 and 11-10. Joe Mishler took the loss in

the opener, Gallison was the loser in the second.

Mintz had three hits with a triple and two RBI in the two games, Neu had four hits with a double and a home run and three RBI and Khasawneh got three hits with a triple and two runs batted in.

A.P. Inter-City 16, Ply. Christian 11: Mistakes, particularly on defense, led to Plymouth Christian Academy's loss to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Thursday at

PCA.

The Eagles are 6-2 overall, 0-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The loss went to Andrew Shumaker, his first of the season after five-straight wins.

Aaron Ciborowski continued his hot hitting by going 3-for-3 at the plate with a home run and four RBI. Shumaker had three hits including a pair of doubles, and Drew Gallagher had two hits and scored two runs.

Offense can't carry Madonna to victory

Seventeen hits Thirteen runs

Should be enough to win a baseball game.

But it wasn't for Madonna University when the Crusaders clashed in a non-conference game with Rochester College Wednesday at Rochester's Cement Park.

Instead, their pitching and faulty defense led to a 17-13

loss, dropping them to 29-22 overall.

Four pitchers got to the mound for Madonna, with Mike Hand starting. He worked five innings and gave up 10 runs on 15 hits to absorb the defeat, however, only two of the runs he gave up were earned.

In fact, six Crusader errors resulted in 10 unearned runs

The win went to Rochester reliever Andrew Hendershot, even though he allowed four runs (three earned) in 3 1/3 innings.

For Madonna, hitting leaders were Joe Greene with a triple, a single and five runs batted in, Tony Kern, with three hits including a home run and two RBI, Ben Galus, with three hits, two of them

doubles, and three RBI, Jason Barbeau, with four hits and three runs scored, and Preston Picard (from Farmington), with three hits and three runs scored.

Rochester got four hits from Chris Rickard, three hits from Chris Zimmerman, three hits and three RBI from Chris Avery, and two hits and four RBI from Brett Crawford.

TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 8 PLYMOUTH 0
April 28 at Salem
No 1 singles Chris Treadwell (S) def Luc Lucay 6 2 6 2
No 2 Robby Wallen (S) def Kevin Welch 6 1 6 2
No 3 John Schellhase (S) def Ali Saleem 6 2 6 1
No 4 Kushal Mistry (S) def Justin Magill 6 1 6 1
No 1 doubles Roma Buffa Ali El Hourani (S) def Doug Eggleston Jerry Declercq
No 2 Neil Bakshi Blake Foster (S) def Erik Kerpalski Clint Kerpalski
No 3 Pete Bartlett Dave Isakson (S) def Purreh Bhavsar Nick Mazzocco 6 4 6 0
No 4 Mo Shahid Paul Kargol (S) def Brael Yergenran Chris Koitz 6 1 6 0

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 7 BLOOMFIELD CRANBROOK 1
April 28 at Cranbrook
No 1 singles Britton Steele (CC) d Camron Riopelle 7 6 (7 4) 6 4
No 2 Kevin Bender (CC) d Chris Oben 6 4 6 4
No 3 Andrew Lulek (CC) d Chris Washington 6 1 6 4
No 4 Nick Carroll (CC) d Michel Chen 6 1 6 1

No 1 doubles Ben Raymond and Preston Pinto (CC) d Ali Daneshvar and Gabe Diaz 6 7 (7 5) 6 3 6 4
No 2 Jason Beydoun and Ryan Sneider (CC) d Chandler Young and Brayton Groth 6 2 6 2
No 3 Kevin Gardner and Chris Atallah (CC) d Andrew Fretter and Kyle McNealy 6 3 6 3
No 4 Victor Ansara and Manuel Barfoelo (CC) d KT Kim and Michael Nosanchuck

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 5 DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 3
April 30 at Schoolcraft
No 1 singles Andrew Thompson (CC) d Gabe Diaz 6 1 6 2
No 2 Arvind Nagaragan (CC) d Kewin Bender 6 2 6 1
No 3 Matthew Riley (CC) d Andrew Lulek 2 6 6 3 6 3
No 4 Nick Carroll (CC) d Jonathan Epstein 6 3 6 1
No 1 doubles Ali Daneshvar and Britton Steele (CC) d Vivek Behera and Brandon Hallaway 7 5 7 6 (7 0)
No 2 Jason Beydoun and Ryan Sneider (CC) d Anand Buar and Barnet Gold 6 3 7 6 (7 2)
No 3 Kevin Gardner and Chris Atallah (CC) d Virrom Dhar and Bo Zhu 7 5 6 4
No 4 Victor Ansara and Manuel Bartolo (CC) d John Mkonic and Nick Fiori 6 1 6 3
Dual record: CC 7 0 1 overall

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Hickory Creek Ladies Golf League, which plays on Thursday mornings throughout the summer, is looking for new members in the Plymouth/Canton area.

The nine-hole league is played at Hickory Creek Golf Course, which is located at Ford Road and Napier Road in Canton.

League members tee off every Thursday at 8 a.m. beginning May 6. For more information, contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941.

WALKING CLUB

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Every day, on a drop-in basis, people will meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer) and walk a variety of routes mapped out by the Recreation Department or they can blaze their own trail. There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m., the evening start time is 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an 18-week adult co-ed golf league starting Monday, May 3 at Brae Burn Golf Course.

Tee time start is 5:29 p.m. The cost is \$450.

For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an adult co-ed kickball league starting Friday, May 14 (minimum 15 games).

The entry fee is \$240 per team (umpire fees extra). There will be double-headers.

For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

BADMINTON EQUIPMENT

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering any level school badminton program free used feathered badminton shuttlecocks.

For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Motor City Cobras 11-and-under travel baseball team will hold spring tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50 to 60 games during the season, plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Don Haase at (734) 326-8904.

The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for its 2004 squad. The Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association, with 20 league games and 4-to-5 week-end tournaments (approximately 35 games in all).

For tryout appointments, call Jeff Gatt at (248) 752-7376.

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Ask Jen

Jennifer Sawalha

Find jobs that accept piercings

Dear Jen
My stepdad is making me get a summer job, but I have a lot of piercings and have applied to a ton of places. None of the places has called back and my stepdad says if I don't get a job he is going to kick me out. What should I do?

Distressed in Canton, 17

I have a feeling you think you are not getting calls back from places because of your piercings, which could be. Have you tried applying at some record stores, coffee shops and/or landscaping businesses? Those places may be more accepting of piercings. Another thing you can do is call the places you have applied and politely tell them your name and that you filled out an application, then ask, "Have you had a chance to look over my application and do you plan on holding any interviews soon?" Then, thank them and tell them that you look forward to talking with them. To get a job you really have to be proactive. Just filling out an application isn't going to guarantee an interview. Managers like people who show initiative. So try that and good luck!

Dear Jen

I don't know how to put this, but sometimes when my best friend goes out with her boyfriend I get jealous. Does that mean I am gay?

Confused in Livonia, 16

Well, it could be a few things. First of all, are you getting jealous because she is having fun without you? Or because you don't have a boyfriend and she does? Do you feel like you are missing out and she doesn't spend enough time with you? Or, you may have feelings for her. You are going to have to dive deep inside yourself and figure out what the root of the jealousy is and how you really feel about your best friend. You might be gay, but it could be any of the other reasons as well. You need to ask yourself if you have always felt this way about your best friend or has it just been since she has had a boyfriend. Have you been attracted to a friend of the same sex in the past or is it just recently with your best friend? This is something only you can figure out. The only advice I can give you is to always be true to yourself and your feelings.

Dear Jen

Over spring break my boyfriend and my sister went on spring break together. I couldn't go because I had to stay and get caught up on some homework. Now my boyfriend calls the house to talk with my sister. I think they are cheating on me. How do I confront them?
Feeling betrayed in Garden City, 17

This is an awkward position you are in right now and I can understand where your feelings of betrayal are coming from. You really need to talk with your sister about how you are feeling, as well as your boyfriend. I am sure neither one of them wants to hurt you in any way. I wouldn't jump to conclusions since they may just have become friends while they were on vacation. Be honest when talking about how this new friendship of theirs is making you feel uncomfortable and insecure. Jennifer Sawalha of Livonia has a master's degree in psychology from the Center for Humanistic Studies. She can be reached by e-mail at JGSKarma@aol.com

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Very Special performers

Regional fest showcases abilities

John McKeivitz seems as excited about singing in the Celebration of Arts-Ability Festival as if he were about to take the stage of *American Idol*. This is the Rochester Hills resident's first time performing in the annual showcase presented by the Southeast Region Committee of VSA arts of Michigan Saturday-Sunday, May 7-8, at Livonia Mall.

For months, McKeivitz worked hard on the John Denver song with music therapist Sarah Link at FAR Conservatory in Birmingham. It will take another four hours just to get dressed for the big day, but he doesn't mind. Since cerebral palsy left him wheelchair-bound, it takes McKeivitz that long to get ready for work at Oakland County Community Mental Health and he doesn't have nearly as much fun.

McKeivitz is one of 200 children and adults with disabilities who will sing, dance and play chimes 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, and noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8. The festival coincides with Celebrate the Arts featuring performances by members of the Farmington and Birmingham musicals, and Tuesday Musicals of Greater Pontiac now through May 15. In celebration of National Music Week, musicians such as Michigan Flute Orchestra, and students at Derby Middle School Band from Birmingham and Hilbert Middle School Band from Livonia will perform a variety of music.

"I'm looking forward to singing at the festival," said the 36-year-old McKeivitz who performs 12:45 p.m. Saturday. "I'm so touched that I can actually get out there. I hope that I can touch people just to show you don't have to be one of these superstars that goes out and performs every day."

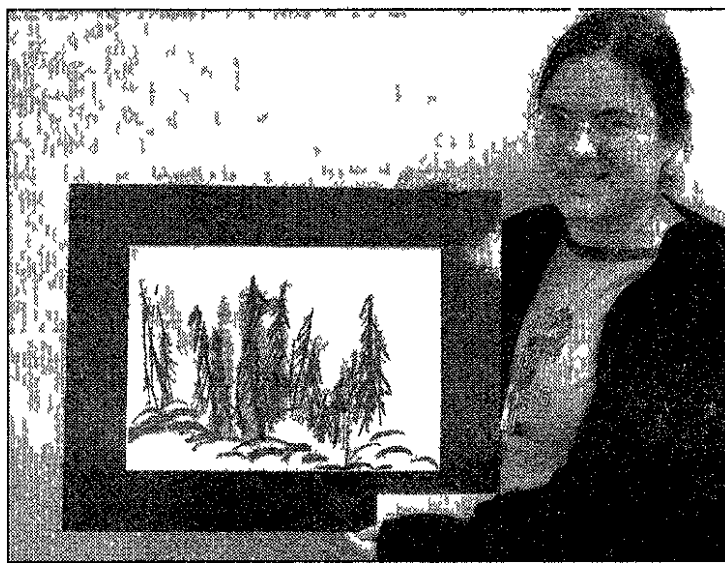
Committee chair Connie Lott says that's the whole idea behind the festival - to level the playing field for people with disabilities. The festival provides them an opportunity to perform before an audience like abled children and adults. The festival showcases performers from all over the southeast region including Oakland Schools Autistic Program.

"Our festival is different because we take it to the people and showcase talents and abilities of children and adults with disabilities and we also invite the public to celebrate with us," said Lott of Northville. "They get to see that these are individuals who are not any different from their own children and grandchildren. It's a real sharing."

Music therapist Margaret Hull finds it rewarding for those on both sides of the stage. She's been bringing her special education students to the festival since it began in the New Center area nearly 15 years ago. This year 75 performers from Kennedy Center, Pontiac Northern and Central high schools, Washington and Madison middle



Troy drummer Ben Monkaba performs at a celebration of arts-ability Saturday, May 8, at Livonia Mall.



Canton artist Carrie Wheeler proudly displays her watercolor, 'Asian Pines,' which will be on exhibit during a festival presented by the Southeast Region Committee of VSA arts of Michigan at Livonia Mall. 'Asian Pines' was chosen as the 2004 T-shirt design for the committee's annual festival.

Canton artist shows off abilities

Carrie Wheeler beams with pride as she poses for photographs with three watercolors selected for the annual Emerging Arts Exhibit sponsored by VSA arts of Michigan. The Canton artist finds it hard to believe that in the last several months she's gone from being relatively unknown to having her work reproduced on T-shirts.

Wheeler's "Asian Pines" was recently selected to appear on shirts commemorating the annual festival put on by the Southeast Region Committee at Livonia Mall. On May 7-8, the shirts will be on sale for \$15, or two for \$25. Wheeler's three watercolors will not only be on exhibit during the festival but through May 11 along with dozens of works by children and adults with disabilities.

Primarily self-taught, Wheeler's been painting since she was 11 years old. At age 26, it's art that boosts her spirits during the days when multiple sclerosis and bi-polar disorder get her down. "I have always been an artist but had to put it on hold for various reasons," said Wheeler. "I have limited use of my left hand and even though I'm right-handed there are tasks that require me to use both. Sometimes I have eye problems, double vision."

"But an artist with a disability is like anybody else. Sometimes you're even more aware because you don't have the ability to do other things. The exhibit and VSA arts gives artists with disabilities independence."

schools, and Herrington Elementary in Pontiac will board buses for the ride to Livonia.

"It's been quite an adventure for us, so rewarding," said Hull, a Birmingham resident and committee member. "It gives us motivation to work on our programs, to perform outside of our home school. When you perform in front of people who don't know you, you want to look your best, sound your best."

Every year, Troy drummer Ben Monkaba leaves the stage to standing applause. His mother, Terry, says, "he loves to come to the festival." Now a sophomore at Troy High School, he's been performing annually since middle school. This year he'll be singing Nat and Natalie Cole's *Unforgettable* with Kate Gardner in addition to playing drums for Boyz II Boyz, a vocal duo

from Pontiac with Brandon Walker and Marlon Smith.

Williams syndrome, a rare genetic disorder, left Monkaba with mild to severe learning disabilities. The audience would never know it by watching him play that he survived four heart surgeries before age 4, and still is unable to tie his shoes.

Fellow musicians have made note of his talent as well, inviting him to join the jazz band at his high school. Monkaba's parents bought him his first drum set at age 10. He currently studies privately with Bruce Gallant in Birmingham.

"I look forward to seeing the smiles on people's faces," said Ben Monkaba, a student at FAR Conservatory in Birmingham since age 3. "It shows that they appreciate what I do."

Chorus rocks into its 30th year

BY BRAD KADRACH
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Chorus continued marking its 30th year with its annual spring concert last weekend at Northville High School.

And, like the chorus' other performances, it rocked the house with its unique brand of musical entertainment.

The chorus, founded in 1973 by vocal music teacher William Grimmer of East Middle School, started with just a dozen singers at the first rehearsal. According to Eunice Taylor, the communications chairperson for the chorus, Grimmer felt he had a wealth of talent in that small group and had, for some time,



Musical Director Michael Gross conducts the chorus.

dreamed of founding a community chorus. During Grimmer's tenure, the group doubled in size.

"When he retired in 1977, he also left the chorus," Taylor said. "However, he remained an avid supporter until his death. The William Grimmer Memorial Scholarship is given

each year in his memory."

In the fall of 1978, Michael Gross was chosen to direct the chorus. The Christmas concert that year, according to Taylor, had its largest audience to date. By 1979, she pointed out, additional chairs had to be placed in the narthex of the First United Methodist Church to accommodate the crowd.

Today, she said, some 4,500 people attend performances. "Grimmer would probably be very pleased to see how his idea for a small community chorus has grown into the renowned and respected choral group it is today," Taylor said. "Some things do not change, though. The group continues to sing for the love of music." By the fall of 1982 the group



Accompanist Nancy Whitecar and the Plymouth Community Chorus during its spring concert at Northville High School.

had grown to 120 members. In February 1983, the chorus hosted the Great American Choral Festival and received a silver medallion for finishing second in the adult non-choreographed division.

Since 1983, the chorus has presented three concerts and has sung the Christmas portion of *Messiah* with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In 1993,

the chorus recorded its first cassette/CD release, *A 20th Anniversary Christmas*. More recently, chorus members recorded the well-received *Broadway Magic*.

"The chorus has twice traveled to Washington D.C., performing by invitation during the Sunday services at the National Cathedral," Taylor said.

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Slaggert-Moore

The engagement of Jill L Slaggert and Jeffrey W Moore, both of Saginaw Township, is announced by their parents, Dave and Lynda Slaggert of Saginaw Township and Glenn and Terri Moore of Canton

The bride-to-be graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor of arts degree with majors in English and secondary education She is presently teaching in the Bay City Public School system

The prospective groom is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and is pursuing a degree in computer information systems from Saginaw Valley State University He is currently working for the



Saginaw Township Department of Public Service A June 2004 wedding is planned

Robinson-Miller

Denise and Lennie Robinson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Robinson of Canton, to Bryce Miller of Canton, the son of Lenice and Roger Miller of Dearborn

The bride-to-be earned her bachelor's degree in business from Eastern Michigan University in 2003 She works in sales with Singh Homes

The prospective groom earned a bachelor's degree in business marketing from Western Michigan University in 1997 He is employed as a sales manager with Spectrum Signs & Designs

An Aug 21, 2004, wedding is planned at St Thomas ABecket in Canton



Wade-Capaldi

Russ and Jan Wade of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi M Wade, to Matthew J Capaldi, the son of Rick and Pam Capaldi of Canton

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and went to Michigan State University She is currently employed as a physician assistant at Arbor Medical School

The prospective groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School who works as a project manager for Knoll Groups

A Sept 11, 2004, wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills



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(May 2 May 5) By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

There are likely to be more questions than answers this week kiddo but at least you should now be able to put a key obligation on a firmer footing You have achieved and worried so much recently- now it's time to concentrate on consolidating your gains

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

No one is a more devoted friend or employee than the Bull born Alas you appear to have ignored certain warning signals over a money matter recently Therefore this week is all about questioning others' intentions and making sure that everything is well defined and above board

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Relationships- both personal and professional- will be under the meta physical microscope this week and any weaknesses will be magnified A parting of the ways may seem to be the best solution so don't hold on to smoke and mirrors You'll feel differently by the end of the month

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Tuesday's Full Moon in your element marks a turning point A personal quest is at a critical stage and it is up to you to decide which way to go Don't allow anyone to distract or dissuade you from doing what you know must be done Your instincts have never been better- use them!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

A recent domestic investment project or worry seems to have been dominating your thoughts But now the combined astro effects of Jupiter going direct is urging you to take time out for fun and romance You deserve a break from your daily routine and family stuff- so take one

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Turn your attention to what you own and earn and how you can increase your income without putting yourself under too much pressure One way is to make better use of your time which is way too precious to waste! The moment has come to face up to harsh realities

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Better hope that your health is good and you've had plenty of sleep because this is going to be a busy week You'll be on the go from first thing in the morning to late at night You'll have more fun or more done in the next seven days than you managed to in the past seven weeks. Aim for 'fun'

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

It is said that Life is what you make it and with the Sun opposite your birth sign you are now in a position to make it very good indeed However whether or not you do so depends on your motivation and organization skills (Oops! I said the 'O' word Not your strength)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Fire brother Mars endows you with great courage this week but it may spill over into recklessness Your task now is to learn the difference between a calculated risk and foolhardiness You can learn the easy way or the hard way Sadge Choose 'mellow' what do you say?

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

This week's astro accent is on moonah and it would seem that even as one door closes another opens The Sun supported by your ruler Saturn are provoking you to do just that and calling you take control of a shared responsibility Never forget that you can benefit more from giving than from receiving

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

This week's Full Moon brings endless discussions about money and property matters to a head You are reminded that there are two kinds of gratitude- the sudden kind we feel when we take the larger kind we feel for what we are given Uh huh this is a give and take week Think before you speak

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Sunday Monday's Moon in Libra challenged by Saturn both signify that if life is a series of lessons then each conflict or crisis should be considered as homework for they are certainly not intended to defeat you- only help you grow and then graduate into the next exciting stage of your development

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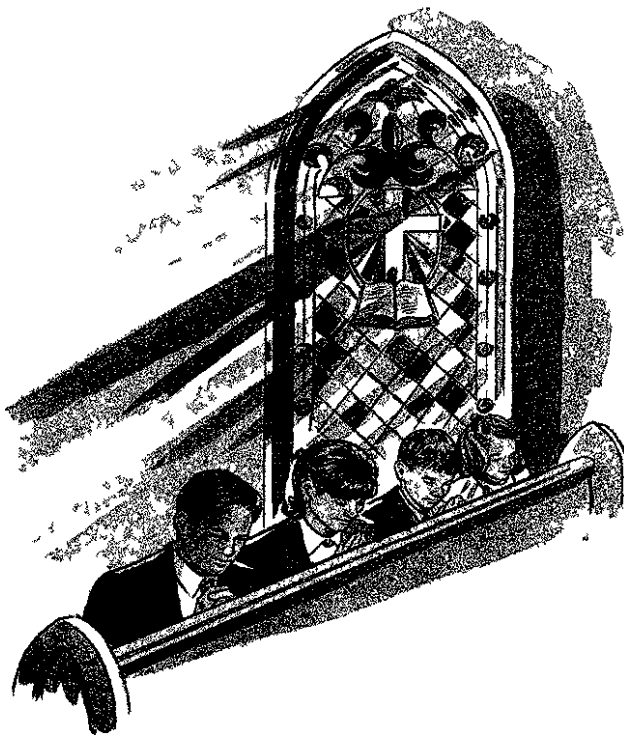
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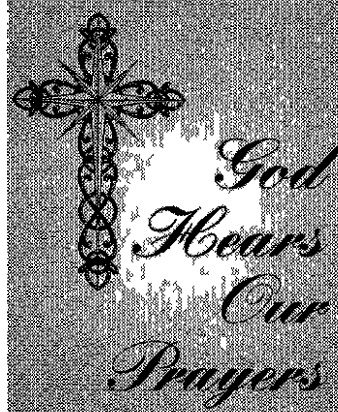
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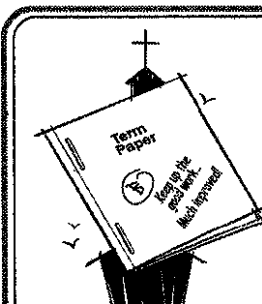
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The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. RSV Proverbs 12:15

Avoid miscommunication with clearer messages

Q. I feel like my wife and I can't talk with each other anymore. Everything I say to her is misinterpreted. I try to make an effort in hearing what she has to say, but it isn't working. Can you help us?



Love Doctor
Terri Orbuch, Ph.D.

Overall, communication with others is very important, but in our romantic relationships it is even more critical. Studies show that partners who communicate poorly with each other are very dissatisfied and unhappy in their relationships. But more often than we realize, we face what is commonly known as miscommunication, when the message we send our partners is not the same message they receive. Miscommunication typically occurs for two reasons. First, there may be a discrepancy between what we say (our words) and our behaviors (like our facial expression, or the way we look at our partner). It is interesting to note that if a discrepancy like this does occur, the truth usually lies in our behaviors rather than our words. Miscommunication also can occur when we have trouble saying what we mean. Here is a classic example that I use during my Relationship Enrichment Seminars. A husband is sitting on the couch, and he turns to his wife and says "Let's go out for dinner tonight." This statement can be interpreted in several

ways by his partner. Does he mean "Let's get out of the house, just the two of us and go somewhere special," which is a positive comment, or "I am tired of your cooking, I want something else to eat," which has a negative connotation? This is how miscommunication can begin! We need to send clear messages to our partners and we need to be better listeners. Here are some Love Doctor tips on how to work on communication with your partner. Tips on how to send clear messages to our partners:
1) Use what I call behavior description. Tell your partner specific behaviors that annoy you and avoid using words such as "always" or "never."
2) Use "XYZ" statements. "When you do X in situation Y (behavioral description), I feel Z (an I-statement). For example, when you interrupted me right now, I felt annoyed."
3) Avoid "kitchen sinking" where you bring everything up at once into the conversation. Be careful to deal with one issue or topic at a time.

4) Do not engage in mind-reading or assume that you understand or can predict your partner's thoughts and feelings without asking. Always ask!

Tips on how to be a better listener:
1) Paraphrase what you hear and repeat it back to your partner in your own words. Give them a chance to agree that that is what they actually meant.
2) Use perception checking. Ask your partner for clarification about what they are feeling.
3) Stay polite and have the ability to calm down. You can do this by taking a "break" from each other, or taking long slow deep breaths.
4) Validate and respect your partner's point of view. You don't have to agree with them, but it is important that you allow them their own feelings.

You can learn more by attending the Love Doctor Relationship Enrichment Seminar 7-9 p.m. May 27 at the Imagine Theatre in Novi. To register for the seminar or submit a question go to the Love Doctor's Web site www.detroitlovedr.com

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D. is a psychologist, sociologist, author, Oakland University professor and research scientist at the University of Michigan. Listen to the Love Doctor on 100.3 WNIC FM every Tuesday morning between 7-7:30 a.m.



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FLORENCE CAROLINE NULTY
(Nee Sederlin) passed away on April 27th at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Florence was born on the Sederlin homestead near Scandia, Kansas on March 5, 1908. Upon completion of high school she attended Kansas State College graduating in 1929 with a B.S. degree in Home Economics. She taught school at Sharon Springs, Kansas for two years before her marriage to Robert L. Nulty in 1931. During their early marriage they lived in Detroit and Jackson, MI. In 1947 they moved to Plymouth, MI where they resided until her passing. Florence had been a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood since 1946 and was affiliated with Chapter A1 Plymouth at the time of her death. She was also active in the AAUW for many years. Florence will be remembered for her love of travel, her creative talents and her extensive correspondence with friends and family. Florence is survived by her husband of 72 years, Robert L. of Plymouth; her son, Robert D. (Phyllis) of Northville, MI; her daughter, Jane Sloan (Lard) of Sugar Land, TX and Grand Maman, New Brunswick; grandchildren Tammy Nulty of Plymouth, Laura Vargas of Burke, VA, Lance Sloan of Sugar Land, TX and Tom Garner of Louisville, KY and great grandchildren Trevor and Austin Garner and Valerie and Philip Vargas and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Cortey College c/o Bonnie Myhrum, President, Chapter A1 P.E.O. 12460 Woodgate, Plymouth, MI 48170. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 1, 2004 at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, Michigan.

WILLIAM C. G. SAVAGE, JR.
Age 60. Born in Titusville, PA, died at home April 29, 2004 in Farmington Hills, MI. Beloved husband of Midori for 35 years. Loving father of James C. (Tonya) Savage & Jennifer (Joel) Torretti. Son of Nellie Savage and the late William C. G. Savage Sr. Survived by 2 brothers & 1 sister. Retired Jr. ROTC Instructor, Garden City High School, retired Colonel, U.S. Air Force. Memorial service Wednesday, May 5th, 3pm at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI 48336 (1 block E of Farmington Rd). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Patient Advocates for Advanced Cancer Treatment, Inc., 1143 Parmelee NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. Interment: Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

ARTHUR H. TROST
Age 100 of Weeki Wachee FL died Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at his home. Born in Detroit, Michigan, he moved to Florida 14 years ago from Westland, Michigan. He retired after 32 years from the Ford Motor Company of Rawsonville, Michigan; he was a member of the I.A.W. and the Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his daughters, Geraldine Trost and Marjorie Trost Edmonds. Survivors include his wife, Vera; Sons & Daughters-in-law, Arthur & Tracy Trost of Byron, Michigan; Gale & Sonnie Stowell of Caseville, Michigan; Gerald & Laurie Stowell of South Lyon, Michigan; and Wendell & Doreen Stowell of Pinckney, Michigan. Daughters & Sons-in-law: Karun & William Stacy of Weeki Wachee, FL and Kathleen & Edward Myers of Westland, MI. 29 Grandchildren, 50 Great Grandchildren and 11 Great Great Grandchildren. Arrangements by Merritt Funeral Home, Spring Hill, Florida. (352) 686-6649.

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I believe it was Cicero who said, "Never go to excess, but let moderation be your guide."

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Ernie Harwell the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with Miss Lulu, his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245 5082.

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Mosquito smarts

Prevention, surveillance key to swatting West Nile

Two weeks ago, the first death from West Nile virus was reported in Ohio, too close to home for Anahid Kulwicki. The Wayne County Department of Public Health director, together with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, was warning community and municipal officials against the virus at a morning-long seminar April 21.

Reported cases and deaths were significantly reduced in 2003 after health department campaigns against the mosquitoes which bite humans after biting birds carrying the disease. They fear residents may not be as vigilant this season and are trying to nip the disease by eliminating the bug. The Oakland County Health Division most recently launched "Mosquito Smarts," a program to educate residents about diseases transmitted by the insect, including St. Louis encephalitis and eastern equine encephalitis. West Nile virus can cause illnesses ranging from mild flu-like symptoms to encephalitis, meningitis and death.

"Ohio being so close to us, we want them to take all precautions draining standing water so mosquitoes don't breed," Kulwicki said. "They don't want to go out when mosquitoes are most active — and use repellent. That's especially important for people with poor immune systems and the elderly (according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that means anyone over age 50). West Nile virus kills less than the flu, but we hope to prevent even one death. We don't want to use chemicals after the fact."

Brian Wilson remains especially cautious as Livonia's assistant superintendent of public service. Livonia holds the distinction of having found the first positive dead crow in Michigan in 2002, and collected a total of 1,000 dead birds (of 1,721 in Wayne County). Dead crows, blue jays and other corvids

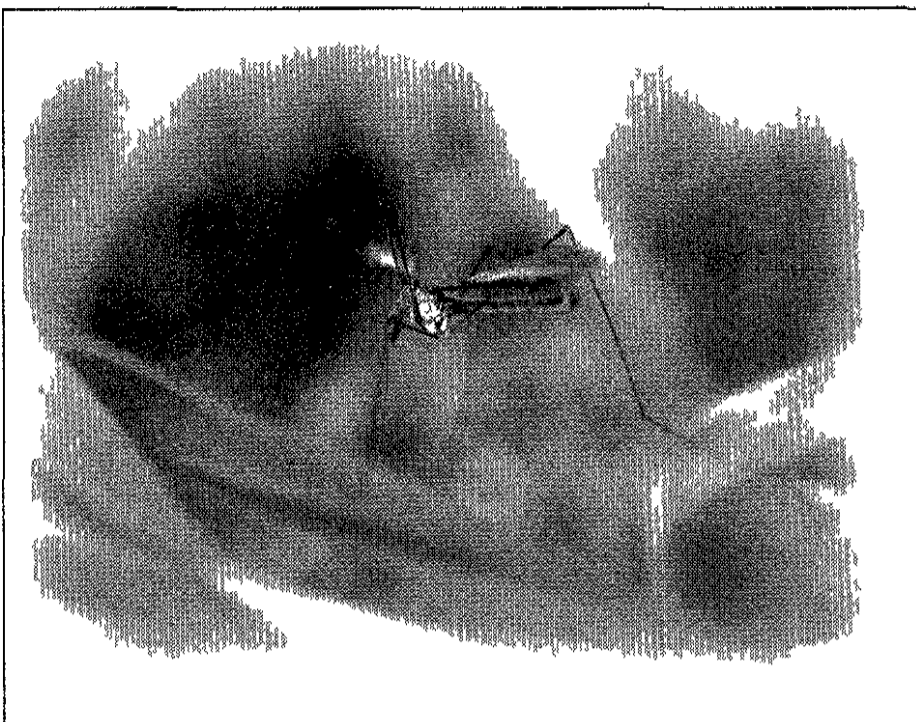
such as sparrows are early indicators of the presence of West Nile virus. Birds found dead less than 48 hours should be reported to the Wayne County Department of Public Health Environmental Division by calling (734) 727-7445 or reporting them at www.waynecounty.com. In Oakland County, call (877) 377-3641. Health officials warn residents to wear gloves when handling dead birds.

"We have done extensive testing since and there are signs the population may be returning," Wilson said. "Birds may be developing antibodies. We're remaining vigilant by continuing treatment — larviciding 11,000 storm drains and parks and recreation facilities. Culex pipiens is the prime carrier and likes old pop cans, flower pots, tires. At home, the greatest preventative is to police the property for an old wheelbarrow, gutters."

Ficano knows that prevention works. He was Wayne County Sheriff for 20 years before becoming county executive.

"Prevention is a tool," Ficano said. "We know with West Nile virus, prevention works. The virus first hit in 1999 and by 2002 there were 121 cases and seven deaths reported by the Wayne County Health Department (plus 99 cases, eight deaths in the city of Detroit). In 2003, there were fewer cases and zero deaths and people may not be as aware to take precautions. There's a tendency to drop off the radar screen, but most is common sense. If there's standing water in a little kids pool, turn it over. Drain those toy buckets. Make your home less attractive to mosquitoes."

Like Ficano, George Miller is concerned that residents of Oakland County will become lax when it comes to prevention. As health officer for the Oakland County Health Division,



Miller instituted "Mosquito Smarts." For more information on West Nile virus, visit the Web site at www.co.oakland.mi.us/health.

"In 2003 we had fewer cases and one death in Oakland County," Miller said. "We began planning in late February. Oakland County is offering \$500,000 to municipalities for surveillance to determine breeding grounds and if they do have them to purchase larvicide to do away with them. Last year, we experienced significant rainfall to wash out the catch basins. This year, rainfall is less for washing out the gutters and the grounds. Mosquitoes can't breed in flowing water."

Barbara Robinson-Dunn doesn't want to see another summer like 2002. The technical director of microbiology at Beaumont Hospital tests for infec-


tious diseases. In 2003, she sent fewer human specimens to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

"Last summer doesn't compare to southeast Michigan two summers ago, that's why I am concerned," Robinson-Dunn said. "I just heard they're predicting another hot, dry summer. The most efficient spreaders, culex pipiens, like hot and dry. I hope in southeast Michigan we've become sensitized to dumping bird baths. Larvae dump their eggs in any standing water and if there is no rushing water to wash that away, mosquitoes breed."

Steve Tackitt, director of Wayne County Health Department's Environmental Health Division, agrees weather and bird population affect the

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Memorial service

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor will hold a special memorial service for those who have experienced a pregnancy or newborn loss 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, in the hospital's chapel, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. This nondenominational service provides a setting where family and friends can gather to remember their infants who were lost through pregnancy losses such as ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth and newborn death. The service provides a time for healing, praying and sharing with

others who have experienced similar losses. There will be music, scripture readings and the sharing of personal experiences. Registration is not required. For more information, call (734) 712-3354.

Grief recovery series

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice will present a five-part grief recovery series on five consecutive 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning May 4 in the Exhibition Room of the hospital's Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Registration is required. The series is open to the public and there is no charge. It is recommended that participants attend all five sessions. To register, call (734) 327-3409. The series will help people who have lost loved ones adapt to the loss and develop new skills in coping.

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jects. The class meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. The fee is \$5. To register, call (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Anxiety Disorders Screening Day

To educate the public about the symptoms of anxiety and depressive illnesses and to help individuals learn about these disorders, their symptoms and effective treatments, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a free program and screening 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, in Classroom 2, 34675 Five Mile Road in Livonia. Please use the South Entrance off Levan Road. There is a no fee for this screening, and pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277 (for out-of-area callers). For directions or additional information, visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org. Participants will have an opportunity to view a video at the screening, entitled "When the Mind Causes Pain." A confidential meeting with a mental health provider is also offered and a referral if necessary. The relationship between physical pain and emotional pain is very well documented in the medical literature. Among patients with depression, many primarily go to the doctor with physical symptoms. Some common symptoms are back pain, fatigue, insomnia and headaches, said John Tait, MSN, RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Behavioral Medicine Department. Also, he added, "Patients with physical symptoms are more likely to experience depres-

sive symptoms.

Safety expo for families

Each year one out of every four children sustains an injury serious enough to require medical attention. As part of National SAFE KIDS Week, the University of Michigan Health System and the Washtenaw County SAFE KIDS Coalition will be holding a free safety expo for parents and children to learn more about safety issues in and around the home 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at U-M Health System's East Ann Arbor Health Center, 4260 Plymouth Road, east of U.S. 23 s. Plymouth Road exit, Ann Arbor. For more information, visit www.safekids.org or call (734) 615-1520. For more information on keeping kids safe, visit the safety page on the U-M Your Child site: www.med.umich.edu/llibr/yourchild/genl/safe.htm.

Health Screenings

Botsford General Hospital will offer health information sessions and screenings 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 5-6, at Livonia Mall as part of Metropolitan Detroit's 2004 Project Healthy Living Bonus Days. Free height and weight, vision, hearing, blood pressure, glaucoma, and podiatry screenings and medication counseling will be offered. Health displays featuring nutrition, physical activity, and local health-related services will be offered. A series of optional tests will be offered, including a Blood Panel Profile, \$40. Registration begins at 10 a.m. on May 5 and 6 at a table near the Sears store in Livonia Mall at 29514 Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt.

Focus put on fibromyalgia

May is Fibromyalgia Awareness Month and a good time to learn more about the disease. The Plymouth Integrative Medicine Center is holding an interactive seminar to demonstrate different treatment methods including the integrative approach 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. Cost is \$125 and includes lunch. To register, call (734) 451-2272.

Fibromyalgia is a multi-symptomatic condition that may include widespread pain, chronic fatigue, tender points, anxiety, depression, insomnia, irritable bowel syndrome, carpal tunnel syndrome, TMJ, allergies, cold sensitivity, hypothyroidism, and memory and concentration difficulties. The American College of Rheumatology estimates that nearly six million Americans are affected by the disease.

Among the presenters and topics are Dr. Irene Metro, overview, psychotherapist; Christine Griffin, stress management; Jingfei Huang, acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine; and physical therapist Jeff Allen, myofascial release and crano-sacral therapy.

Plymouth Integrative Medicine Center is also coordinating the Fibromyalgia 10K Walk-A-Thon Sunday, May 16.

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incidence of West Nile virus. Last summer, a decrease in the population of jays and crows, combined with less rain and cooler temperatures, led to a decline in reported cases and deaths.

"Many of us asked have you seen any blue jays or crows," Tackitt said. "That shows a significant die-off. The winter bird count by the Rouge River Bird Observatory at University of Michigan-Dearborn said crows accounted for 10 percent of the bird population in 2001. By 2003, there were less than one percent."

"This year, crows and blue jays will still be collected. The local health department is swabbing them and sending them to MSU for testing. In the U.S. in 2002, there were 4,161 cases and 277 deaths. The CDC is recommending increased surveillance and mosquito control."

Steve Tackitt isn't letting his guard down against West Nile Virus. The director of Wayne County Health Department's Environmental Health Division talked up numbers for the audience at a recent seminar hosted by the Wayne County Department of Public Health and Wayne County Executive's office. "2002 wasn't a good year for Michigan with 644 cases, 51 deaths," said Tackitt. "In 2003 there were 19 cases with two deaths. The hot bed is southeast Michigan. In 2003, Wayne County had the highest number of mosquito infection rate. There's the highest propensity for human outbreak for the coming year."

Tackitt had a list of tips for preventing the disease with onset of symptoms 3 to 15 days after inoculation. Prevention is key when one female mosquito can carry one million viruses, and can lay 300 eggs, three times a year. First detected in New York in 1999, West Nile Virus spread to the neighboring states of New Hampshire, Vermont and West Virginia in 2000. By 2001, it covered the Midwest and Maine and south to Louisiana, by 2002 the central states and west coast.

'Drain all standing water where mosquitoes breed. Mosquitoes are most active in early morning and evening.'

Steve Tackitt
Wayne County Health Department

In 2003, human cases were reported in 85 percent of states in the continental U.S.

"Drain all standing water where mosquitoes breed," said Tackitt. "Mosquitoes are most active in early morning and evening. Use repellent with 35 percent DEET (or permethrin). Higher content does not mean better results."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends products with 10 percent or lower DEET for children. Do not use DEET products on infants. Wear long sleeves and long pants and apply repellent to exposed

skin and clothes. Close gaps and cracks in window screens.

Bird baths should be cleaned and refilled with water on a regular basis. Pet food and water bowls should be kept clean and the water changed daily. Water that collects on top of a swimming pool cover may prove to be an excellent breeding area for mosquitoes.

Ornamental pools can become major mosquito producers if allowed to stagnate. Aerate the pool or stock with surface feeding minnows. Goldfish offer little, if any, benefit.

After a rainfall, make sure potted plants without drainage holes do not maintain standing water. Remove weeds (mosquito hiding and resting areas) and mow your lawn on a regular basis.

Keith Tate, director of disease control for Wayne County, warns against nailing up bat houses in the backyard as a way of eradicating mosquitoes.

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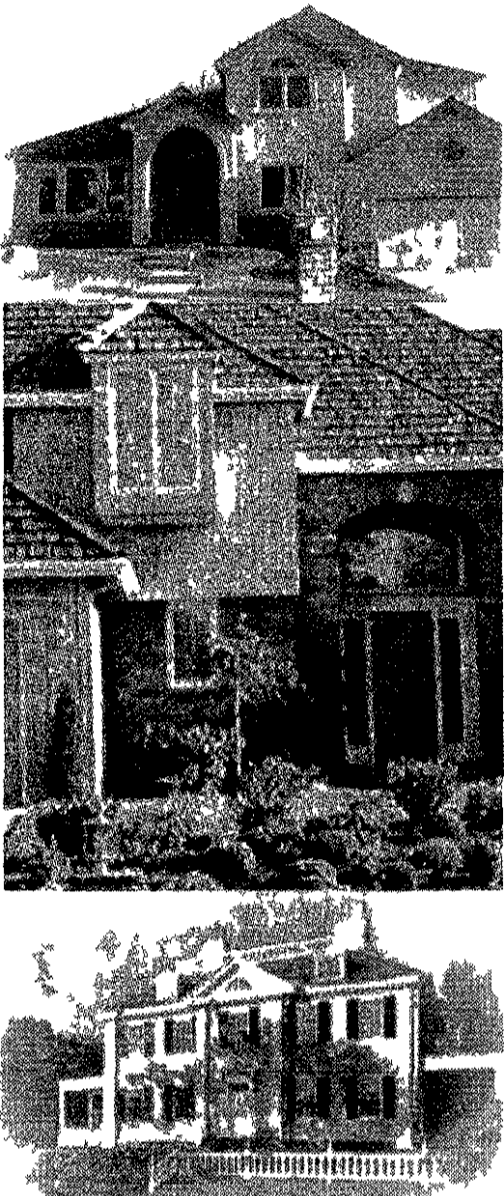
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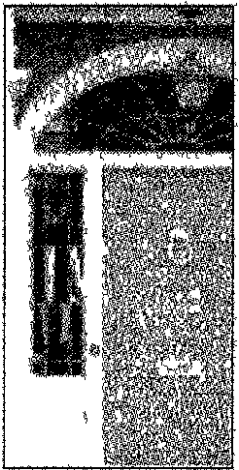




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Benefit from natural light's effect in your home

(MS) - While often used in bathrooms and kitchens, today's modern, energy-efficient skylights, roof windows and sun tunnels are increasingly found anywhere in the home where more natural light is needed.

According to industry research, the No. 1 option in "dream bathrooms" is skylights. They offer privacy while they bathe the area with natural light, provide ventilation and help prevent condensation. Convenient electric venting skylights, particularly useful in high condensation areas such as bathrooms, are available with remote control, blinds, shades, awnings, insect screening and automatic rain sensors. In your kitchen, they can release hot air and odors while admitting more light for brighter days and a more pleasant cooking and dining environment.

Besides offering a way to add dramatic appeal to a room, skylights also address important health considerations. Research shows that one in five Americans suffers from seasonal affective disorder with symptoms including depression and fatigue from lack of sufficient daylight. Skylights help by admitting abundant day light - especially helpful for older adults - while visually expanding rooms.

Also consider roof windows, which meet emergency exit requirements and can transform under-utilized areas into attractive and functional living space. They can turn an attic into a bonus room, playroom, guest room or home office. And unlike basements, finished attics typically appraise at 100 percent of the value of other living spaces.

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Bring the benefits of natural light into your home with modern energy-efficient skylights, roof windows and sun tunnels.

rooms, pantries, walk-in closets or other confined areas. Unlike other tubular systems, sun tunnels are flexible and fit around obstructions between roof and ceiling.

To receive free booklets on the benefits of natural light and how to select skylights, call (800) 283-2831 or visit www.VELUXusa.com.

To get government information on

skylight energy efficiency, visit www.energystar.gov, and to find independent agency information, visit www.nfrc.org or www.efficientwindows.org.

Some tips for buying energy-efficient windows

(NAPSI) - If heating and cooling bills are making you hot under the collar, consider these hints for finding energy efficient windows.

■ Check U-values. A measure of thermal efficiency, U-values show a window's resistance to flow of heat energy. Lower U-values mean higher energy efficiency.

■ Buy dual-pane windows. The air space between two panes of glass acts as an insulator. Dual-pane units also help reduce air convection (that chilly draft of air caused by differences in surface temperatures).

■ Consider gas-filled windows. Inert gasses like argon conduct less heat, making gas-filled windows better insulators than unfilled windows.

■ Select Low-E glass coatings. The metallic film in Low-E (emissivity) glass reflects heat back into the home while allowing light to pass through freely.

■ Choose warm-edge spacers. Located at the perimeter of dual-pane windows, warm-edge spacers increase window thermal performance. Many choices are

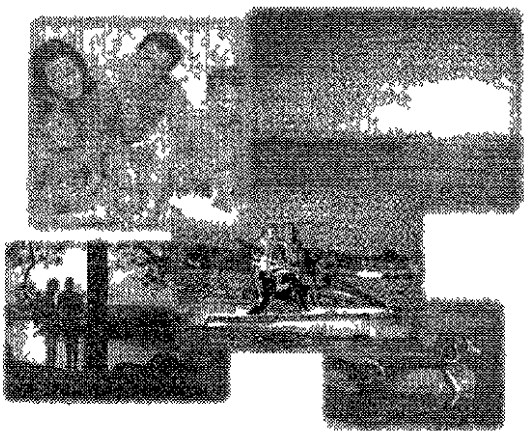
available, but in general, less metal in the spacer means lower U-values.

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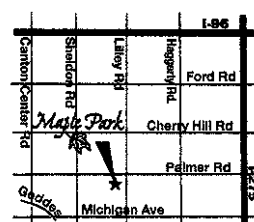
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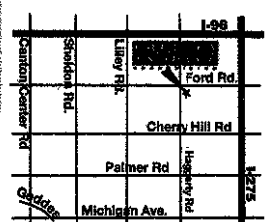
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Builders design homes compatible with lifestyles

BY DARSHAN GREWAL
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Homeowner's lifestyles are changing. With the onset of the information age, computers have moved from the workplace into the home. People are living longer and retiring earlier. Older parents are moving in with their children. Cooking and entertaining in the home are enjoying increased popularity. Because of these and other trends, homes today are being built to be more compatible with buyer's lifestyles.

One of the biggest factors impacting design is how technology will change the space needs in the home. Because many southeast Michigan companies are now allowing their employees to work from home either part time or full time, homeowners need dedicated home office space with appropriate telephone, fax, modem and computer service. Some of the models, such as the Wilshire II at Tollgate Woods in Novi, offer a library. This library, which is conveniently located off the front entrance, makes it practical for welcoming business associates. Or, as is the case with the Chelsea model at Charming Cross in Canton, offers a bonus room that can be converted to office space if the homeowner so desires.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

People are also looking to the home to be their center for entertainment. Many homes will have media rooms with sophisticated sound and video systems built in or retrofitted to suit the owners. A home theater is featured in the Bradford decorated model at Westchester in Canton.

Life cycle housing is another trend in home design. Many people are moving less, and they want their homes to suit them as they go through different stages in their lives and their needs change. For example, a builder may offer a home with three bedrooms today, but the builder will give the new owner the option to finish an attic or other space as needed to accommodate a new child or a parent that comes to live with the family. Other homes will be placed on a lot so that there will be plenty of room to add an addition. The owner will be able to see the plans for that addition when the original house is purchased. Homebuyers can also choose to add special features to their homes such as wider doorways and non-slip tile floor to better accommodate

an aging persons needs. This will also help when the owner wants to sell the home, since the floor plan is flexible and can meet the needs of many potential buyers.

GARAGES

Garages are likely to be set back from the street and are normally attached depending on the market. In addition, the space above the garage can also be flex space for later additions such as an in-law suite or home office. Garages are increasing in size. Singh currently offers many models with three-car garages, and at Westchester in Canton, a fourth car option is available on many homes.

New homes also are changing to better accommodate entertaining. Kitchens are flowing seamlessly into family rooms. Formal dining and living rooms are becoming multi-purpose rooms. For example, many new custom homes come with bookshelves built into the dining room so the area can be used as a substitute home office or study area when it is not needed for formal entertaining.

Basements are being finished to accommodate special areas for exercising, hobbies and other projects. These rooms will have larger windows at the ground level to allow for natural lighting. They may also include such things as floors designed to cushion an exerciser's feet and specialized storage for tools and hobby supplies.

Finally, on the exterior, one trend has not changed. Homeowners are still requesting maintenance-free materials. Our clients appreciate the brick and vinyl exteriors that we offer on some of our Singh homes.

Professional builder members of the Building Industry Association of Southeast Michigan are skilled in working with homeowners to make sure that the home they build today can also meet their needs in the future.

Darshan Grewal is a vice president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan in Farmington Hills. He was named Young Builder of the Year by the association in 2001. He is also vice president of Singh Development Company in West Bloomfield. For over 30 years Singh has been developing and building luxurious custom homes and subdivisions upscale apartment communities senior living residences prestigious office and commercial buildings and high tech/light industrial properties.

10 ways homeowners can improve air quality

(NAPSI) - It may surprise you to learn that the air inside your home can be up to three times as polluted as the air outside. Fortunately, the experts at York Heating and Cooling believe ventilation systems and air cleaners can improve your home's indoor air quality.

Properly designed ventilation systems replace a portion of stale indoor air with fresh outdoor air, reducing energy loss in the process. Air exchangers from York, for example, let users manually or automatically adjust the fresh air flow. The units retain a portion of the energy used to heat or cool the house, saving money on utility bills.

Air cleaners-both electronic and media-can remove up to 94 percent of the particles, including dust, pollens, pet dander, plant spores, fungi, bacteria and tobacco smoke.

To further ensure good IAQ, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers recommends homeowners follow 10 tips:

- 1 Vent bathrooms, kitchens, toilets and laundry rooms directly outdoors.
- 2 Avoid locating furnaces, air conditioners and ductwork in garages or other spaces where they can draw contaminants into the house.
- 3 Properly vent fireplaces, wood stoves and other hearth products.
- 4 Vent clothes dryers and central vacuum cleaners directly outside.
- 5 Store toxic or volatile compounds such as paints, solvents, cleaners and pesticides out of occupiable space.
- 6 Minimize or avoid unvented combustion sources such as candles, cigarettes, indoor barbecues, decorative combustion

Use sealed-combustion, power-vented or condensing water heaters and furnaces. When natural-draft applications must be used, they should be tested for proper venting and should be located outside the occupiable space when possible.

appliances or vent-free heaters
7 Provide operable windows or additional mechanical ventilation when using home cleaners or painting.

8 Use sealed-combustion, power-vented or condensing water heaters and furnaces. When natural-draft applications must be used, they should be tested for proper venting and should be located outside the occupiable space when possible.

9 Put a good particle filter or air cleaner in your air-handling system to keep dirt out of the air and off of your ductwork and heating and cooling components. Maintain it or replace it regularly as required.

10 Distribute a minimum level of outdoor air throughout the home, using whole house, mechanical ventilation.

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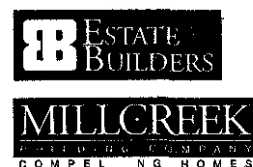
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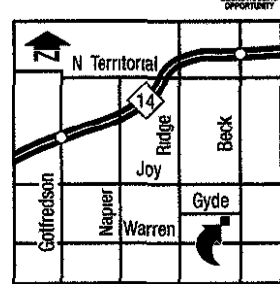
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Common-sense tips to help you relocate

(NAPSI) — Life may be a bit easier and a little less expensive for many of the 44 million Americans who relocate each year. Now they can change their address using an online service from the Postal Service, electronically file the information and take advantage of money-saving offers from companies featured at the Web site. A secure site, MoversGuide Online, is the fastest and most accurate way to file change of address information. It even lets users order moving supplies and arrange storage, notify utilities to shut off or initiate service, sign up for phone service, create a customized moving checklist and learn

about schools and services at the new location. Plus, the site provides such useful tips for movers as:

- Get more boxes than you think you will need
- Use bigger boxes for lighter items
- Reinforce the bottom of boxes with at least one strip of packing tape
- Pack room-by-room, keeping similar items together
- Pack boxes firmly to keep the contents from shifting
- Use crumpled paper for padding. Seal boxes tightly with wide packing tape

- Pack CDs vertically. Don't stack them flat
- Place heavier items in the bottom of the box and lighter items on top
- Separate items with paper to prevent scratches
- Remove lids from jars and ceramics. Wrap each separately
- Seal any opened boxes and bottles
- Pad fragile items with towels, linens, curtains. Clearly mark these boxes "fragile"
- When disassembling furniture put the hardware in a plastic bag with any assembly tips and tape it onto the item itself

- Ask your mover if you can leave clothes in drawers. Find out how the movers want hanging clothes packed
- Make a master list of all your belongings
- Number boxes when they are packed and sealed. Indicate on each box its room destination. Write on the master list the contents of the numbered boxes
- Make a box of essentials labeled "open first." Have this box loaded last (so it's unloaded first) or move it yourself. It should include flashlights, a pocket knife, a hammer, screwdrivers, nails, masking tape, tape measure, light bulbs, hand towels,

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soap, toilet paper, shampoo, shower curtains, paper towels, coffeemaker and filters, paper plates and cups, plastic utensils, dish detergent, a sponge, pet foods, dishes and trash bags. To learn more about MoversGuide Online, go to www.usps.com

Moving with children to new locale needn't be traumatic

(NAPSI)—When considering a move, a recent survey found, a parent's top concern is how that move will affect their family. Fortunately, guidance is now available on how to make the move easier for children. Here are 10 tips from the real estate professionals at Century 21:

- 1 Make a positive goodbye to the old home and community. Before you move, host a get-together with close friends and neighbors to say goodbye. Visit special places your family loves. When your home is empty, walk through the rooms and see how empty they are

- 2 Plan a welcoming ritual for your new home. Walk through it together. Gather to hang a family photograph or find a place for an object that is special to your family.
- 3 Have survival necessities that you can find immediately in your new home. This includes the 'blankie' for baby, toys for kids, favorite pajamas for your preschooler, essential CD for your teen and the coffee pot for you.
- 4 Re-establish family routines right away. Once you've moved in, get back to your normal schedule as quickly as possible

- 5 Prioritize the unpacking process. Make your first priority setting up the kids' rooms. Take time to enjoy getting to know your new home.
- 6 Allow the kids some say in setting up their bedrooms. Let them claim their new space.
- 7 Help your children feel comfortable in their new rooms. Some children have problems sleeping in a new bedroom. Take time to talk about how this room is similar to the child's old room and how it's different. Pay special attention to things that were in the old room to encourage a

- 8 Get familiar with the new neighborhood. Talk to your kids about where they can go and where they can't. To make a game of it, print out the Scavenger Hunt on www.C21SmoothMoves.com
- 9 Help your pets settle in. Cats do best when you confine them to one room in the new home. Keep dogs on a leash until they get to know the new neighborhood.
- 10 Make new friends but keep the old. Help your children make friends in the new community by finding activities for them, including clubs,

lessons and classes. Support their need to hold on to their old friends.

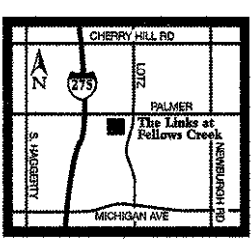
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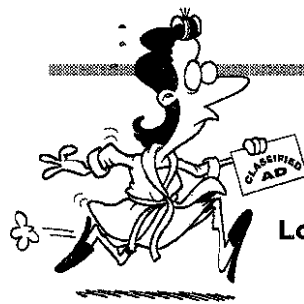
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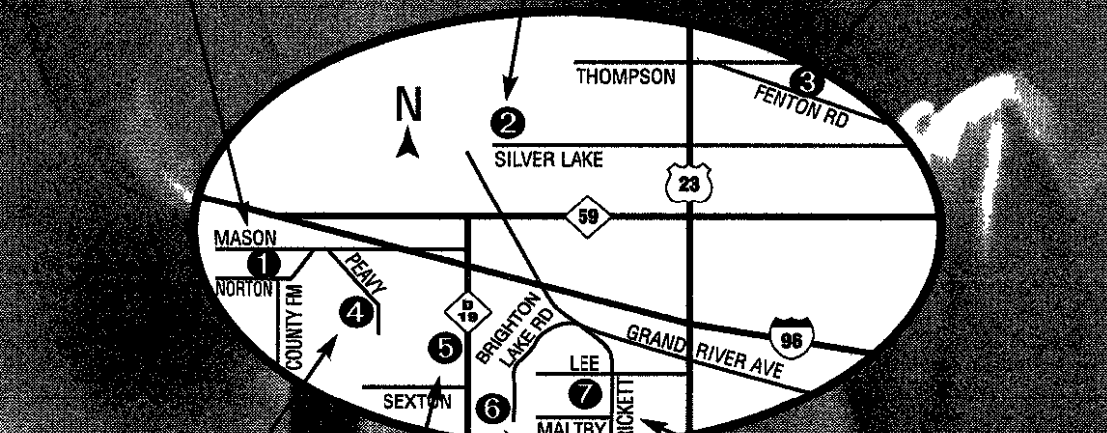
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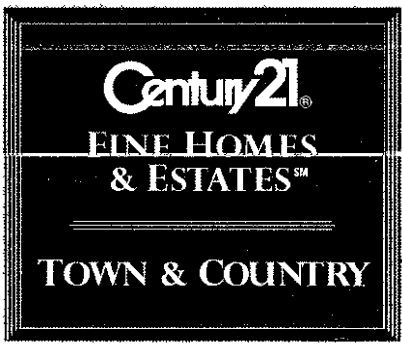
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Ths n e d be 5 BR 3+2 BA 2 sto y home has been emode ed o and looks ke \$ m on + new e rsl ct on The f ac s lot featu es a beau fu n g ound pool v th bar and enterta nng a eas Wow

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n a spectuar new sub v th Troy schools 4 bed oom 3.5 bath home w th 3 ca s de entry garage and p em om e evat on O c a s a case jak sand k kchen MBR v jetted tub and sepa ate sho s

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B ck colona n new sub open fr plan cust upg ades gou met kt fo ma LR DR w th g ceiling & day ndws M C T ay ce ng v ak ns 2 story foyer wood fr cust 2 te deck p us 3 ca s de entry gar

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Bu t 2001 4 BR 3+ BA tudor w h gh ce ngs & neut a decor st ffo mastre Jack & J l bath h dwd frs b e accessd gnts & g an te counte s n kt All appls ncu deck ove ook ng g eat ya d unf n shnd w o & 3 car gar

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D amat c entry n th s beaut fu 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home p esent ng 3 ca attached ga age basement pave pat o See thru f replace f om great room to fam y room + f ep ace n master ste A on app ox 3 4 ac e

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4 bedroom 2.5 bath co on a w th 3 car s de entry ga age and full basement Home sts on nea ly one ac e of wooded and Many mp esse ve featu es t/o Luxury mastre sute w th jetted tub Rochester schoo s

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W th fn shed walk out basement featuring wet bar bill a d room full bath and add tional 2 bedrooms Ma n floor offers h gh ce lings gou met k chen w/granite counte s Qua ty mate a & vo kmanship throughout

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BIRMINGHAM Colonial
Hea of the c y Ths house s be ng bu n 2004 3 bed ooms 2.5 baths F ep ac es n lving oom & mastre bed oom W a k ng d stance to downto n Hu ry to customize k chen and bath

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FRANKLIN Fabulous Yard
4 BR 3 f bath co on a deck ou n a pool and caba a on app ox 77 ac es Upda ed kchen map e cabs opens to a ge FR 2 f rps c ba & h d v d fto s F n bsmt c ular d ve ay & 2 ca a ga Hon e va

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SALEM TWP Beautiful Country Home
3 bed oom 2 u & 2.5 bath 9 ce u y colona n on app ox 2.9 ac s G ea n as e bed oom h d ood fto s count y k chen & fo ma d n g oom La ge poe ba n pond deck & gazebo A mus see

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TROY A Rare Find
On ove one ac e w th 35 oos 4 bed ooms 2 o ba ths and 3 sh d v ak ou o e le e Neu a n oughout Lots of so a ge A app ances a n cuded mmed ate occupancy Just start unpack ng

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And ac egs s a s ord ve o n Rochester and Tech Cent e Stunnng v e s f r m e e y w ndow of ths drama to com po a y G eat oom 1 st floor master v luxury bath & cus om c esets G an te & chery k t

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TROY Absolutely Gorgeous Home
21 p lcs huge w a k n pantry n kt dua sta roases open foye w overlook ng b d ggs ce am c floo s par ty f n bsmt/day ght wndws F esty ga nted nt & ext

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TROY Meticulously Maintained
4 BR 3.5 BA b ck colona n on cu de sac Lb cath ce n n FR w b ck frplc open fr plan & a app s ncu C own mo d ngs 2 ood wa s profess fn bsmt w fu bath bath o & sp nkr s ys Neut decor & home wa

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3350 sq ft ranch has lg bedrooms 3.5 baths f n bsmt 2 ca att ga n gated comm at the TPC golf course over ool ng fa rway Mastre site w etted tub & sep sho ve w th kt w grn te counter Reduced \$60 000

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ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
4 bed oom 2.5 bath co on al w th fu basement and 3 car garage on a large wooded ot Many prem um featu es t/o two sto y foyer and great room Luxury mastre sute Basement w/day ght w ndows

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OAKLAND Nearly New
n g eat cond t on 3 bed oom 2.5 bath 1.5 story w/FF mastre Great oom w cathedral ceiling & gas fireplace Gourmet kitchen v top of the ne stainless appliances and g an te counte s G A sprinkers deck & 2 car gar

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CLARKSTON Extraordinary Contemporary
Custom bu t 13 bed ooms 2.5 baths Oak f u n foyer Des gner ca case & lghts Large off ove ooks of amat c famly oom w th vau ted ceiling and cozy f ep lace w oak mantle Spacous kt w b g cookers

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Charming
3 BR 2 BA cape cod New England character w pano am c vws of wooded avine and ste am Wood fto s un que f ep ace showe v steam bath and newer app s App ox 1 ac e ot

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CANTON Classic Elegance!
Custom bu t on approx 1 ac e lots Foye w v rought ron & w ood t mmed sta case 2 sto y GR w/ fplc & crown mo d ng kt & mastre BA w/gran te tops A 3 BRs have bath & W C Fu bsmt w/o & 3 car att gar

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HARBOR SPRINGS Lake Michigan Frontage
Go geous 5 bedroom 5.5 bath home on Lake M ch gan Beautiful v e ws f om cliff top ocat on Th s 3 sto y home s g eat fo enterta nng Game oom featu es a fu bar 2 kitchens g eat deck & hot tub

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LAKE ORION Indanwood Country Club
New presentation on must ocat on Overlook ng golf cou se first and second fairways and pond Open floor pan frst ffo mastre volume ce ngs 3 2 baths k kchen w th Sub 2e o a appis & day ght basement

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FARMINGTON HILLS Live Lavish
On th s approx 5 acre estate w guest house and 6 car ga age Gourmet kitchen plus 3 m n kitchens 3 f r p ac es & fn shed w o n g ound pool sauna 2 bathtubs & 2 te deck 7 BRs 6 baths FF MBR & oaed

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FARMINGTON HILLS Contemporary
Lakef ont home on the borde of Frankl n 4 BRs 4 full baths master suite w frp c marb e bath & but y n ndoo sv mmmng pool w/sauna LL w pool room dance fto & 2nd kt Extens ve deck overlook ng ake

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PLYMOUTH No Expense Spared!
Magn f cent cape cod on p em um ct w 4 BR & 3.5 BA 3 ca garage Eve y upg ade nclud ng doo s frs t m w ndows elect ca & p umb ng too 2 te Trex deck & b ck pave pat o 12 zone sp nke & cust landscap ng

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WEST BLOOMFIELD 2 Story Contemporary
Custom bu t 2003 home w/P ne Lake f ontage 4 bed ooms 3.5 baths 3 f rps c LR DR FR LB vry open fr pan gran te frs counter tops custom des ng kt x a ge 2.5 car gar c d ve w br ck pave w a way

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WHITE LAKE Unusual Opportunity
All sports akef ont anch f n w o ocat on ove 3 4 acre lot 3 spectuar ga age comp ete w w kshop ne ve k love y updated baths exten custom 2 ter deck huge ooms for enterta nng & over 50 of deck

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ROCHESTER Swim And Tennis Community
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ROCHESTER Surrounded By Nature
And ocat on Pant Creek on app ox 3 5 ac es 4 BR 2.5 BA qua ty colona w wou met k chen b eakfast room FF MBR & m y w ndows that ove oaks gnt s o p ng w ooded ct Numerous updates & amen tes

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MILFORD Custom Built 2001
Th s custom bu t 3 BR 2.5 BA con emp o a y sho ke a mode T o s o geat oom cus om no d ngs b w F ench doo s double oven & cook oom News b custom deck On app ox 3 ac es v ho ses a oved

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OAKLAND TWP Elegant Cape Cod
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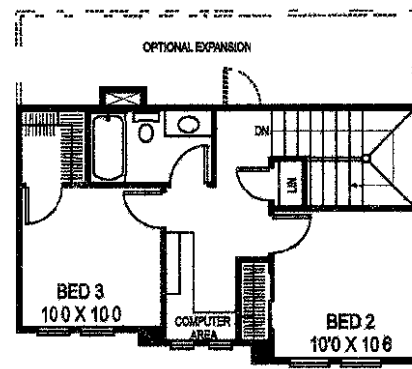
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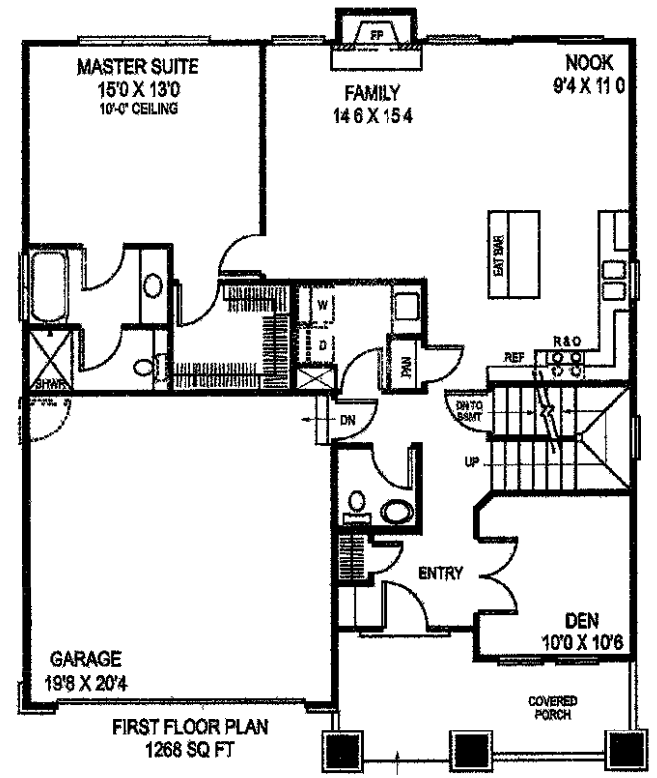
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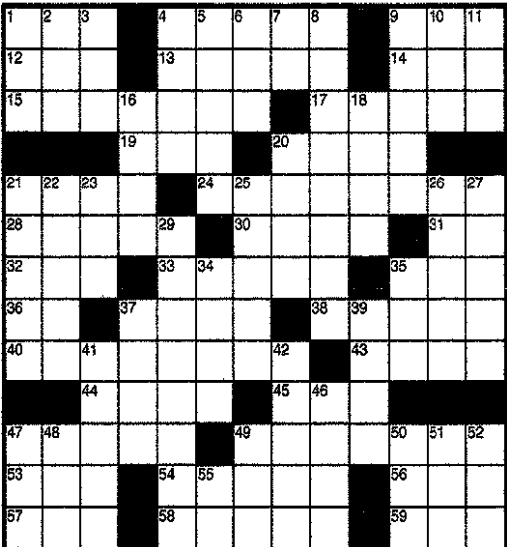
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However, there are some who are hesitant to purchase a home because they are weary of the upkeep and responsibility surrounding ownership. There are solutions for those who desire minimal maintenance responsibilities: townhouses, condominiums and cooperatives. Often the terms are used interchangeably, but there are distinct differences between these types of dwellings. If you are interested in one of these homes, arm yourself with the following information to help you decide what type of ownership is right for you.

TOWNHOUSES

Townhouses are usually a series of single story or multistory units that are linked to each other horizontally by common walls. Some even have attached garages or driveways. Townhouse owners hold title to their units and the land beneath them, so the units cannot be stacked on top of each other. Owners are responsible for the upkeep of the interior and exterior structure. Common areas like recreation areas, pools and sports courts are owned jointly by all townhouse owners. In addition, owners pay property taxes on their individual units.

A property owners' association usually manages the townhouse complex and collects fees from all owners to maintain common areas. Depending upon the association, snow removal, lawn care and garbage disposal are often covered by the maintenance fees.

When browsing real

estate listings, look for the terminology fee simple, which will denote a homeowner's association ownership and confirm that you are purchasing a townhouse property.

CONDOMINIUMS

Condominiums are similar to townhouses but have some striking differences. An individual condo owner only holds title to the condominium unit, not the land beneath the unit, so condos can be stacked on top of each other. (Although some condominiums are designed to look exactly like townhouses, you still do not own the land beneath your unit.)

All condo owners share title to common areas. Common areas include land, the exterior of buildings, hallways, roofs, swimming pools - any area used by multiple owners. Like townhouses, condominium owners pay property taxes on their individual units as well as fees to the property owners' association. Generally, condominium owners are responsible for less maintenance than townhouse owners. For example, many condo association fees will cover exterior repairs like a new roof, windows, etc. Condo fees can be higher than townhouse fees.

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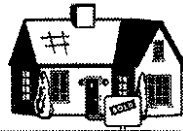
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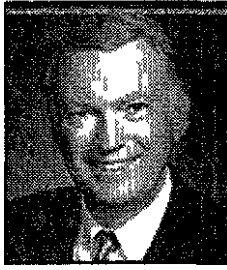
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LOCATION

If the house is located in a strong area with quality homes on all four sides, the seller has the power If, however, local home values are not rising or if surrounding homes detract from the value of the home for sale, the buyer has a strong negotiating tool

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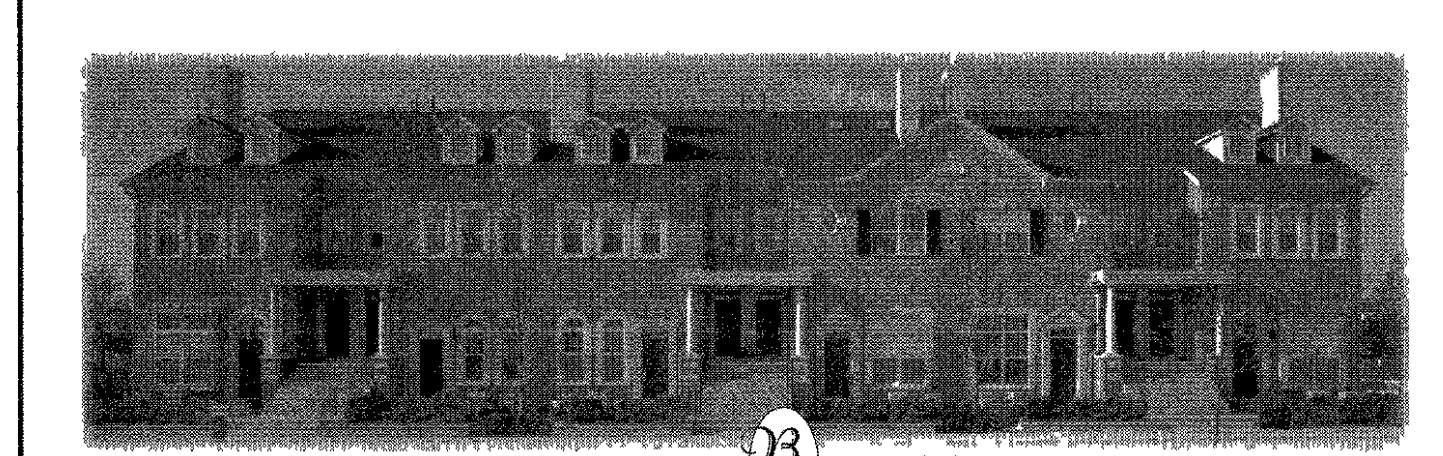
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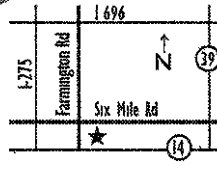
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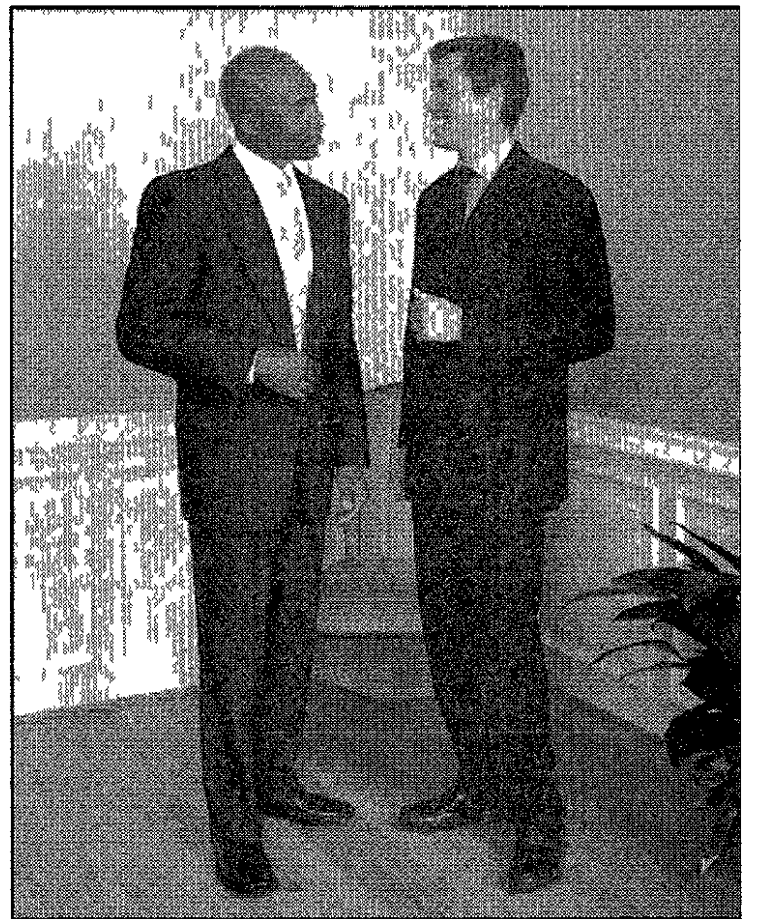
Salary Negotiation Skills Can Help Maximize Your Earnings

You've spent months sneaking off for interviews, wearing suits and ties and answering the question, "Where do you see yourself in five years?" Finally, the quest is over—you've found your dream job. Along with a dream job, it would be nice to land your dream salary. It's never comfortable discussing dollars and cents. But make the salary negotiation process less painful by arming yourself with the right information. Salary issues will arise at different points in the interview process. For some, money comes up after you receive an offer. For others, it is discussed early in the game to ensure that you and the employer aren't wasting one another's time. Whenever the topic of money is brought up, you should have a salary negotiation strategy ready. The first thing you should do is find out the market salary range of the position. Some resources are job listings

for related positions, friends, employment agencies, professional associations, professional trade journals, Bureau of Labor Statistics, a career coach or online salary surveys. Once you get those numbers, determine how much money you need to make to maintain your cost of living. Factor in expenses like mortgage or rent, food, home repair, clothing, telephone, utilities, car, education, loans, insurance, and disposable income for things like vacation and movies. Once you calculate that, you can decide what salary you ideally need and what salary you are willing to settle for. When you are talking money, let the employer state the range before you bring up yours. How much a salary is negotiable depends on factors like the position, the company, your potential value to the company, and your experience. Most entry-level salaries won't budge, but mid-level or executive posi-

tions range between 10 to 20 percent, according to career experts. Employers will negotiate within that range, but will usually only exceed it under special circumstances. Written backup is a good way to justify your salary request. Feel free to bring in any statistics you found. You can also round up performance evaluations, letters of recommendation or any other proof you have of your worth, such as other salaries you've been offered. Of course, be prepared to share your accomplishments at previous jobs to support your cause. When you pitch a salary offer, the employer may disagree with your number. Instead, he may make a counter-offer. Give yourself at least 24 hours to think about it. That way you can do some number crunching and make sure this number will really work for you. If it doesn't, put together a package with a number that you feel is appropriate. Remember to

consider not just salary but vacation, insurance, retirement plans and any other benefits. All this talk about money can rattle just about anyone. The best way to prepare for salary negotiation is the tried-and-true method, practice. Do a mock interview with a friend or family member. This tactic will let you practice your "pitch" of what you will bring to the company. Learn to show enthusiasm and professionalism to help you sell yourself even better. You finally got the job you wanted at the right price. Just be sure to get it all in writing so there are no surprises when your paycheck comes. You should get a letter of agreement written by the employer, stating the position, salary, insurance benefits, retirement plans and any other benefits you discussed (such as you'll get three weeks paid vacation instead of the normal two weeks). If you are concerned, have an



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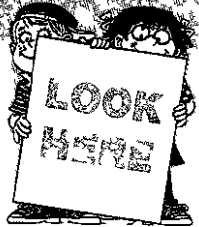
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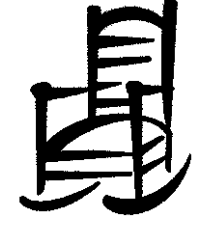
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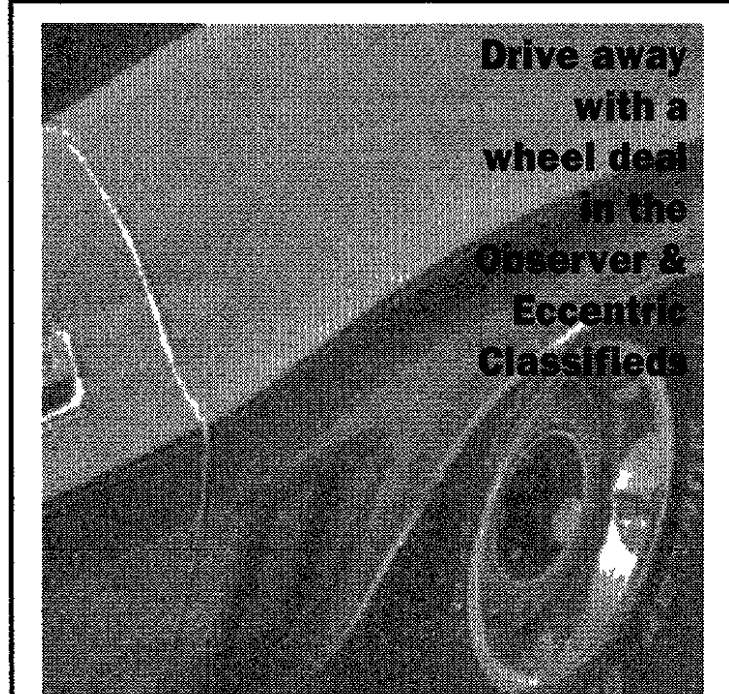
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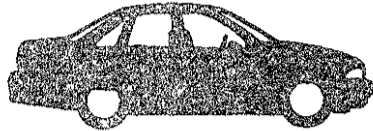
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2004 Hyundai Elantra GT: Great Value

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2004 Hyundai Elantra GT: Great Value

The 2004 Hyundai Elantra is one of the best vehicles at the best price gracing American roads today. Hovering just under the \$15,000 price tag, this is a passenger vehicle that not only gets great mileage but is functional as a family car.

Driven this week was the Elantra GT, which is the sportier model that has a host of options that make it worth every penny you'll pay. There are three models to choose from: the Elantra GLS, Elantra GT four-door and the Elantra GT five-door.

European styling is the key here, with the Elantra looking more like a foreign car than an American-bred one. The new design is more refined, making this Elantra look more expensive than it really is.

There's a new hood, front fenders, bumper, headlamp assembly and a revised grille that features horizontal bars. I think it looks sporty as well. Slipping inside the front driver's seat, you'll notice new instrumentation and a new center console. There are pronounced heating and cooling controls as well as new controls for the door locks.

Hyundai has added a 12-volt power source to the front instrumentation. Leather seating surfaces are standard, as well as power door locks, power windows, power mirrors, cruise control, tachometer, trip computer, keyless remote entry, variable intermittent wipers, rear window defroster and wiper, tilt steering column and floor mats.

Like I said, value. The 2.0-liter dual overhead cam 16-valve engine features continuously variable valve timing for better control of engine emissions. The engine is more



2004 Hyundai Elantra GT - Vehicle type: Compact Sedan. Power: 2.0-liter 16-valve engine. Mileage: 27 city / 34 highway. Where built: Korea. Price as tested: \$15,587.

than adequate for a vehicle of this size. I never had a problem getting it going on the freeway or around town.

Standard is a five-speed manual transmission. Unless you do a lot of freeway driving, opt for the automatic for a little more comfort. But if you're a control freak and need that power over your vehicle, but all means take that five-speed manual and have a lot of fun with it. It's not only responsive, but can provide a little bit of excitement if that's what you want.

By the way, the engine is rated at 138 horses. More than enough to power a vehicle of this size.

This Elantra is a little bit larger than its previous model, offering a little more headroom and more rear seat leg and hip room. It's also 2 3/4 inches longer in its wheelbase than the previous model.

I was duly impressed with the quiet ride and comfort it provided. Usually in smaller vehicles, you'll find you'll feel every imperfection in the road surface -- and there are so many on Michigan roads -- that at times, the ride can be downright uncomfortable. I never felt that way in the Elantra.

The driver's seat is adjustable and is larger and more comfortable than last generation. The front seat belts are adjustable, too, which really helps

those of us who are tall.

I found all controls and knobs to be easy to understand, easy to operate and a joy to play with. Side airbags are standard, as are driver and passenger front air bags, of course.

There are child safety door locks, child seat anchor system and automatic locking retractors and an energy-absorbing steering column for your safety.

I never mention this, but I just have to in Hyundai's case. All vehicles Hyundai sells in the US come with bumper-to-bumper coverage for five years or 60,000 miles and power train coverage for 10 years or 100,000 miles -- one of the best in the automotive business. There's also 24-hour roadside assistance at no extra charge for five full years, no matter how much mileage is on your vehicle. Not bad.

I've recommended Hyundai vehicles to two individuals -- a good friend and a cousin -- and both of them have been pleased as punch to own one. Maybe you should go take a look and see if you'll be pleased as well.

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