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Voters ponder school board race, millage

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A new state law in which municipal clerks now run school board elections looks like it's accomplished what was intended - increase voter turnout

As of late this week, clerks in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township reported they had nearly 3,200 absentee ballots returned for Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton school board election. That figure is already more than the number of votes cast in the Board of Education elections in three of the past four years.

According to figures from Plymouth-Canton Schools election clerk Elizabeth Adams, there were 2,756 votes cast in the 2004 school board election. In 2003, there were 2,734 votes cast, and in 2001 only 2,621 voters either went to the polls or cast absentee ballots.

The only anomaly was in 2002, when 4,117 voters participated in an election which had

nine candidates seeking election to the board. Municipal clerks in the five communities that encompass the Plymouth-Canton school district - including Northville Township, Salem Township and Superior Township - mailed more absentee ballots than what were usually sent by the school district. Of the three largest communities, Canton sent 3,600, Plymouth Township 2,386 and Plymouth 576.

Annual school board elections in Plymouth-Canton generated less than 5 percent of the district's 78,000 registered voters in the past. While this is the first election run by the clerks, many believe the voter turnout will be in the 10-15 percent range. That's low by municipal election standards, but still better than previous school board elections.

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said she isn't preparing for a large turnout Tuesday.

PLEASE SEE SCHOOL RACE, A5

Hike aims to recapture Headlee losses

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

James Ruth of Plymouth Township admits he was leaning toward supporting both parts of the millage request Plymouth Township officials are seeking in Tuesday's election even before he attended the Plymouth Township Citizens Police Academy.

After finishing the nine-session course, though, he's firmly behind both the 1.63-mill renewal and the .37 increase.

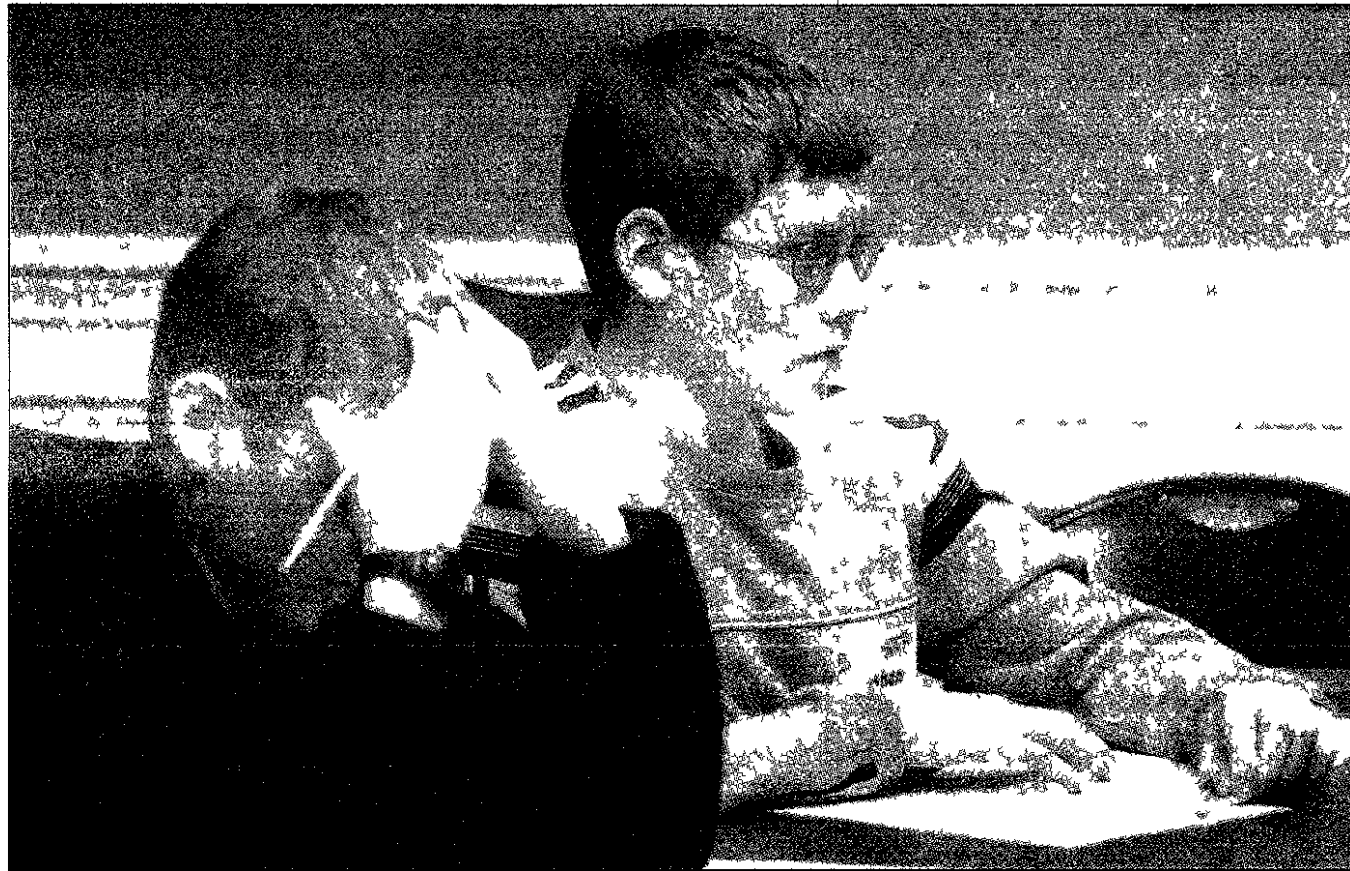
"I was hesitating a little, although I was leaning toward supporting it," said Ruth, who graduated with 23 of his classmates during a ceremony before Tuesday's Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting. "We as citizens don't really know what they do. We see them stopping cars and writing

tickets, but there's a lot more to it than that."

Polls open at 7 a.m. Absentee ballots, always a key factor in elections, are expected to play a significant role once again. Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said Thursday she'd already received nearly 1,500 absentee ballots, of more than 2,500 applications she'd gotten.

No matter how they cast their ballots, township voters get the chance Tuesday to either agree or disagree with Ruth. Township officials are asking them to approve the renewal of 1.63 mills first established as part of a 2-mill levy in 1985. Also part Tuesday's ballot question will be an increase of .37 intended to recapture the part of the millage eaten away by the Headlee Amendment.

PLEASE SEE RECAPTURE, A5



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brothers Matthew and Stephen Bohlen ponder financial issues during the New Liberty Bank kids' workshop on saving money.

Money in the bank

Saving program aims at getting kids ready for life

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When the 50 or so home-schooled children who were at New Liberty Bank Tuesday had graduated from the bank's "Teach Children to Saved Day" program, they each got a shiny new piggy bank as a gift.

Now, bank president Mike Weaver hopes the things they learned will help them use it.

Weaver, himself the father of nine and who home-schools his children, conducted the event because he fears youngsters, particularly school-age children, aren't learning the importance of saving.

"There are more and more kids out of

school who don't have an understanding of how to manage money," Weaver said. "It's a necessary component of life."

Weaver said parents hold the responsibility for "making sure they're capable of taking care of themselves." Weaver is a firm believer handing finances is a "key component" of that.

That's why his lesson plan focused heavily on teaching the youngsters the differences between 'wants' and 'needs.' Other parts of the lesson plan explained how to budget and showed how a bank 'helps people save money through interest.'

When they were done, children were asked to draw a picture of something they'd

PLEASE SEE BANK, A8



Quinn Walker, 11, ponders the difference between financial needs and wants.

Committee flies with plans for Bird boundary

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Despite efforts by parents of several dozen Bird Elementary students to delay boundary changes that will send their children to Farrand Elementary next year, the Plymouth-Canton Schools housing committee has finalized its plans for presentation to the Board of Education.

As a result, at least 45 elementary students, most of whom live in the Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions, will be transferred to help alleviate overcrowding at Bird.

"I don't think they put a lot of thought into it," said Judy Strzalka, who has twin first-grade girls at Bird. "I don't think they considered any of our proposals. It was a smoke screen. We will do something because we won't accept this."

Parents presented at least four alternatives, but the housing committee decided they weren't feasible.

"A couple we'd looked at already and felt they weren't possible, and some had potential and we took time to investigate them," said Barbara Church, assistant superintendent for instructional services. "We really hoped one of them would work, but none did."

The housing committee did make two changes to accommodate parents. While any of the affected students who will be in the fifth grade next year will have the opportunity to stay at Bird, the committee extended the option to their siblings, who will be allowed to stay for one additional year, also. However, parents will have to provide transportation.

The housing committee also is recommending to the school board that a dedicated bus route be created for Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills students to reduce travel time to Farrand.

The boundary changes will also affect a number of middle school students. Church said there will be 69 students moved from West to Pioneer, with Pioneer then giving up 47 students to Discovery. A couple dozen parents reportedly expressed concerns about the middle school changes.

Church said an information-only session on the Bird recommendations will be held at West Middle School from 6:30-7 p.m. Tuesday. The issue will be taken up by the Board of Education at its May 10 meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. at Discovery Middle School.

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Coming Thursday in Filter



If you don't have tickets to the playoffs, there are plenty of places where you can join the fun.

Bicycle safety

The Plymouth A M Rotary Club hosts a Bike Safety Rally open to all children in the Plymouth-Canton community. The event takes place from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 22, in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Safety for bicycles, rollerblades and skateboards will be discussed with the Modern Skate and Surf Team. Helmets will be available for \$10.

Fire and emergency safety will also be topics, with Canton and Plymouth Township fire departments and EMS street safety promoted by the Plymouth Police Department. Door prizes and bicycle safety checks will be available.

Training exhibit

Human Synergistics International of Plymouth will exhibit a booth at the American Society for Training and Development 2005 International Conference & Expo June 6-8 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

In addition to featuring several existing products, HSI will introduce its new Acumen products for leadership and team development. In March 2004, Human Synergistics International established an exclusive licensing agreement with Acumen International to

market and sell its products.

Staffer honored

Plymouth Township Deputy Clerk Joseph Bridgman has been awarded the designation of certified municipal clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks for achieving its educational, experience and service requirements.

Bridgman has been the township's deputy clerk since March 2003. He attained an associate's degree in accounting from Schoolcraft College and completing two sessions of the Municipal Clerks Institute Program conducted by the state and local government programs at Michigan State University.

Bridgman is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, Association of Wayne County Clerks and the National Notary Association.

New VPs

Mike Goewey, owner of Property Facts Home Inspections in Plymouth, has been named vice president of the newly formed Michigan Association of Home Inspectors (Mich AHI). Patrick Lyons, of The Buyers Inspector LLC in Manchester, was named president.

Matthew Bezanson of Sherlock Homes Inspection, Ltd. in Madison Heights, will be treasurer and Sally Freudenburg of Sherlock of Homes in St. Joseph will be secretary.

Goewey is a certified real estate inspector, licensed builder, and licensed termite inspector, with extensive training in property maintenance. He has been a member of the board of directors for the National Association of Home Inspectors (NAHI) since 2003. In 2002, Goewey was named Member of the Year for the NAHI. He was also the 2002 president of the Michigan Chapter of the NAHI, which he founded in 2002.

Plymouth resident Tom Leyden has been promoted to vice president, Marketing, Communications and Business Development at MPRO, Michigan's Health Care Quality Improvement Organization.

Leyden joined MPRO in 2000 and previously served as senior director of Marketing and Business Development. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and is currently pursuing his M.B.A. at Wayne State University. He serves on the senior advisory councils of Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Michigan, Area Agency on Aging 1B, and Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan.

MOMS open house

The MOMS Club Livonia-S/Plymouth hosts an Open House from 10 a.m. to noon and 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Mies Park, 32305 W

Chicago in Livonia.

Moms can come and meet stay-at-home moms from their area and learn what the MOMS club is all about. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Color Guard tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Color Guard — the flag spinning, rifle-toting, saber-slashing arm of the award-winning P-CEP Marching Band — is preparing for its fall season.

The Plymouth High School Cafeteria will be the site for workshops from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on May 2-5 and May 9. Auditions will be held Tuesday, May 10, at the same location and time.

All current P-CEP students as well as incoming freshmen are invited to participate. Contact Jennifer Leseth at pcombguard@aol.com or (734) 582-5666 for more information.

Food drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers and the Plymouth Salvation Army host a food drive Saturday, May 14, to benefit children with no lunch program and seniors who need assistance during the summer months.

Donors can leave their donations of non-perishables by their mailboxes, and mail carriers will pick them up while delivering mail May 14. Food can also be dropped off at both Plymouth post office locations — on Beck in the township and Pennman in the city — before May 14.

While the food drive is actually a national event, the Plymouth mail carrier and Plymouth Salvation Army will team up to keep food in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area served by the Salvation Army. Last year's donation collected more than 23,700 pounds of food in Plymouth.

Fife & Drum

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps performs in a benefit aimed at supporting the corps from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth.

Panera Bread will donate a percentage of its proceeds from the evening to the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, which will play music throughout the evening.

Panera Bread is located in the Mayflower Centre at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

Perennial exchange

Garden Club Park neighborhood friends will get together for a perennial exchange and coffee from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at Garden Club Park, corner of Sutherland and Forest in Plymouth.

Attendees can bring what they have to share, or come even without anything to share.

For more information, call Melissa Henderson, (734) 455-4227.

Crafters needed

Crafters are needed for the 19th annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at

(734) 844-1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Alex Tomko, director of Michigan Specific Chiropractic in Plymouth, gives a free workshop on the cause of fibromyalgia, along with tips on what foods to avoid, what toxic metal contributes to fibromyalgia, what mineral is deficient in fibromyalgia sufferers and natural ways to live a better life.

The workshop is free and will be held at the Plymouth Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3. For more information, call (734) 416-2442.

Dog jog

The Michigan Humane Society gets its annual dose of Plymouth generosity when the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth presents its annual Plymouth Dog Jog at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14, originating from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Participants can help by getting pledges from family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Registration fee is \$25 if post-marked by May 1, \$30 the day of the event. Contests are conducted in three age groups for both males and females, along with prizes for Best Costume, Longest Tail and Best Look-Alike. Grand prizes will go to joggers with the three highest pledge amounts. All joggers/walkers get a T-shirt.

Registration starts at noon, with the walk starting at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society and the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-4782.

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Theater: Seeds planted a decade ago

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill was a decade in the making and, as its first season comes to a close, the time spent on its construction has proven to pay off.

About 10 years ago, Canton leaders asked some 50 to 60 artists and musicians from Canton and surrounding communities to get together and discuss culture in the area and how to advance cultural events, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

That was when the idea of a theater first came up as a possibility, Yack said.

The idea was kicked around and several locations were examined, including property on Ford Road and a parcel near the high schools in Canton, before its eventual site in Cherry Hill Village was discussed.

From there, a five-year process of feasibility studies

and discussions about the future theater's features and services began.

The township hired a firm to study if there was capacity to raise enough money to construct a theater. After that, Canton hired Plante & Moran to do an operations plan on what it would cost to construct and run facilities of different sizes.

"Finally we brought in a theatrical consultant who put together a floor plan based on discussions with various user groups, and she was also tasked with deciding where the building would go," Yack said.

The actual building does not vary much from the consultant's recommendations, he added. The rooms are the same size she recommended and she favored the Cherry Hill Village site.

At the same time, Cherry Hill Village plans were being finalized, and the theater was a focal point of the area.

"It was in the final phase of planning Cherry Hill Village and the theater that the two came together," recalled township trustee Melissa McLaughlin, also a planning commissioner. "We knew we'd be putting a variety of commercial down there and the thinking has been that the theater would lend a sort of ambience to the village, so we'd see restaurants and ice cream shops going in, so people would make an entire evening of going to the theater."

Canton then created a non-profit organization, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, which raised money and acted as an advisory group during the planning and construction process.

Along the way we discovered we didn't need a partnership or nonprofit. The thinking at the time was that donors would be more comfortable giving to a nonprofit than they would giving to government, but that wasn't the case at all,

Yack said. Through the group, the township has raised about \$7.5 million in the form of pledges, which has footed part of the \$11.5 million in construction costs and will subsidize operations. Canton was also able to solicit \$1 million donations from both Dick Lewiston and Biltmore, two Cherry Hill Village developers.

About 18 months ago, the township established a cultural commission, which did a strategic plan.

Canton broke ground on the theater in the spring of 2002, and the theater opened in September 2004. "The first year is really about testing out some ideas and seeing how the community reacts," Yack said. The partnership had provided \$200,000 as seed money to try things they wouldn't normally try, such as bringing in national acts such as the Shrelles in January and Grey Seal Puppets in March.



BILL BRESLER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Tobin of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill reflects on the theater's first season, which ends this month.

Curtain closes on theater's season

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

As the curtain comes down on the first season at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, its coordinator, Jennifer Tobin, walks quickly through its halls and back doors, and marvels at the mass of rope that operates the flies backstage.

You know they say you can see the Renaissance Center from the roof, she said, looking up toward the top of the theater.

The theater's debut season has been everything Tobin had hoped and then some. It's been better, more rewarding, more hectic and more difficult than she had anticipated when she landed the job of running the 400-seat theater.

But it's been worth it, she says.

What really excites me is the number of local people who have put together bands and choirs and cut CDs just because we're here and they want to use this venue. Tobin said. "These people lived here all along; they were our neighbors and friends - and you find out that you're the next door to one of them." Frank Sinatra is the reason to how come it's here.

Jim Blough, director of the 60-piece Canton Concert Band, was one of those residents who was waiting for a venue such as the theater to open.

It was kind of hand in hand, Blough said. The township and I were looking to do kind of the same thing. They were looking for groups that would use the theater and I was happy to be involved.

It's been a match made in heaven thus far, according to Blough.

It's a beautiful venue, a wonderful place to play and it's a very good place to rehearse. It suits us very, very well, he said.

The community band practices every Thursday in the theater's Biltmore studio. In addition to the concert band, six smaller musical groups, including an 18-piece big band, have formed at the theater.

It's no accident that the new groups have flocked to the theater. Tobin and the theater's board of directors have actively pursued artists and performers in hopes they would do just that.

FORMING PARTNERSHIPS

They have also formed a partnership with the schools, by opening up the theater for

school use, and have even offered the schools a deal in which they can keep half of the \$5 admission price, when they hold performances at the theater.

And it's the community groups and school performances that have drawn more attendance than any professional group the theater has booked in the last year, Tobin said.

Two choirs - an adult choir and children's chorus - have formed in order to use the theater. A 60-piece community band formed too. A youth orchestra, children's theater groups and the Spotlight Players have formed and have occupied the theater's stage. In total, some 4,000 visitors per month have come to the theater during its first year.

"We have learned that people love seeing local performers. They love seeing their kids on stage, and they love seeing their neighbors perform. But they also love having professional theater groups and musicians come to the community," Tobin said.

A COMMUNITY THEATER

That was the idea behind the small community theater. The township didn't have enough ticket revenue to support themselves, but not so large that there is pressure to fill 900 or more seats for every performance, said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

My guess is that over time we may have another youth theater group and more adult groups form, but it will be mainly community theater and not a venue that brings in national performers, Yack said. "You want to go see people you know in the audience, but also you like to see people you know on the stage. That to me is the measure of success."

In addition to the performing arts, the theater has drawn the work of painters and sculptors, and every month the Village Theater has displays by local artists and shows by the Three Cities Art Club.

The theater has done well for its first year, but it's done so with financial and physical support from the township. The leisure services had done a good job of incorporating the arts in existing events such as Liberty Fest, Tobin said, so there was already a population ready for the arts to come to Canton.

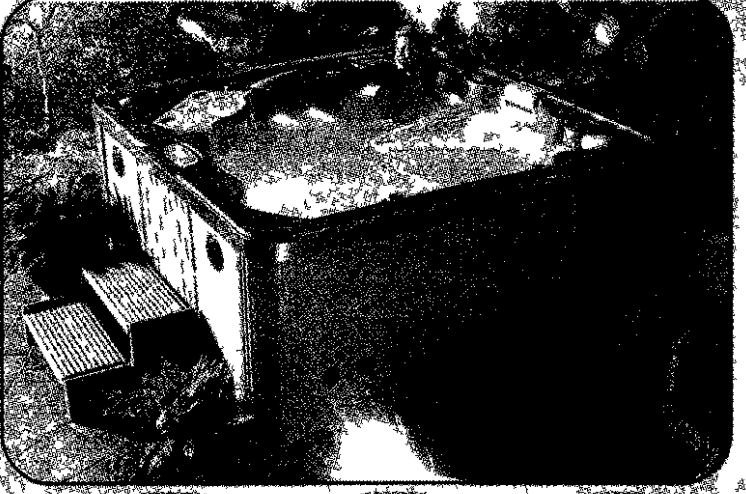
Further, the township established the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, which serves as a funding and planning arm of the theater.

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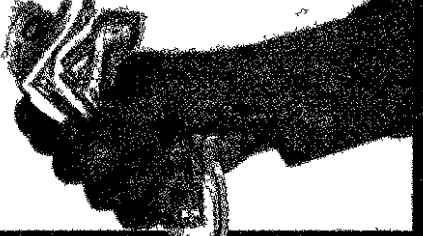
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County: Derailing underpass could still cost city, township

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It will cost the Plymouth communities nearly as much to back out of the Sheldon Road underpass project as it will to fully fund the nearly \$12 million enterprise.

According to the latest figures from Wayne County, Plymouth Township is on the hook for two-thirds of the \$1.3 million in design costs, while Plymouth is liable for the remaining third, even if they decide to drop financial support to complete the project.

For Plymouth Township, which six years ago voted to contribute just over \$1 million to the underpass, it will cost \$858,000 if trustees back out of Plymouth, which earlier voted to give \$503,250 to the underpass project, is obligated to pay \$429,000.

"We have agreements that obligate them to those numbers," said Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive for government relations. "I've reported those numbers to (City Manager) Paul Sincock and (Township Supervisor) Richard Reaume."

"We're also moving forward

'The city should have never gotten involved. I'd still like to see a detailed accounting of the alleged charges.'

Michele Potter
city commissioner

on the revised intergovernmental agreement giving them firm cap costs, which are going out this week, he said.

Helmkamp wants signed agreements capping costs at the \$1 million for the township and \$503,250 for the city.

Both communities have had discussions with their respective attorneys to determine if, indeed, they will be stuck with the engineering costs reported by the county. However, details of those discussions are being called attorney-client privilege and aren't being released.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards wants to know how the design costs escalated, remembering several years ago the estimate for Plymouth

Township was at \$173,000, while the city's was \$86,000.

They went from a quarter-million dollars to \$1.3 million," Edwards said. "Before they decided to spend more money, they should have come back to the people."

"I'm not sure we have four votes out there with these dire economic times," he said. "We're fighting to keep people in jobs. I don't think there's a million to be found."

Commissioner Michele Potter would like to see the city drop its support and move on.

"The city should have never gotten involved," Potter said. "I'd still like to see a detailed accounting of the alleged charges."

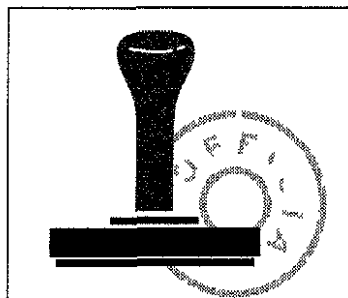
County officials are up against a May 31 deadline to secure \$1.7 million in federal funds. Engineering designs must be completed, as well as signed agreements with all parties involved, including CSX Railroad, which has yet to sign on to pay its 8 percent of the cost.

"We're still pushing them," Helmkamp said of CSX.

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DEATHS

D
Dean W. Davis, 74, of Dearborn Heights, died April 28.
F
Janel M. Fisher, 38, died April 26.
M
Rosemary Meggitt, of Grand Blanc formerly of Clarkston, died April 27.
N
Geraldine Helen Nagy, 79, of Plymouth, died April 26.
Archie E. Neely Jr., 78, died April 26.
R
Margaret 'Anne' Roberts, 84, of Jupiter Fla., formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died March 21.
T
Allan A. Tharp, 59, of Birmingham, died April 26.
W
Carole J. Williams, 79, died April 27.



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

and was also released to her parents.

Home invasion

An Ann Arbor Trail homeowner said he noticed part of the locking mechanism to the front door of his house lying on the floor.

Suspecting someone had broken in, he told police he searched his house and found a magazine, containing three .50 caliber rounds, to a Desert Eagle handgun was missing from his bedroom. Also missing two bottles of cooking wine. The owner told police nothing else was missing.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period between April 20-26.

■ Tuesday, April 26 - Residential rescue runs on Sheridan on Shadywood and on Haggerty.

■ Monday, April 25 - Residential rescue runs on Northview, on Powell and on Red Maple Court, industrial rescue runs on Halyard, vehicle accident with wash-down at N Territorial and Beck.

■ Sunday, April 24 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon, on westbound M-14 between Sheldon and Beck and on Hines south of Northville Road, residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Tension, on Grant and on Parkview, rescue run on N Territorial.

■ Saturday, April 23 - Residential rescue runs on Shadywood, on Greenview on Coolidge and on Pinewood, vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon and on southbound I-275 at M-14, rescue run on westbound M-14 at Beck, rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Friday, April 22 - Residential rescue runs on Academy, on Jenner, on Ann Arbor Trail on Sheridan, on Newporte and on Coolidge, vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 at M-14 on northbound I-275 at M-14 and on Beck Road east of the exit from M-14, downed wires on Maple.

■ Thursday, April 21 - Industrial rescue runs on Sheldon and on Plymouth Road, residential rescue runs on Franklin, on Roosevelt and on Mill, commercial rescue run on Mill, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Wednesday, April 20 - Commercial rescue run on N Territorial.

POLICE BLOTTER

Rock 'n' run

Two teenagers were cited and a third was released to the custody of her parents after an alleged rock-throwing incident off the Northville Road overpass over M-14. A woman driving on M-14 told Plymouth Township police she saw the three girls on the overpass just as a rock struck her vehicle. She contacted her husband, who eventually caught up with the girls. Two girls admitted to throwing a rock, telling police they thought it would be funny. They were cited and released to their parents, the third girl denied any involvement.

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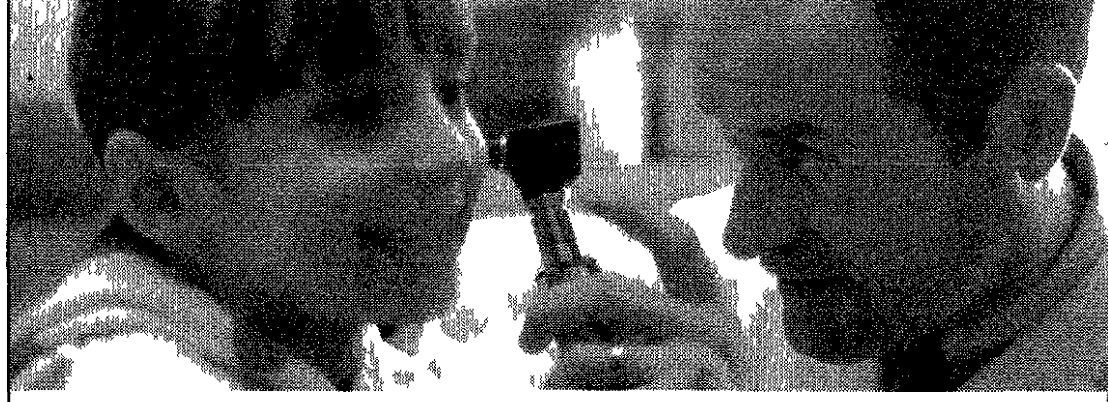
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SCHOOL RACE

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I'm recommending to my election workers they bring a book to read, said Massengill. No sense twiddling their thumbs for 13 hours. A lot of people aren't even aware of the election, for whatever reason she said. People just don't vote in school elections.

That was evidenced by a gentleman leaving the Mayflower Party Shoppe on Main Street Friday afternoon.

What school election? said the man, who would only identify himself as living in Plymouth Township. I'm single and don't have any kids going to school. I don't care.

Plymouth Clerk Landa Langmesser said it's been calm the past few weeks, with few telephone calls asking the usual questions like where to vote.

It's been quiet and low-key compared to other elections we've run, said Langmesser. I expect voter turnout will be a little lighter than city commission elections, which is about 15 percent in the primaries.

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett predicted the number will be low, but still much larger than school board elections in the past.

I suspect this will be similar to our August primary about 12 percent, said Bennett. "It's

hard to judge because this is the first time we've done this.

No one knows, yet, how much the election will cost. Plymouth-Canton Schools until all the bills are in. Early estimates indicated the school district could see a bill of \$78,000 from Canton Township, \$35,000 from Plymouth Township, \$30,000 from Northville Township and \$15,000 from Plymouth.

However, with Schoolcraft College having a question on the ballot and Plymouth Township conducting a millage election, costs aren't expected to be as high as estimated because each governmental unit will divide the costs.

In January state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, said he'd be the first legislator to introduce legislation to amend the new state law to bring election costs more in line. On March 8, Stewart made good on that promise by introducing legislation which allows school boards to conduct their own elections in the designated months of February, May, August or November.

The new law also calls for all elections to be held in the same voting place, which means many school district voters will have to learn new polling places for school board elections. Clerks sent out new voter registration cards which indicated where residents will vote

for all future elections.

Almost lost in the new rules and regulations is the fact that two people are running for one four-year seat on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Incumbent Tom Wysocki of Plymouth is seeking his second four-year term on the board. If re-elected, Wysocki said he'd like to make technology a top priority in the district.

Technology is changing so fast and the kids coming through now are exposed to so much more information that we were in the past," said Wysocki, the school board vice president. "We need to bring the schools up to that point so we can satisfy their craving for information."

Emily Florence, a mother of four, is a first-timer on the school board ballot.

Budget, obviously is the big issue with all the federal and state cuts that have been made.

Florence said, "We need to maintain a budget that will enable us to employ the top quality teachers, educators and administrators. Keeping them happy, but also keeping within our budget."

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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RECAPTURE

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According to township officials, that means residents whose homes have a taxable value of \$100,000 would see an increase of some \$37 per year. They also say without both parts of the millage request, funding police and fire services at the current level will be much more difficult.

Even this doesn't solve the problem, said township Treasurer Ron Edwards. The 37 only replaces what we've lost. It doesn't save anything.

According to Edwards, failure of the millage would mean drastic cuts within both the police and fire departments, which he said make up about 66 percent of the township's expenditures. The fire department is currently staffed with 27 firefighters, plus Chief Randy Maycock, Assistant Chief Mark Wendel and fire inspector Don McDurmon.

The police department is manned with 31 officers, including Chief Tom Tiderington and Assistant

Chief Robert Smith, and 11 communications/dispatchers.

If we don't get (the millage), it could mean a hit of as many as 16 police/fire positions, Edwards said. There's nowhere else to fund it from.

Obviously, the chiefs of both departments feel the need for both parts of the millage question to pass. This millage, and a separate 8137 fire-only millage, provide about 55 percent of the police/fire budget.

The rest is paid for out of other revenues, such as state-shared revenue, fees and other miscellaneous revenue like interest income and cable television fees. With the township having absorbed some \$800,000 in state-shared revenue cuts the last few years, and perhaps another cut coming later this year, officials feel the May 3 vote is crucial.

It's absolutely critical, said Fire Chief Randy Maycock, whose department operates on a \$3.5 million budget. "Even if it passes, it doesn't address the shortfalls in the police and fire budgets. They're still going to have to address that at some point."

"If you don't have the budget, you're looking at layoffs — perhaps as many as 6 firefighters," Maycock said.

The police department operates on a \$4.4 million budget that covers law enforcement and dispatch. Tiderington said the department is already at minimal staffing, based on what he said are rule-of-thumb calculations.

"We're at a minimal staffing level at this point, and there's no way we can take a reduction (in funding) without seriously reducing the services," Tiderington said. The community decides on the level of services they want with respect to their police department. If there's not funding, then services obviously have to be reduced.

"If we don't have the funds to put the police officers on the streets or in the schools, or do detective work," he added, "obviously there'll be a reduction in the services we can provide."

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The Plymouth students were **Scott Fisher** and **Jennifer Quandahl**. Making the list from Canton were **Kevin Blakita**, **Sean Campbell**, **William Casey**, **Lauren Cilia**, **Kevin Kardel**, **Timothy Moore**, **Stephen Panoff**, **Kimberly Parmucha**, **Andrew Pixley**, **Anthony Radziszewski**, **Richard Rymond**, **Matthew Trublowksi**, **Robert Vander Hoeven**,

Laura Walker and **Stephanie Watson**
HIRAM COLLEGE

Ian Dixon of Canton was among the students named to the Dean's List at Hiram (Ohio) College for the fall semester.

Students named to the list have completed 12 or more hours of graded coursework and achieving at least a 3.6 grade-point average for the semester.

CANTERBURY SCHOOL

Joshua Belfiore of Canton was named to the Honor Roll at Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn.

Freudenberg chief earns Shingo prize

IN BUSINESS

Dr. Mohsen Sohi, president and chief executive officer of Plymouth-based Freudenberg-NOK, has recently been inducted into the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing Academy in recognition of his constant pursuit of world-class business performance through focused improvements in core manufacturing and business processes.

Sohi was inducted by Ross E. Robson, executive director of the Shingo Prize, and Bruce Hamilton, vice chair of the business board of examiners, during the 17th-annual Shingo Prize Conference in Grand Rapids. Sohi was a keynote speaker at the conference where he discussed Freudenberg-NOK's lean experience in a presentation titled, "13 Years & Counting - Reflection on a Lean Journey."

It is a great honor to be inducted into the Shingo Prize Academy among the most highly skilled practitioners in lean," said Sohi. "I accept this recognition on behalf of all my Freudenberg-NOK associates, who work every day to evolve our lean program and continue to take the company to the next level. Since joining Freudenberg-NOK in 2003, Sohi has been committed to re-energizing the

company's lean benchmark program called Growth[®] (an acronym for Get Rid of Waste Through Team Harmony). He has worked to integrate lean principles, Six Sigma practices and information technology to extend continuous improvement across the entire Freudenberg-NOK enterprise.

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RE/MAX ground breaking

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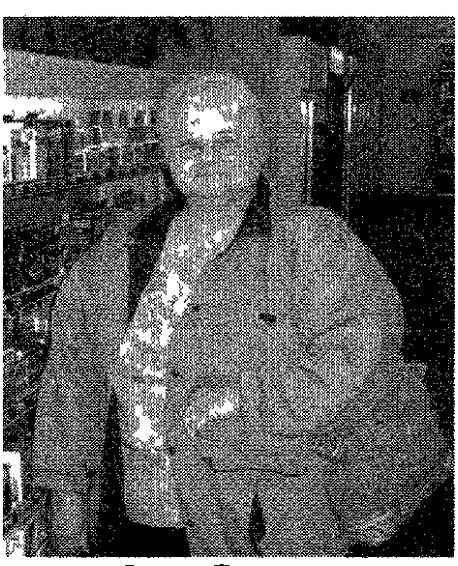
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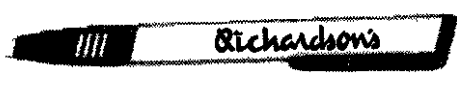
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Hospice honors Plymouth volunteers

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Receiving special recognition were volunteers who logged from 500-5,500 lifetime hours or marked 5-15 years of service.

Among those honored were Plymouth residents Janet Bourgon, Marlene Holliday, Evelyn Leist, and Stella Smith for five years of service, Donna Beamish and Sarah Woldkiewicz for 500 service hours, Marlene Holliday and Stella Smith for 1,500 service hours, Georgia Scappatoci for 2,000 hours and Marie Beaghan for 2,500 hours. Angela Hospice volunteers are a truly remarkable group of people who give from the heart, said Donna Kolodsick, Angela Hospice's Volunteer and Spiritual Care Manager. Our volunteers do so much for Angela Hospice, and this is just one way for us to say Thank you for their



Plymouth resident Marie Beaghan (left) was recently honored for volunteering 2,500 hours of service to Angela Hospice in Livonia. Beaghan is a volunteer mentor and works in the Angela Hospice Care Center. She is pictured here with Angela Hospice's Volunteer and Spiritual Care Manager Donna Kolodsick.

support. Volunteers support Angela Hospice in a variety of ways including patient companionship, mealtime assistance, bereavement support, spiritual care, clerical duties, gardening, and flower arranging, fund-raising, and event planning and

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Bank President Michael Weaver explains interest on savings during a workshop for children Tuesday on learning how to save

BANK

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When it came time to draw pictures of what they'd save for Abigail Hester 5 1/2 of Plymouth, drew a house She identified it as a need which sounds like she understood the idea behind the event

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Donna Burgess of Canton has three children and she thought Weaver's program was a good one

It gave them an idea of the difference between needs and wants, Burgess said "I think it's important for kids to learn to save That's overlooked a lot They know how to spend but not how to save

Weaver said he focused on home-schoolers because they frequently don't get the same kinds of opportunities as children attending schools

A lot of banks and credit unions will host public schools and that's great, Weaver said Home schoolers don't have the same opportunity as schools They're often left out of that loop

When it was all done Weaver stood in the lobby with a big smile

This is one of the fun parts of my job Weaver said I love doing stuff like this

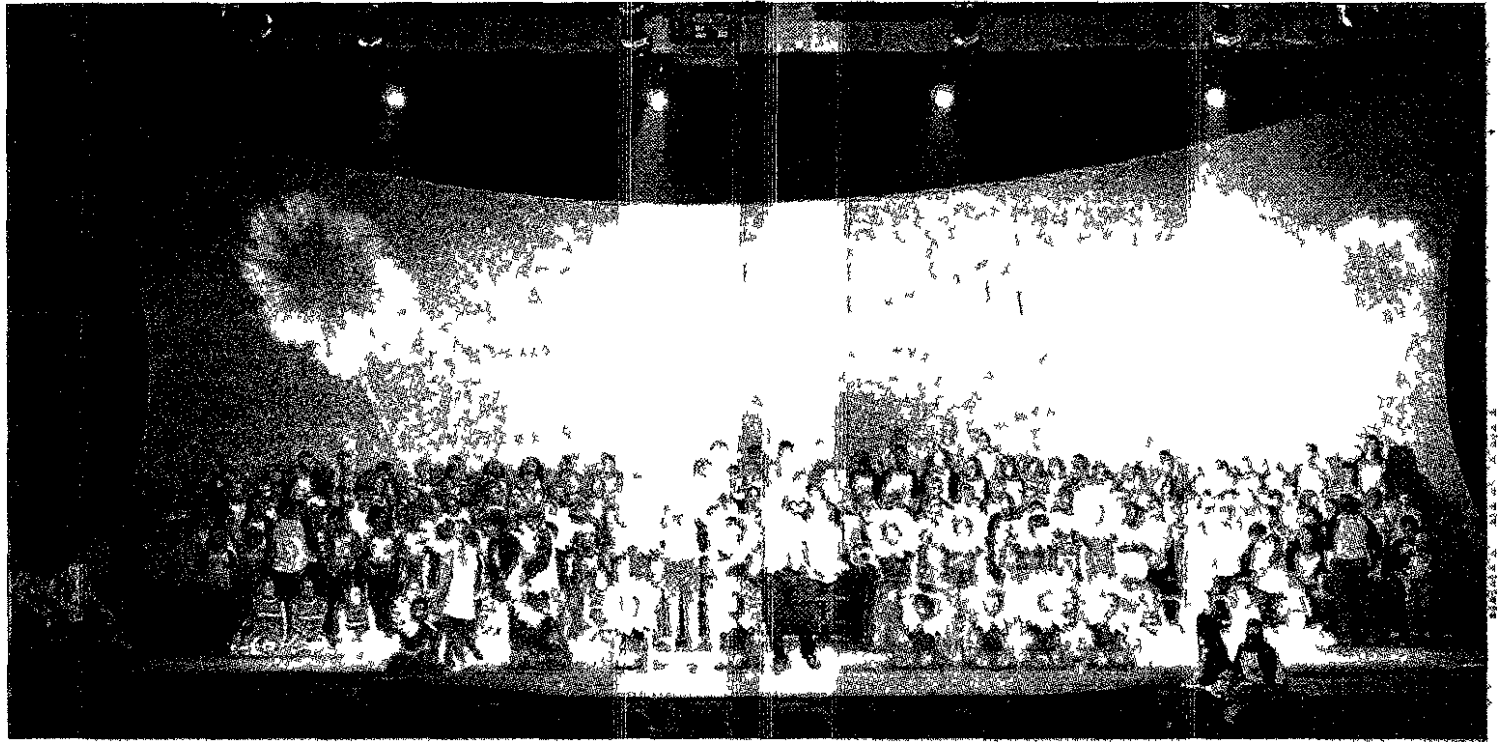
People who attended Sunday School as children might remember hearing stories using flannel board Bible story characters, singing Jesus Loves Me and using cotton balls on your coloring book picture of Jesus holding fluffy sheep

Those who haven't attended Sunday School might imagine something out of the movie Simon Birch where stern ladies in tight hair buns read from the Bible through clenched teeth and children fight to stay awake from fear of being smacked with a ruler

Whatever the background people might be surprised to see what Sunday School looks like for children in this generation Even the term Sunday School is gone from some churches ministry terminology

At NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township kids attend Discovery Island where their journey to faith begins according to Discovery Island director Anita Weldon Using creative teaching methods upbeat music high impact drama and cutting edge video Discovery Island reaches out with the message of Christ to this generation of Nickelodeon/Disney savvy kids

Everything we do in Discovery Island is planned to meet the physical emotional and spiritual needs of children Weldon said This generation



Children in NorthRidge Church's Discovery Island program hit the stage with their production of 'Sermon on the Mount,' the story of a little rookie and his team as they began their little league season

tech entertainment where even their Gameboys have color" Discovery Island has more than 1,400 kids who attend one of four services every weekend

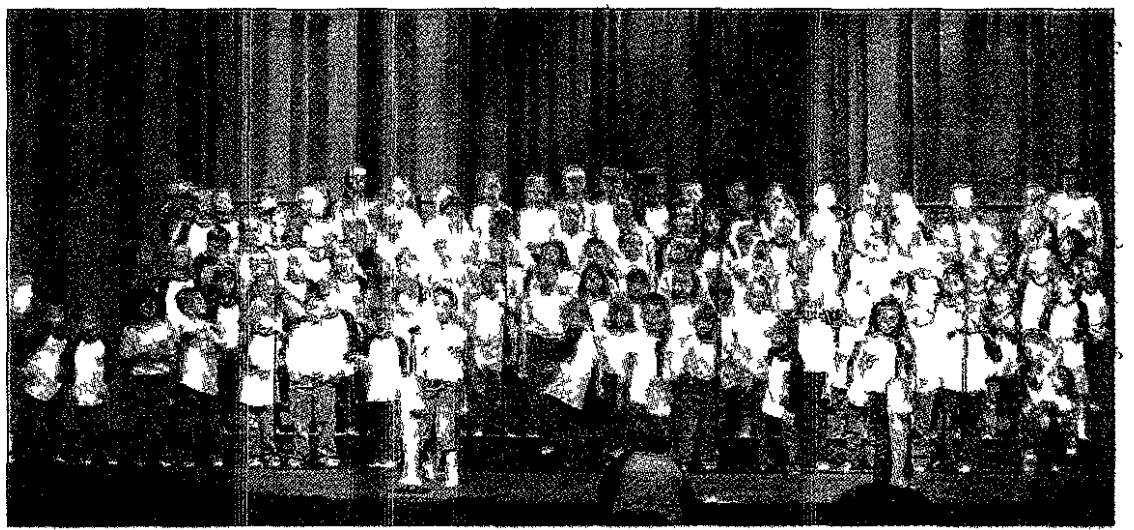
The challenge of making every one feel like they matter and are not lost in the crowd, is critical to both the staff and volunteers

The critical emphasis in a church this size is to maintain a 10 to-1 ratio of student-to-adult leaders, volunteer coordinator Christi Wilshaw said

This is vital to accomplishing the close-knit feel in our program We maintain this ratio through strict screening and background checks on all volunteers who serve our kids

Last week Discovery Island produced the Kids Choir production 'Sermon on the Mount' For the previous 13 weeks kids rehearsed the story of a little rookie and his team as they began their little league season

Using music dance and drama more than 400 children in kindergarten through grades communicated the message of being part of a



Youngsters in NorthRidge Church's Discovery Island program spent 13 weeks rehearsing the kids choir production of 'Sermon on the Mount'

team or a community According to one of the shows directors, Carrie Childerston It is not enough for a child to be able to know the story of David and Goliath, said Carrie Childerston who directed one of the shows A child must also believe that when he/she faces Goliath he/she can win like David did God is

there for them' We want to be effective in our communication to our kids using whatever means necessary to communicate Christ's truth," Weldon said Discovery Island offers programs for children from birth through grade and takes place at 9:15 a.m. and Sunday services Saturday at 10:15 a.m. and Sunday

at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Discovery Island is also offered during their Wednesday mid-week service at 7:00 p.m. NorthRidge Church is located at the corner of Ridge and North Leaning Roads For more information concerning Discovery Island or other NorthRidge ministries call (313) 411-7777 or visit www.northridgechurch.org

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More than 45 million people in the United States lack health insurance and the number is growing. Four out of five of these individuals are in working families. Here in Michigan, 11 percent of our neighbors are without coverage.

Events are planned this week throughout Michigan to bring attention to this problem and its impact on people, small businesses and our economy. St. Mary Mercy Hospital and others will be joining with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Catholic Health Association, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and a diverse group of national organizations — including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO — to sponsor a week of activities to help our communities learn about the issue, share stories and find local resources for support.



David Spivey

The toll of this problem is both human and economic. Those among us who lack insurance are more likely to receive care late or not at all. As a result, medical conditions often become worse requiring more intensive and costly interventions. More importantly, those who become ill or who develop chronic conditions face a diminished quality of life, worsened by the indignity associated with having to rely on others for support.

The economic impact is especially troubling here in Michigan, where we are already competing with other states and nations to attract job-creating investments. On the one hand, small businesses often find that insurance coverage for their employees is either unaffordable or simply unavailable. On the other hand, large employers that do provide health insurance to their workers are bearing many of the uninsured's treatment costs, which are "shifted" to them through steeply rising premiums.

The result is an "uneven playing field" for employers.

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, we see the problem in stark terms through the increasing number of visits to our emergency room — reaching more than 42,000 individuals during the last year. Most of these individuals have true emergencies. But many are working families who are not eligible for Medicaid or whose employers do not offer health care coverage. These families come to the emergency room for needed services because they have no other place to receive care. They do not have a physician from whom to obtain preventive services or the ongoing care needed to manage a chronic disease.

We at St. Mary Mercy, as part of our mission, have collaborated with other community-based organizations to understand and address the needs of the uninsured and other populations with special needs. Our community programs include health education initiatives, health screenings, support groups and women's services. We provide care to all persons in need, regardless of their ability to pay. In addition, we collaborate with local leaders in developing strategies that aim to improve the health status of Livonia residents.

These kinds of efforts are part of the mission of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and we expect to continue and expand them in the coming years. But as a nation, we must address the larger problem. We urge elected officials to bring this debate to the forefront of the national agenda.

Covering the uninsured makes economic sense because it will mean more efficient and effective care, a healthier population and a more competitive local economy. More importantly, coverage for all is the right thing to do for our community. In a just society, no one should be left behind.

David Spivey is president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

'Yes' urged in local millage vote

Plymouth Township officials are probably going to get the combined 2 mills they're seeking in Tuesday's police/fire millage election, and we believe they should.

The ballot question asks for renewal of a 1.63 operating millage, plus the recapture of some 0.37 mills eroded by the Headlee rollback over the years.

However, those same officials need to start taking a harder look at the budgets for those two departments, because their chief financial officer doesn't think even the 2 mills solves potential funding problems looming in the not-so-distant future.

Some key figures as you go to the polls: The 1.63 police/fire millage and a separate 0.8173 fire-only millage generated some \$4.6 million in revenue last year.

The police/fire millage accounts for some 55 percent of the operating budget for the police and fire departments.

The other 45 percent comes from other revenue sources, including 25 percent of the fire department budget being paid by the City of Plymouth.

Last year, some \$8 million was spent on

police and fire services.

If you've got your calculators out, you see that even with millage-generated income, some \$3.4 million of the police and fire budgets have to come from a township budget growing increasingly thin.

Hard times are here, with expected revenues from the building department down some \$25,000 and the township expecting another hit in state-shared revenue later this year. This is a township that will have to make some tough choices, and soon.

Providing for the health and welfare of its citizens is the prime directive for any municipality. No one in township government wants to deprive residents of police and fire protection. But township officials must figure out how much they can afford and, more importantly, how much residents are willing to pay.

Perhaps it should have, but the ballot question, as it's worded, doesn't give residents a choice — they must either approve or deny the renewal and the increase. In order to ensure the continued safety of the community, we urge voters to approve it.

Wysocki the top pick in school race

When Tom Wysocki ran for the Plymouth-Canton school board the first time, in 2001, the district was getting ready to open a new elementary school (Dodson) and a third high school (Plymouth), and we felt Wysocki was the best suited of four inexperienced candidates.

Four years later, the district is getting ready to build a new elementary (near Cherry Hill Village) and still faces the same financial roadblocks it faced four years ago.

And we still believe incumbent Wysocki is the best candidate in the race for the one open seat available in the May 3 election.

Wysocki had a very short learning curve to work with when he first came on the board, with major decisions to be made. But Wysocki managed to learn quickly and has become a

leader, chairing the district's policy committee and being elected the board's vice president.

Funding issues will be pre-eminent on the district's "to-do" list again, particularly with negotiations with several unions on the horizon.

Wysocki's background before he got on the board helped make him an attractive candidate. He has been president of the marching band, boosters.

While his knowledge of and propensity for fund-raising haven't produced tangible solutions to the money troubles, they do give Wysocki an edge.

These are troublesome times for school districts, and they call for steady, experienced leadership. We believe Tom Wysocki is the better candidate.

LETTER

'No' vote on millage

The Plymouth Township supervisor and trustees did not take very long to show that promises made don't need to be kept.

Last year, trustees felt they could spend at least \$12 million of taxpayer money on a new hall without asking the voters for approval. However, when forced by a grassroots effort to place the proposal before the voters, it was stated numerous times by the board the new hall would be funded with no new tax increases.

In fact, prior to the township hall special election last August, it was stated in several meetings in the supervisor's letter just prior to the

election and no less than four flyers sent to voters by the "concerned citizens," the fire department and the police officers that the township hall would require no new taxes. Sound familiar — read my lips — no new taxes?

Well, less than a year later, the new township hall budget is overrun by at least \$1 million and the same trustees (Mann, Arnold, Edwards and Massengill) are not only asking for "a new tax" to cover this overrun but they want voters to override the Headlee Amendment to get the extra millage dollars.

Now 2 mills doesn't sound like a lot, especially for police and firefighters. However, let's examine a couple of facts. First, the Headlee

Amendment was initiated and passed by voters in 1978 to curb exorbitant taxation by municipalities in Michigan.

Michigan is notorious for high taxation and insatiable governmental tax appetites. The Headlee Amendment states that millage increases cannot exceed the rate of inflation. In other words, the Plymouth Township trustee board increased their budget plans for this year so significantly to compensate for overruns that the additional 2 mills being passed on to the taxpayers is actually an increase greater than the rate of inflation.

Fortunately for the taxpayer, the township can't do that. The Headlee Amendment says

that based on current inflation only 1.6 mills can be called a renewal and that the additional 4 mills must be classified as "a new tax" and must be approved as a Headlee Override by the voters. In summary, the trustee board should be ashamed of themselves, for not keeping their word, deception and overspending. The township trustee board must be held accountable and must be forced to re-evaluate priorities within the existing budget to pay for the required fire and police protection. Don't let the township masquerade mismanagement by approving a new tax.

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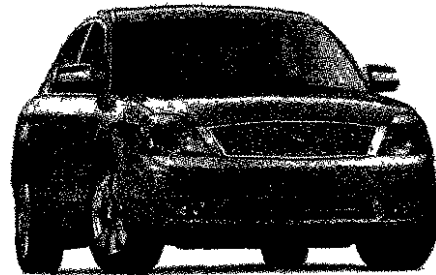
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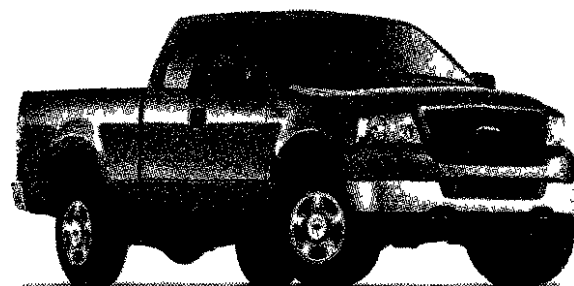
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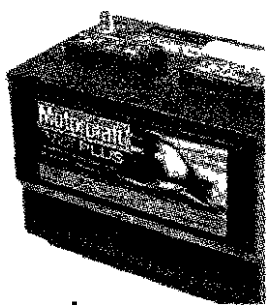
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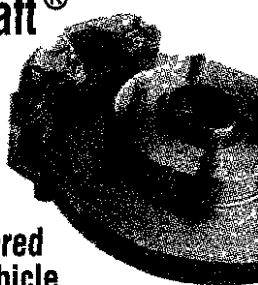
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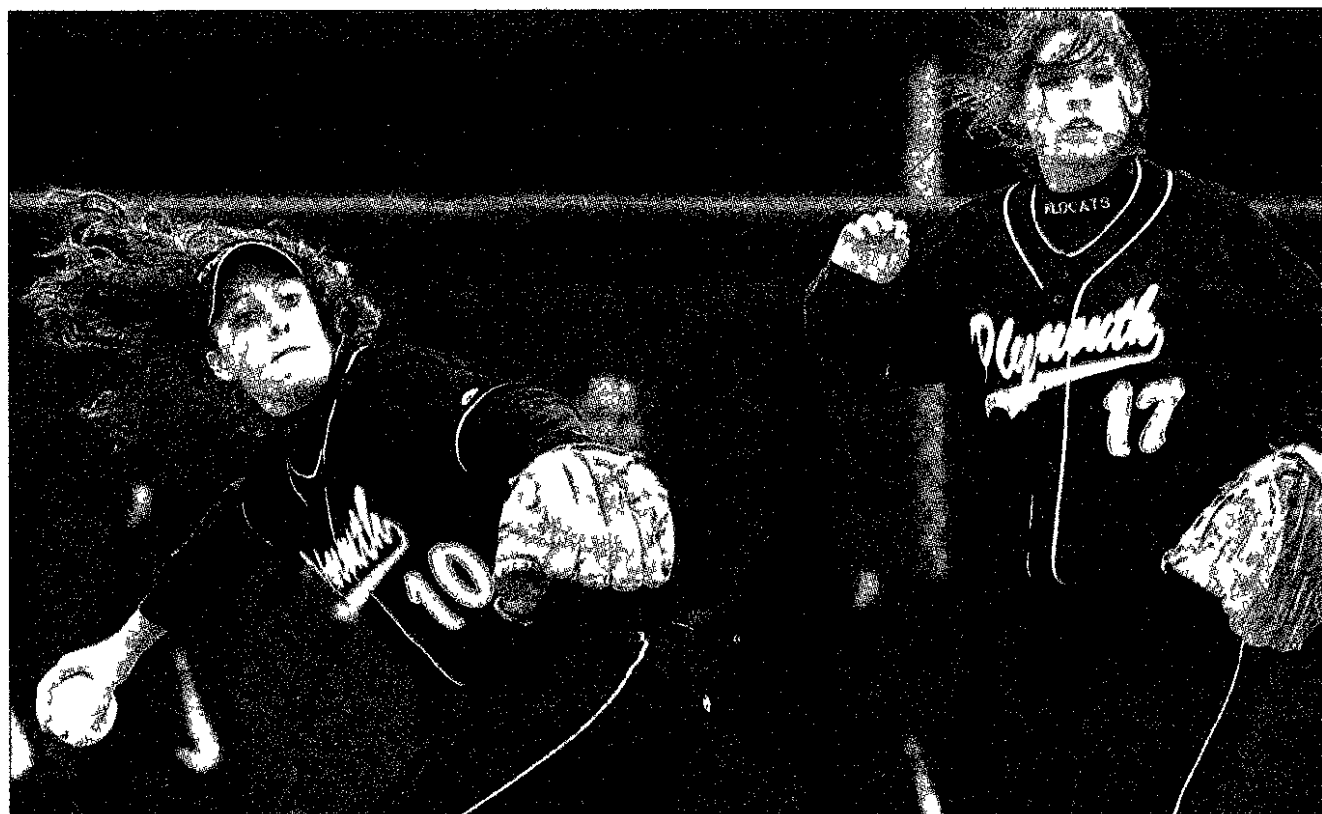
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Plymouth third baseman Kim Olech picks up a bunt and turns to make the throw to first while pitcher Claire Ostrowski looks on during Wednesday afternoon's game against Livonia Stevenson. The Spartans upended the Wildcats, 6-4.

Stevenson outlasts Wildcats, 6-4

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Five of Livonia Stevenson's six runs against Plymouth Wednesday were manufactured with efficient base-running and timely hitting. The sixth Spartan run — a soaring, opposite-field home run by junior catcher Roya St. Clair — looked like it had been manufactured by NASA. Stevenson's finesse, power and solid pitching from emergency starter Rebecca Stahr combined to push the Spartans past the feisty Wildcats, 6-4, to improve its record to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Host Plymouth fell to 4-2 overall and 2-2 in the WLAA. The game was played in mid-40-degree temperatures with a gusting wind that made it feel at times like the Arctic. The less than ideal hitting conditions made St. Clair's blast — which splashed down in a huge puddle 15 feet over the right-center field fence — even more impressive. She got all of that one, said Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon, referring to St. Clair's second home run of the season that tied the game

at 2-2 in the third inning. "She's been hitting the ball hard all year, but she's been hitting line drives right at people. She got some lift on that one." After flying out deep to right field in her next at bat, St. Clair was walked intentionally to her final two plate appearances. Plymouth coach Val Canfield said Wednesday's effort was one of her team's poorest of the young season. "We just didn't execute defensively and our bats were cold," Canfield said. "They killed us on bunts early in the game. We weren't sharp all around. That's as bad as I've seen us play this year." One of the few bright spots for the Wildcats was the play of sophomore left fielder Erin Ondusky, who ripped an RBI double and made a spectacular running catch to squelch a Spartan rally. That was Erin's first start this season and she did a great job. Canfield said she definitely earned some more playing time. Stevenson's Stahr, who was starting on the mound in place of the Spartans No. 1 pitcher Jenny Hamel, who was ill, may have also earned

some additional playing time with her performance. The sophomore right-hander scattered seven hits, didn't walk a batter and struck out two in her first start of 2005. "She may have been a little nervous at the beginning," Witherspoon said of Stahr, who hit the first batter she faced. "But once she got comfortable, she did a nice job. Rebecca had been battling for the No. 2 pitcher spot, but after the job she did today, she took a big step towards claiming it." Sophomore Claire Ostrowski went the distance on the mound for Plymouth, yielding 12 hits — nine of which came in the first three innings. Ostrowski registered six strikeouts and six walks (two intentional). Plymouth grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first when lead-off batter Madison Dresser was hit by a pitch, advanced to second on Amy Bondy's sacrifice bunt, stole third then scored on a wild pitch. Stevenson retaliated with one in the second on Shelly Waldenmyer's RBI single, but the Wildcats

PLEASE SEE **SOFTBALL, B3**

'Pitcher' perfect Conlon-led Chiefs improve to 9-0

SOFTBALL

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth was the latest team to run into the buzzsaw better known as Canton pitcher Molly Conlon. The Wildcats were limited to three hits against Conlon Friday afternoon in the Chiefs' 7-1 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association game played at Plymouth. On the bright side, Plymouth was the first team to score a run against Conlon, who struck out 12 and improved her record to 6-0. Canton improved its record to 9-0 overall, 5-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 3-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. The Wildcats fell to 4-4. "Offensively, we started out slow, but once we adjusted to their pitcher we started to hit better," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "Once we went through the line-up once, we broke out." "We were really anxious to play Plymouth because it will be another rivalry, like Salem." The Chiefs broke open a scoreless game with two runs in the third and a pair in the second to go ahead 4-0. Plymouth starting pitcher Claire Ostrowski knocked in her team's lone run in the fourth inning. The Chiefs, who outthrew the Wildcats 12-3, scored three insurance runs in the top of the seventh inning to cement the victory. Conlon excelled at the plate as well as on the mound, going 2-for-2, including a two-run double in the third. Also swinging big sticks for the winners were Brittany Scero (3 for 5, double, RBI), Rachel Wade (2 for 4) and Lauren Delapaz, who ripped a two-run triple. On Thursday the Chiefs disposed of Walled Lake Central 8-2 behind the combined mound efforts of Conlon (four innings) and Katie Osburn (three innings). Central dropped to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA. Canton hosts Walled Lake Western on Monday before matching up with Salem at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Massey Field in Plymouth.

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Madonna University will stage five different sessions for its All-Star Basketball Camps, featuring MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry along with daily appearances and talks by Bernie Holowicki, for boys and girls ages 8-15. Boys camps include 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 13-17 (cost \$170), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday, June 24-26 (cost \$155), 5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, June 27-28 (cost \$155), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Tuesday, July 15-19 (cost \$170), and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5 (cost \$170). The girls camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24 (cost \$170). Hot lunch meal plans are available for full-day camps (\$25 per week or \$5 per day). For more information, call Chuck Henry at (734) 398-5975 (day or evening) or call Madonna University at (734) 432-5591.

PCA soccer camp

The Ultimate Goal Soccer Camp will be held May 9-13 from 2:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Plymouth Christian Academy, which is located at 43065 Joy Rd. in Canton. Instructing the camp will be former professional soccer players Dennis and Dario Brose. The soccer skills camp is open for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, contact (734) 459-3505.

Gymnasts excel

A pair of local gymnasts qualified for the Boys Level 9 and 10 Junior Olympic National Championships set for May 5-8 in Houston, Texas. Plymouth's Andrew Vance and Chad Ibach qualified national meet at the Region 5 Championships held at Valparaiso University in Indiana on Sunday, April 3. Both Vance and Ibach are members of the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics.

Wildcat Boosters

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current Wildcat players are encouraged to attend.

Surging MU baseball team trumps Cards

Madonna's baseball team went to extremes to sweep a double-header from Concordia University Friday afternoon. The Crusaders relied on the stifling pitching of Derek Dufrane (Belleville) in the opener to win 2-1. In the nightcap, it was the offense that sparked as MU won 15-4. The sweep lifted the nationally ranked Crusaders to 35-10 overall and 11-1 in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Cardinals stumbled to 16-21 and 4-10, respectively. Dufrane was nearly unhittable in game one, striking out nine while yielding just four hits and one walk. He faced just 24 batters. The winners scored both their runs in the fifth on RBI singles by Mike Cauzillo and Kellen Fry. Dan Valente and Kyle Fedorka accounted for the only other two hits off Concordia starting pitcher Heath Jezerski, who hurled a complete-game four-hitter. Steve Hardin ripped a pair of hits for the Cardinals. The Crusaders' bats were booming in the nightcap and MU scored three in the first, four in the second, three in the third and four more in the fourth to run away and hide from Concordia. Joe Greene had a field day at the plate for the Crusaders, going 2-for-5 with five RBI. Fry also excelled, tallying three hits, two RBI and a pair of runs. Kyle Fedorka and Todd Kalmbach notched two hits a piece for Madonna, which pounded out 16 safeties compared to Concordia's nine. Hardin outdid his first-game efforts by belting a grand slam in the third to account for all of his team's scoring. Adam Kline notched the pitching win for the Crusaders, throwing six innings, striking out nine while allowing nine hits. Scott Miller tossed a hitless seventh. Concordia starting pitcher Dan Bell took the brunt of the MU offensive explosion, yielding seven runs and seven hits in just two innings of work. The listed attendance for the twinbill was 71.

Slugfest: Canton topples Wildcats, 12-7

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

Canton baseball coach Scott Dickey liked the final results that were posted on the Chiefs' impressive new scoreboard Friday afternoon. But to say he was satisfied with his team's 12-7 victory over P-CEP neighbor Plymouth would be an

overstatement. "I'm happy we won, but I'm not happy with how we played," Dickey said. "We hit the ball well, but I was upset with our defense and pitching. We are capable of playing a lot better than that." The victory improved

the Chiefs to 7-8 overall and 2-1 in the wide-open Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division. The Chiefs are tied for first in the division with Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Western. Following Wayne Memorial's 2-1 loss to Northville Friday afternoon, the Zebras are 1-1

and the Broncos stand at 1-2. The Wildcats, who are 1-5-1 overall, are also still in the mix with their 1-2 division mark. Canton jumped out to a 9-0 lead after three innings in what had all the makings early on of a mercy rule-shortened

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He's back: Whiting's comeback inspiring

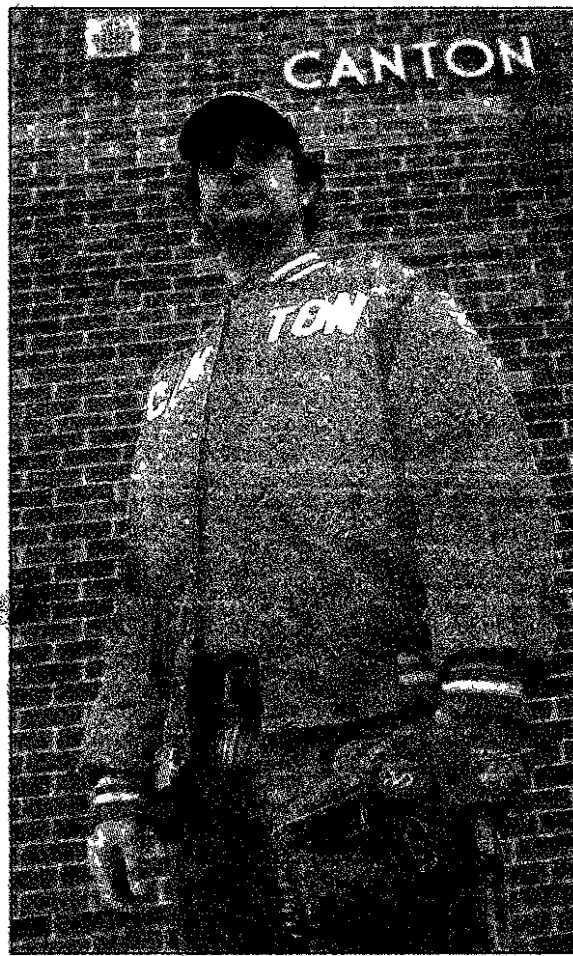
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STAFF WRITER

and earned All-Western Lakes Activities Association post-season honors for his stellar pitching performances.

It was somewhat ironic last spring when Brian Whiting stepped up to become the ace of the Canton High School baseball team's pitching staff late in the season after several other key members of the Chiefs' mound crew were decimated by injuries. It was ironic because over half of Whiting's high school athletic career was decimated by knee injuries that prevented the one-time stand-out tight end and pitcher from throwing a single block or a solitary pitch in both his freshman and sophomore years at Canton. Whiting stepped up last season — the junior battled back from the knee ailments

"The highlight of my high school baseball career so far is when I was named to the Western Lakes honorable mention team last year," Whiting said. "I was proud because I was able to come back after not playing baseball since eighth grade. A pair of serious knee injuries may have delayed Whiting's abbreviated, but impressive, high school athletic career. But a strong work ethic permitted him to overcome the setbacks and give him the opportunity to experience his dream of

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior pitcher Brian Whiting has overcome a series of knee problems to become one of the Chiefs' top mound aces this season.

Salem frosh goalie shuts out Western

Freshman goal-keeper Jill Stabley recorded her first career high school shutout Wednesday night in Salem's 6-0 whitewashing of host Walled Lake Western. The victory propelled the Rocks to 4-5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. Stabley racked up four saves as she was complemented by a strong defensive effort in front of her. The Chiefs received two goals each from Kelly Adsit and Amy Stovchoff, and one

each from Amy Gizicki and Megan McCarthy. Adsit, Kathryn Wheatley (two) and Kim March contributed assists to Salem's cause. Salem led 3-0 at halftime and never looked back. **Livonia Franklin 2, Plymouth 0:** Senior midfielder Vanita Shukla scored two minutes into the game and sophomore forward Kelly Roulier added an insurance goal two minutes into the second half.

Wednesday as Livonia Franklin (7-2, 2-2) downed the visiting Wildcats (5-5-2, 1-1) in a WLAAs-Western Division encounter. Junior midfielder Jessica Austin assisted on the second goal for the Patriots. "We played fairly well," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We got a jump on them early and then had trouble finding the net. They had some pretty good goalkeeping by Brittany Warner that helped keep the score at 2." **Canton 6, Westland John Glenn**

0 Lisa Ealy tallied a pair of goals Wednesday as the host Chiefs (5-2-1) blanked Westland John Glenn (2-7) in a WLAAs crossover. Jen Krajovich added a goal and assist for Canton. **Oakland Christian 1, Plymouth Christian 0:** Allison Prell booted in the sole goal Thursday, as the Division 4 third-ranked Lancers recorded the MIAC victory. Alyssa Anderson drew the assist and Alyssa Morrow stopped three shots for the shutout for Oakland Christian (5-2-1, 3-0).

TRACK RESULTS

Salem 111 Westland John Glenn 25
Wednesday at Salem
Shot put 1 Anna Wilson (S) 33.9 2 Maggie Fisher (S) 31.3 3 Jasmine Weddington (JG) 25.3
Discus 1 Anna Wilson (S) 113.8 2 Maggie Fisher (S) 74.9 50 3 Shantel Davenport (JG) 69.2
High jump 1 Brittany Lockhart (S) 4.7 2 Lindsay Miles (S) 4.4 3 Lynden Gault (S) 4.4
Long jump 1 Dana Eldred (S) 14.4 2 Andrea Lang (S) 14.1 3 Ashley Parker (JG) 13.9
Pole vault 1 Allie Vraniak (S) 7.6 2 Danielle Levy (JG) 6.6
100 meter hurdles 1 Andrea Lang (S) 17.3 2 Dana Eldred (S) 18.3 3 Alyssa Cercone (S) 18.6
300 hurdles 1 Andrea Lang (S) 51.8 2 Dana Eldred (S) 56.2 3 Katrina Cope (S) 56.4
100 dash 1 Ashley Parker (JG) 13.19 2 Lynden Gault (S) 13.4 3 Stephanie Davis (JG) 13.8
200 dash 1 Lynden Gault (S) 27.9 2 Allie Vraniak (S) 28.1 3 Danielle Levy (JG) 30.3
400 dash 1 Brittany Lockhart (S) 1.03 2 Laura Friedman (S) 1.04 3 Lindsay Miles (S) 1.05
800 dash 1 Laura Friedman (S) 2.37 2 Julia DeGroot (JG) 2.41 3 Allison Janda (S) 2.47
1600 run 1 Hannah Cavicchio (S) 5.59 2 Chelsea Baldwin (S) 6.11 3 Stacey Richardson (JG) 6.13
3200 run 1 Lauren Kane (S) 12.05 2 Stacey Richardson (JG) 13.14 3 Nichole Widak (S) 13.27
400 relay 1 John Glenn (Stephanie Davis, Danielle Levy, Asia Rush, Ashley Parker) 54.85 2 Salem (Dana Eldred, Katrina Cope, Kelly Cunningham, Keyviana Arnold) 56.3
800 relay 1 Salem (Lindsay Miles, Allie Vraniak, Brittany Lockhart, Lynden Gault) 1.51 2 John Glenn 1.56.5
1600 relay 1 Salem (Allie Vraniak, Adrienne Cercone, Andrea Lang, Brittany Lockhart) 4.31 2 John Glenn 4.59
3200 relay 1 Salem (Lauren Kane, Laura Friedman, Marisa Carmelli, Chelsea Baldwin) 10.58 2 John Glenn 11.42
Salem's dual meet record 5-0 overall 3-0 WLAAs Lakes Division

Plymouth 83-5 Walled Lake Western 53-5
Thursday at Plymouth
Shot put 1 Chrystien Guyton (P) 27.9 2 Adrienne Bielak (P) 25.7 3 Kendra Colout (WLW) 23.8
Discus 1 Janet Hanchett (P) 78.0 2 Reva Berman (WLW) 72.6 3 Vicki Fryer (WLW) 70.0
High jump 1 Jess ca Novakowski (WLW) 4.5 2 Stephanie Okolo (P) 4.5 3 Jessica Krueger (WLW) 4.1
Long jump 1 Chrystien Guyton (P) 15.0 50 2 Carly Z etlan (WLW) 14.6 75 3 Jennifer Bielak (P) 13.8
Pole vault 1 Jess ca Novakowsk (WLW) 8.6 2 Courtney Mack (P) 7.0 3 (t e) Kat e Hale (P) and Reva Berman (WLW) 6.6
100 meter hurdles 1 Adria Walto (WLW) 17.9 2 Julie M er (P) 19.32 3 Jess ca Krueger (WLW) 21.0
300 hurdles 1 Adn a Walton (WLW) 55.38 2 Stephanie Rudy (WLW) 56.29 3 Julie M er (P) 57.09
100 dash Ca ly Z etlan (W W) 13.62 2 Stephanie Okolo (P) 13.65 3 Jereshia Hawk (WLW) 14.04
200 dash 1 Stephanie Okolo (P) 28.98 2 Jereshia Hawk (WLW) 29.47 3 Courtney Mack (P) 29.48
400 dash 1 Kinshasa Lynah (P) 63.75 2 Janet Hanchett (P) 64.33 3 Chelsea Burke (WLW) 69.20
800 dash 1 Sarah Sherwood (P) 2.37 2 Nichole McLaughlin (P) 2.40 58 3 Anna Kotov (WLW) 2.42 92
1600 dash 1 Jackie Beeler (P) 5.49 8 2. Linsay Doherty (WLW) 5.55 41 3 Amy Ostrowski (P) 6.01 9
3200 dash 1 Linsay Doherty (WLW) 12.35 6 2 Amy Ostrowski (P) 12.38 6 3 Anna Kotov (WLW) 13.23 3
400 relay 1 Plymouth (Courtney Mack, Chrystien Guyton, Stephanie Okola, Allisa Vinti) 54.68 2 Western 56.27
800 relay 1 Plymouth (Kinshasa Lynah, Chrystien Guyton, Courtney Mack, Jennifer Bielak) 1.56 92 2 Western 2.01 71
1600 relay 1 Plymouth (Kinshasa Lynah, Jackie Beeler, Megan Early, Janet Hanchett) 4.37 19 2 Western 5.04 10
3200 relay 1 Plymouth (Jackie Beeler, Sarah Sherwood, Nichole McLaughlin, Janet Hanchett) 10.39 73 2 Western 11.13 61
Plymouth's dual meet record 15 over all

Canton 98 Wayne Memorial 39
Wednesday at Canton
Shot put 1 Alyssa Scalera (C) 27.0 2 Ashley McClellan (C) 26.4 3 Kathy Hansen (WM) 24.7
Discus 1 Kathy Hansen (WM) 73.9 2 Ashley McClellan (C) 72.6 3 C Clausen (C) 67.4
High jump 1 Izabela Paszowska (C) 4.10 2 Meghan Matheny (C) 4.6 3 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 4.4
Long jump 1 Jennifer Anderson (WM) 15.35 2 Nastassia Goines (WM) 13.4 3 Sumon Joyner (C) 13.05
Pole vault 1 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 8.6 2 (tie) Heather Daniels (WM) and Jessie Murray (C) 6.0
100 meter hurdles 1 Jessie Murray (C) 17.9 2 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 18.2 3 Aisha Moore (WM) 19.4
300 hurdles 1 Jessie Murray (C) 57.5 2 Kanniemi (C) 59.2 3 Beth Pruitt (C) 1.00 4
100 dash 1 Tiffany James (WM) 12.5 2 Davis (C) 13.5 3 Amber Lee (C) 13.5
200 dash 1 Tiffany James (WM) 26.6 2 Davis (C) 29.1 3 Sumon Joyner (C) 29.6
400 dash 1 Michelle Lager (C) 1.06 7 2 Carr e Hause (C) 1.10 2 3 Heather Daniels (WM) 1.12 9
800 dash 1 Kelly Bargowski (C) 2.34 3 2 Jennifer Thomas (C) 2.45 5 3 Clinton (C) 2.53 2
1600 dash 1 Becky McCormack (C) 5.55 7 2 Annie Murphy (C) 6.11 0 3 Clinton (C) 6.14 3
3200 dash 1 Becky McCormack (C) 13.04 2 2 Annie Murphy (C) 13.22 3 2 Claire Moro (WM) 14.03
400 relay 1 Wayne (Tiffany James, Nastassia Goines, Denique Pace, Aisha Moore) 53.8 2 Canton 56.9
800 relay 1 Wayne (Tiffany James, Neja Tatum, Nastassia Goines, Aisha Moore) 1.56 2 2 Canton 1.58 2
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PCS lacrosse team falls to Ypsi-Lincoln

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team dropped to 4-5 Thursday afternoon following a 7-5 setback to Ypsilanti Lincoln. The Railsplitters, one of the top teams in the area, improved their record to 8-0. The game was knotted at 2-2 after one quarter and 3-3 at the half before Lincoln exploded for three goals in the third to grab a lead it would never relinquish. PCS goalie Chris Sorensen played well in goal despite the

loss, recording 18 saves. Offensively, Mitch French paced the Warriors with two goals and an assist. Jared Ruark also scored twice and John Groat tallied one. PCS outshot the Railsplitters, 30-29, but were bested in face-offs, winning just 5-of-15. On Tuesday, PCS was knocked off, 16-1, at Ann Arbor Pioneer. Austin Gubert scored the lone goal for PCS. The Warriors were outshot, 55-17, by the Pioneers, who won 12-of-21 face-offs. The Warriors host Redford Catholic Tuesday night on the Plymouth High School junior varsity football field.

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Canton's Mitchell does it all

Only the American flag has been present at more Canton High School athletic events over the past five years than Robert Mitchell.

But unlike Old Glory, the multi-faceted Mitchell is far from stationary.

When he's not serving as the announcer at the Chiefs girls and boys basketball games, Mitchell can be found waving the huge, red-and-white "C" flag at football games.

When he's not helping out as the Chiefs' assistant freshman boys basketball coach, he's keeping the stats at a soccer match.

When he's not delivering a halftime meal to the Canton football announcing crew, he's helping the Chiefs cheerleaders get the crowd pumped up.

When's he not well, you get the picture. "Robert is invaluable to our athletic department," emphasized Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. "He's my right-hand man. He does everything from helping us set up before games, to announcing the games, to helping us clean up after games. He's a great supporter of Canton, and the athletes and coaches here embrace him for all that he does for us."

SUPERFAN
Mitchell's reign as Canton's unofficial No. 1 Fan began during his freshman year in high school when he approached Canton girls basketball coach Bob Blohm and asked if there was anything he could do to assist the team.

Sensing Mitchell's unselfish desire to help, Blohm welcomed the energetic ninth grader into the program.

It wasn't long before Mitchell was like a member of the team's close-knit family. Almost like an adopted brother.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Serving as the announcer at Canton basketball games is just one of the many jobs Robert Mitchell handles for the Chiefs' athletic department.

Toward the end of the season, several members of the girls basketball team displayed their appreciation by presenting Mitchell with an authentic Canton letter jacket, which he wears with as much pride today as he did the first day he wore it in the fall of 2000.

Anne Morrell and a couple of the other girls on the team came up to me before one of the practices and gave me the letter jacket, Mitchell said. That meant a lot to me. I almost cried.

BOUNDLESS ENTHUSIASM

One of the most refreshing things about Robert Mitchell is the never-remitting enthusiasm he displays for whatever game he is attending.

Every game is like Opening Day when you're around Robert. It doesn't matter if it's a non-conference girls basketball game against Saline or a district final against Salem — his excitement rarely subsides.

His passion for Canton sports is genuine, and he's not afraid to show it.

Bob (Blohm) and Sue (Heinzman) have warned me about getting too excited when I'm sitting at the scorer's table during games. Mitchell admitted it's hard sometimes not to get excited but I do my best.

What inspires Mitchell to show up at Heinzman's office

just about every school day at 3 p.m. to find out what he can do to help during the next several hours?

"I love helping out because it gives me something to do," he said. "If I wasn't up here (at Canton), I'd be at home sitting around watching TV. This is a lot more fun."

READY FOR ANYTHING

Mitchell displayed his versatility last fall when he donned a "Big Boy" costume for the Canton Booster Club and greeted fans as they entered the gates.

"That was fun," Mitchell said, "but it was hard, too, because they told me I couldn't talk."

There's no telling what Mitchell will be doing at next week's important sporting events at Canton.

He may be keeping score. He may be setting up a field. He may be working at a concession stand.

What's certain is Mitchell will be there. And he'll be loving every minute of it.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This column was re-run from Thursday's edition of the Observer because the accompanying photo was inadvertently not placed with the story.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth shortstop Klonowski gets a force at second base as Stevenson's Shelly Waldenmeyer completes her slide during Wednesday afternoon's 6-4 Stevenson win at Plymouth.

SOFTBALL

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regained the advantage in the bottom of the frame when Melissa Butzow led off with a double and scored on Kim Olech's groundout.

The Spartans surged ahead 4-2 in the third on St. Clair's home run and a two-run double by Jessica Michael.

Undaunted, Plymouth tied the game at 4-4 in the fourth on RBI hits from Ostrowski and Ondusky.

Stevenson went ahead for good in the fifth on an unearned run and RBI hit by Monica Piekarski.

Janice Hollandsworth paced the Spartans' offense with two hits, two walks, three runs and

a pair of steals. Amanda Alpert, Piekarski and Waldenmeyer also contributed two hits each to the winners' 12-hit attack.

Plymouth was led at the plate by Dresser (2-for-3, one run) and Butzow (2-for-3, run).

Livonia Stevenson 9, Salem 7: Livonia Stevenson (8-1, 4-0) scored a pair of runs in the top of the ninth inning Friday to stay unbeaten in WLAA-Lakes Division play against the host Rocks (4-4).

Jessica Pepp, who went 2-for-4 with two RBI, brought home Amanda Alpert with a sacrifice fly, while Janice Hollandsworth scored on a passed ball to spark the 2-run Stevenson uprising.

After Stevenson had scored

twice to take a 7-5 lead in the top of the eighth, Salem rallied with two runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Danelle Smith led Stevenson's 11-hit attack by going 3-for-5 with an RBI. Lauren Brueck added two hits and two RBI, while junior catcher Roya St. Clair drew five walks and had a single.

Kait McKinley led Salem going 3-for-5 with a double. Winning pitcher Jenny Hamell, who struck out two, walked one and allowed seven hits, went all nine innings to pick up the victory.

Crystal Rohn, who relieved starter Courtney Davis in the fifth inning, took the loss for Salem.

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Brian really came in and saved us towards the end of last year...

TOUGH LUCK

Defensive backs used to cunge when Whiting, a tight end for the Our Lady of Good Counsel middle school football team four years ago, exploded off the line of scrimmage...

Likewise baseball players were less than-enthusiastic about facing the six-foot-plus middle school pitcher, who didn't have Curt Schilling-like velocity but possessed a command of his pitches that was as effective as a blazing fastball...

Whiting's high school athletic future was bright — until that bleak day during his freshman year at Canton when the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his right knee was torn while he made a tackle from his safety position...

outs that lasted anywhere from three to five months

RIGOROUS REHAB

While his buddies were making head-way toward eventually contributing to the Chiefs' successful football program, Whiting was enduring monotonous resistance exercises at the Detroit Medical Center's Rehab West facility in Westland

I'd go there three to five times a week about five months," Whiting recalled "It was hard work, but I wanted to get better I wanted to play again"

Instead of sulking, Whiting attended just about every football practice while undergoing re-hab

"I wanted to be a part of the team and support the guys, even though I wasn't playing," he said

Whiting suffered another setback last summer when he re-injured his knee, which all but shelved his high school football playing days

"Brian played really well last summer in the passing league our team participated in," Dickey said "He was slotted to be a part of our tight end rotation for last year's football team. But then he hurt his knee again, which put him out"

Even though he knew he wouldn't be playing under the Friday night lights, Whiting practiced with the Chiefs' scout team

"I dressed for every game even though I knew I wouldn't be playing," he said "It was fun

just being a part of that team

STRONG AGAIN

Whiting has picked up on the mound this spring where he left off last year. He's a mainstay in the Chiefs' three-pitcher rotation and has earned three of the team's seven wins through Friday's game

Brian has pitched great against some really tough teams this season," Dickey said "He pitched well against Divine Child and lost, but he beat Brother Rice. He's only had one bad outing, but that was against Wayne, a very good hitting team

He is a very coachable player. He doesn't throw extremely hard, but he's good at hitting his spots"

Stats aside, the best news for Whiting this spring is that his knee is close to 100 percent

It has felt fine so far," he said "I'm glad I'm able to play because this is a great group of guys. We have a lot of seniors on the team, so there is a lot of leadership"

In the fall, Whiting, who carries a 3.6 grade-point average, is headed to Michigan State University

Both my parents graduated from MSU and my sister goes there now, so that's where I've wanted to go for a long time," he said

He's not yet sure what major he'll work toward attending

But one thing is sure — the talented student/athlete has already earned a degree in perseverance

GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 201
PLYMOUTH 223
April 27 at Hickory Creek
Stevenson scorers: Jenny Kubert 42 (medalist) Abbey Wolfe and Chelsea Bathurst 47 each Christine Vance 65 Rachel Dilley and Ashley Luke 69 each
Plymouth scorers: Madeleine Salvaggio 53 Elaine Lafayette 54 Patricia Burns and

Melissa Miller 58 each Liz Anderson 59 Katie Ingraham 61
Dual meet records: Stevenson 61 overall 61 WLAA Plymouth 2
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 209
CANTON 262
April 27 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner 45 (medalist) Ashley Bint 50 Theresa Nutten

56 Stacey Lewandowski 58 Katie Tierney 61 Sarah Walls 68
Canton scorers: Katie Hoeksema 53 Cama Millwood 63 Nicole Burdiss 72 Danielle Reinhart 74 Emily Kenny 75 McKey 108
Churchill's dual meet record 31 overall 3 1 WLAA

TRACK RESULTS

SALEM 84
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 53
Wednesday at Salem
Shot put: Jon Marsh (S) 42 feet 7 inches discus: Marsh (S) 135 8 5 high jump: Middlebrooks (S) 5 8 long jump: Brian Rumao (S) 19 4 5 pole vault: Sean Laguire (WJG) 9 0 110 meter hurdles: Baze Eremov (S) 16 61 300 hurdles: Eremov (S) 45 33 100 dash: Dan Daves (WJG) 11 64 200: Nick Telenko (S) 25 2 400: Brad Sokolowski (S) 54 77 800: Jim Wood (WJG) 2 11 0 1600: Jim Walsh (S) 5 00 7 3 200: Walsh (S) 11 06 0 400 relay: John Glenn (Orlando Carswell Andre Thornton Ian Thornton Daves) 47 34 800 relay: Salem 140 4 1600 relay: Salem 3 43 0 3200 relay: John Glenn (Curtis Jackson Wood Carswell Matt Klein) 9 00 12
Glenn 2nds: Alante Whiting 110 hurdles (18 76) A Thornton 100 (11 69) high jump (5 8) Casey McNeill 300 (14 8 9) Klein 800 (2 11 6) Jackson long jump (19 2 25) Bryan Henley shot put (41 15) 3rds: Corey Snyder pole vault (18 2 5) high jump (5 6) Sam Williams 200 (25 6) Chauncy Jones shot put (40 10) Henley discus (120 7)

Glenn's dual meet record 1 2 overall 0 2 WLAA Lakes Division
CANTON 121
WAYNE MEMORIAL 15
Wednesday at Canton
Shot put: 1 Ryan Jonik (C) 41 11 50 2 Jason James (C) 39 0 3 Steve Paye (C) 37 3 50
Discus: 1 Steve Paye (C) 111 9 2 Joe Zuga (C) 105 7 3 Jayson Wurtzbacher (C) 96 3
High jump: 1 Matt McClellan (C) 5 8 2 Steve Paye (C) 5 6
Long jump: 1 Adam Somers (C) 17 9 2 Andy Rossow (C) 17 8 3 Evito Edwards (WM) 17 3
Pole vault: 1 Derek Reeves (C) 12 7 2 Ryan Langdon (C) 9 6 3 Rob Lundman (C) 9 0
110 meter hurdles: 1 Tim Belcher (C) 17 7 2 Matt McClellan (C) 18 7 3 Pete Boucher (C) 19 1
300 hurdles: 1 Rodney Preston (C) 45 5 2 Pete Boucher (C) 48 6 3 Tim Belcher (C) 50 1
100 dash: 1 Darrian Miller (WM) 11 4 2 Rodney Preston (C) 11 4 3 Stedman Frye (WM) 11 8
200 dash: 1 Darrian Miller (WM) 23 6 2

Dave Calile (C) 237 3 Andy Rossow (C) 247 400 dash: 1 Cyrus Azizi (C) 54 1 2 Andy Rossow (C) 58 2 3 Nick Johnson (C) 1 00 3 800 dash: 1 Eric Zech (C) 2 10 7 2 Keven Lewis (WM) 2 13 2 3 Phaltiel Whitlock (C) 2 14 5
1600 run: 1 Ryan Dugan (C) 5 05 1 2 Kevin Rakovits (C) 5 05 2 3 Derek Hoerman (C) 5 26 9
3200 run: 1 Ryan Dugan (C) 11 23 9 2 Charles Wolfe (C) 11 28 5 3 Ben Underwood (C) 12 07 5
400 relay: 1 Canton (Kevin Burdette D Angelo Pitts Dave Calile Rodney Preston) 47 5 2 Wayne 52 4
800 relay: 1 Canton (Andy Rossow Cyrus Azizi Kevin Burdette David Calile) 1 43 6 2 Wayne 1 47 7
1600 relay: 1 Canton (Cyrus Azizi D Angelo Pitts Kevin Burdette David Calile) 3 44 2 2 Wayne 4 09 0
3200 relay: 1 Canton (Pat Bradford Derek Hoerman Phaltiel Whitlock Eric Zech) 9 22 2 2 Wayne 9 39 2
Canton's dual meet record 5 0 overall 3 0 WLAA Western Division

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

contest. But the Wildcats battled back with a five-run, two-out rally in the fourth to cut their deficit to 9-5 and make things interesting

"We hadn't played in a week and a half due to rainouts, so I wasn't surprised we didn't play well early on," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, a former coaching colleague of Dickey's. "I was proud of the way we came back in the third with two outs, and then T J Downey kept us in the game with his pitching"

We knew going into this season that it was going to be an uphill climb. We just have to go out every game and compete and play hard

The Chiefs' 13 hit offensive attack was as balanced as a tight rope walker. Nine players recorded hits and all 11 who batted reached base. Catcher Tank Khasawneh (2 for 4, two runs, RBI) Justin

Latin (2-for-3, RBI) and Shawn Little (2-for-4, two runs, RBI) paced the Canton attack

Lead-off batter Craig Galarnau was a sparkplug, going 1-for-3 with two walks and three runs scored

The most effective Wildcat hitter was also their newest — sophomore rightfielder Ryan Valle, who was called up from the junior varsity squad earlier in the week. Batting ninth, Valle reached base all four times he batted, getting hit by a pitch his first at-bat, walking his second and singling in his final two chances

Valle also put the brakes on a potential big inning for the Chiefs in the fourth when his diving catch robbed Brad Gallison of at least a triple. He then sprang to his feet and doubled off a Canton runner at first base

Nate McManus (2-for-3, one run) and Tyler Locklear (1 for 2, three walks) also had solid games for Plymouth. Canton junior pitcher

Plymouth starting pitcher Bryan Stotz for six runs in the first inning when it rapped out seven hits, four of which went for extra bases. Eleven batters came to the plate in the first for the Chiefs, who received RBI hits from Khasawneh, Little, Eric Byrne and Latin

Trailing 9-0 with two outs in the fourth, the Wildcats scored five thanks to three Canton errors and an RBI single by Ben Kosmalki

Canton countered with three in the fifth on a sacrifice fly by David Neu and a two-run single by Ryan Smith

Little started on the mound for Canton and lasted 2/3 innings before being relieved by Brian Whiting, who struck out a batter with two on to extinguish a potential Plymouth rally. Whiting earned the win by throwing the final 3 1/3 innings, striking out two while yielding a pair of earned runs

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday May 2
 Canton at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Salem 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville 4 p.m.
Tuesday May 3
 Macomb Christian at Agape Christian 4:30 p.m.
 PCA at Southfield Christian 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 4
 W.L. Northern at Canton 4 p.m.
 Salem at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.
 Livonia Church II at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Thursday May 5
 Agape Christian at Baptist Park 4:30 p.m.
 Oakland Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday May 6
 Wayne Memorial at Canton 4 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Central 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Saturday May 7
 Canton at Farmington Tournament TBA
 Miford at Salem (DH) 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday May 2
 W.L. Western at Canton 4 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern 4 p.m.
 Northville at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Tuesday May 3
 Salem at Canton at Massey Field 7 p.m.
 Macomb Christian at Agape Christian 4:30 p.m.
 PCA at Southfield Christian 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 4
 Canton at W.L. Northern 4 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Salem 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Church II 4 p.m.
Thursday May 5
 Agape Christian at Baptist Park 4:30 p.m.
 Oakland Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday May 6
 Canton at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Salem 4 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Saturday May 7
 Plymouth and Canton at Canton Class C Varsity Invite 9 a.m.
 Salem Invitational 9:30 a.m.
BOYS TRACK
Thursday May 5
 Northville at Canton 4 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Stevenson 3:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.
Saturday May 7
 Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Observerland Relays at P CEP track 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Thursday May 5
 Canton at Northville 3:30 p.m.
 Livonia Stevenson at Salem 5:30 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Saturday May 7
 Salem at Stafford Relays 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday May 2
 Canton at Northville 7 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Salem 7 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 7 p.m.

Tuesday May 3
 Agape Christian at Bethesda 4:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Thursday May 5
 Zoe Christian at Agape Christian 4:30 p.m.
 Birmingham Roper at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 4
 W.L. Northern at Canton
 Salem at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville 7 p.m.
Friday May 6
 Canton at Birmingham Seaholm 7 p.m.
Saturday May 7
 Salem at Troy 12:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday May 2
 W.L. Northern at Canton
 Salem at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville 4 p.m.
Wednesday May 4
 Canton at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Northville at Salem 4 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Thursday May 5
 Salem at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Friday May 6
 Livonia Stevenson at Canton 4 p.m.
 Salem at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Saturday May 7
 Salem at Warrior Class C 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday May 2
 Canton at Pinckney Journey 7:30 a.m.
 W.L. Western at Salem at St. Johns GC 3 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth at Hickory Creek GC 3 p.m.
Tuesday May 3
 Canton at Westland John Glenn 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday May 4
 Northville at Canton 3 p.m.
 Canton at W.L. Northern 3 p.m.
 Salem at A.A. Pioneer Invite at U of M GC 9:30 a.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial at Felows Creek GC 3 p.m.
Friday May 6
 Wayne Memorial at Salem at St. Johns GC 3 p.m.
 Northville at Plymouth at Hickory Creek GC
BOYS LACROSSE
Tuesday May 3
 Redford Catholic at Central at PCS 6 p.m.
Friday May 6
 PCS at Saline 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
 (all double headers unless noted)
Sunday May 1
 Madonna at Concord 1 p.m.
Monday May 2
 Madonna at Indiana Tech 2 p.m.
Tuesday May 3
 Calvin at Madonna (9) 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double headers)
Sunday May 1
 Madonna at Indiana Tech 1 p.m.
Tuesday May 3
 Madonna at Saginaw Valley St. 1 p.m.
 TBA time to be announced

State seeks public input on wolf management

There's no doubt that the grey wolf is a controversial critter. Some people think the only good wolf is a dead wolf while others feel the wolf is a majestic creature - a symbol of the wilderness - deserving of full protection.



Outdoors Insights

Bill Parker

There are pros and cons to both views. Around the late 1800s, wolves were found in all 83 counties of Michigan - even Wayne and Oakland. However, many ranchers at that time felt that wolves did not make good neighbors. Wolves are predators and are opportunistic. When wolves realized there were smorgasbords awaiting and began killing and eating livestock, and setting up residence near ranches and farms, ranchers and farmers became very protective of their livelihoods. Bounties were set on wolves and they were considered extirpated from the state by the early 1900s. The last documented case of a wolf in the Lower Peninsula was way back in 1910. In fact, there was a bounty on wolves until around 1960.

1970s when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service added the grey wolf to the list of animals protected under the Endangered Species Act.

Slowly wolves began creeping into northern Wisconsin and, eventually, back into Michigan. In the 1980s, wolves began returning to Michigan's Upper Peninsula from established populations in Wisconsin and Canada.

In 1989, the first pair of wolves in the Upper Peninsula in modern history was documented in Dickinson County, in the west-central U.P. Between natural reproduction and more disbursement from Canada and Wisconsin, Michigan's wolf population began to grow. Today, state wildlife biologists, who conduct winter wolf tracking surveys each year, estimate that

there are approximately 400 wolves in the Upper Peninsula. Many U.P. residents feel there are plenty more than that.

Last fall, a trapper in the Lower Peninsula's Presque Isle County inadvertently trapped a wolf. That was the first documentation of a wolf in the L.P. in close to 100 years. While a DNR winter wolf tracking survey in January failed to turn up any more evidence of wolves in the Lower Peninsula, wildlife managers continue to get occasional reports of wolf sightings from people across the northern Lower Peninsula.

Wolves remain protected today under both the federal ESA and the Michigan Endangered Species Protection law. However, since Michigan and Wisconsin have both met the federal mandate of 200 wolves (in each state) for five years, the process to remove wolves from state and federal protective status has begun.

To better gauge public perception and to educate the public about where we stand as a state on wolves and wolf management, the DNR has scheduled a series of wolf meetings across the state. The

majority of these meetings will be held in wolf country - U.P. and northern L.P. - but there are a couple of meetings in the southern part of the state to enable everyone to participate.

The closest meeting to O&E-land will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday May 18, at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Boulevard, Ann Arbor.

Anyone who cannot attend one of the meetings, but still wants to chime in with a comment or concern, can do so by sending email to wolf_comments@michigan.gov, or mailing comments to DNR Wildlife Division, Attn: Endangered Species Coordinator, PO Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909.

A full list of the meetings and any updates can be found on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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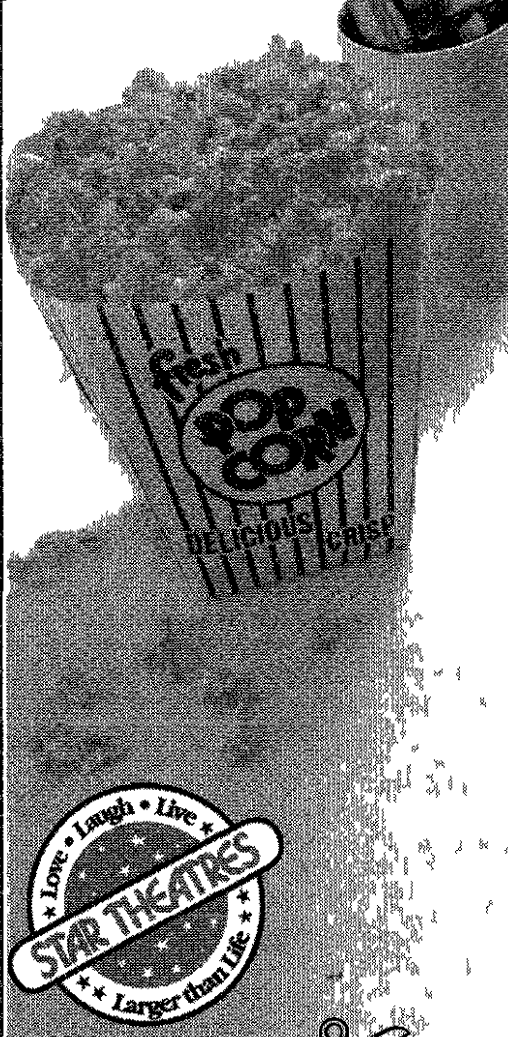
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Drama builds in 'winner-take-all' shootout

It was called the Winner take-all Shootout last week at Oak Lanes in Westland

With a starting field of 145 very good bowlers aiming for a first prize of \$5,000 the competition was hot and heavy. The event was sponsored by Oak Lanes and the Columbia 300 Bowling ball company.

After qualifying rounds, the match-play field was cut to 64 in a single game elimination with John Nolen of Clarkston emerging as the winner, beating out Josh Gerlach in the final match, 246-214.

Mark Martin, executive director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, also made the cut only to fall victim to Nolen in the first round.

Earlier in the week, George Georgiou of Redford caught the big fish as he rolled a 300 game at Oak Lanes in the Wednesday Night Men's League. It was his first perfect game, nothing fishy about it at all.

If you have watched the pro bowlers on TV over the years, you are familiar with the names Brian Voss and Norm Duke, both Professional Bowlers Tour hall of famers.

They will be in our area in August to conduct clinics sponsored by 5-Star Lanes in Sterling Heights and Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

The morning programs (8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) are just for high school age and below.

For \$35 the pro bowlers will provide basic and individualized instruction.

The adult segment of the seminar will be held from 1-7 p.m. at 5 Star (\$75) and 1-5 p.m. at Thunderbowl (\$59). Lunch is included between 12 noon and 1 p.m.

The Thunderbowl clinic will be Saturday Aug. 20, while the 5-Star clinic will be Sunday, Aug. 21.

For more information or to pre-register, call Tim



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Al Harrison

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How about joining a Summer league?

Some examples of league offerings at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills:

Wednesday's Super Swinging Seniors with four players to a team, any combination male or female.

The 13-week league starts at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4.

It's only \$8 per week and includes free coffee, free sec-retarial and treasury services. League action ends Wednesday, July 27 with an end of season banquet and trophies.

Other league offerings are 7:30 p.m. Mondays, the Classic Doubles starting May 9 (cost is \$20 per person), Tuesday Ladies Afternoon, 12:30 p.m. start beginning on May 10 (\$8 per person), Tuesday Ladies Night Out, starting May 3 (\$10), Wednesday Youth Scholarship Trio, starts May 11 (\$10), Thursday 7 p.m. Parent/Youth Have a Ball and Bag League, starts May 12 (cost varies), Thursday 7:30 p.m. Summer Swingers, starts May 12 (\$12).

All leagues end the week of Aug. 1.

For more information, call (248) 476-3201.

These are typical of the summer offerings around town so check with your favorite bowling center. Most bowling centers are air conditioned in the and this is a fun way to beat the heat.

Another way to spend part of the summer would be to enter one of the bowling camps conducted by champi-

on bowlers Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen.

It goes on for three days and is limited to 16 bowlers, youth, high schoolers and adults from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 11-13 (lunch included).

They will help to develop better timing, swing and release for consistency, spare shooting, grip analysis, basic lane play and adjustments, compete in fun competition for prizes and receive special discounts on equipment.

The locale is also at Country Lanes, conveniently located on Nine Mile Road between Middlebelt and Grand River, Farmington Hills.

For more information, call (248) 615-9060 for more information or to reserve a spot.

Aleta and Michelle will also conduct another camp for the more advanced bowlers, Monday through Wednesday, July 18-20.

The latest news from Tulsa, Okla. with the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament ongoing until June 24 shows Kathy Odom of Rochester Hills holding onto first place in Division 3 all-events (131-149 averages) with 1,633. She is also in second for the singles with 551.

Linda Prill of Troy moved into third in Division 2 singles (150-169 averages) by shooting 204-233-175 for a 612 series.

There are about 40,000 participants in the event, making it the world's largest women's sport competition.

This is the last year it is being bowled under the WIBC banner, as all future national championships will be held under the auspices of the U.S. Bowling Congress (USBC).

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Salem drops heart-breaker in 9 innings

Luke Knochel's single in the bottom of the ninth scored Sean Hostetter as Livonia Stevenson downed the host Salem, 4-3, Friday afternoon.

The Spartans improved to 6-5 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. Salem slipped to 4-5 and 2-1, respectively.

Hostetter reached base on a Salem error and went to second on an intentional walk.

Winning pitcher Matt Tuttle, who worked the final three innings in relief of starter Ben Schroeder, earned the victory. Tuttle allowed just one hit and struck out four.

Salem reliever Bill Horgan, who went the final three innings, suffered the loss. He allowed just one run on one hit.

Nic England pitched the first four innings before giving way to Bill Leddy.

Andy Ciantar went 4-for-5 with a run scored for Salem, while Leddy went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Chad Casey finished with two RBI for Stevenson, while Clayton Pack and Sam Hoyt each added two hits.

W.L. Western 11, Salem 5: Unbeaten and state-ranked Walled Lake Western won its 10th consecutive baseball game Wednesday, turning back Plymouth Salem, 11-5.

The game was played at Western, but the Warriors were the visitors since the Salem field was unplayable.

Dan Wingblad crushed a two-run homer in a five-run third inning that put Western on top, 6-2. Russ Young was 2-for-5 with a double, knocked in two runs and scored three. Sam Prentice was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run.

The Warriors, who are 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, had another five-run inning in the sixth, and the Rocks finished the scoring with two runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Western starter Brandon Borsen pitched five innings for the win. He allowed six hits and a walk while striking out five. Brad Hunt allowed four hits and three runs in two innings of relief.

Josh Ritter pitched into the third for Salem but didn't get anybody out and was tagged with the loss. Garrett Amorose finished the game. The Warriors had a total of nine hits.

Amorose (triple) and Andy Psilis (double) were 2-for-4 and scored one run each for the Rocks.

The guys are doing very well everybody is contributing. Western

PREP BASEBALL

coach Brad Scheck said "The bats are coming through when they're needed. We're pitching well and playing good defense."

W.L. Central 3, Canton 2: Controversy marred the end of this game when the winning run scored after the Vikings' Aaron Hakola was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh. The home-plate umpire initially ruled that Hakola swung and missed at the pitch before getting hit, however, Central's coaching staff appealed the call and it was overturned by the umpire on the basepaths.

"It was a tough way to lose," said Canton coach Scott Dickey.

The win improved Central to 6-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference. Canton slipped to 6-8 overall.

Canton starting pitcher Matt Hemmelgarn deserved a better fate than a loss as the senior right-hander threw a complete-game five hitter and two of the three runs he allowed were unearned.

"Matt's 2-2 now, but he could easily be 4-0," Dickey said. "He's pitched well in both of his losses."

The game was a make-up from Wednesday's scheduled contest, which was called to inclement weather.

Central starting pitcher Justin Goltz earned the win on the mound for the Vikings, limiting Canton to just three hits in five innings.

Canton broke open a scoreless game in the third when Brad Gallison walked to lead off the inning and eventually scored on Scott Steffes' RBI single.

After the Vikings rebounded to grab a 2-1 lead in the fifth, the Chiefs tied it at 2-2 when Joe Mishler scored on Shawn Little's suicide-squeeze bunt.

Little (2-for-2) and Steffes (1-for-3) accounted for all three Canton hits.

Canton committed three errors while the Vikings were hampered by two miscues.

PCA 5, Birmingham Roesper 4: The Eagles displayed a flair for the dramatic Thursday afternoon with a thrilling, come-from-behind victory over Roesper.

Trailing 4-1 in the fifth, the Eagles struck for three runs with a two-out rally to knot the score at 4-4. Jesse Predhomme, Nathan Bixler and Stephen Sumner all contributed RBI hits in the inning.

PCA scored the game-winner when Bixler led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk, was sacrificed to second, reached third on a passed ball and scored on Sumner's sacrifice fly.

The victory lifted the Eagles to 10-1 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Roesper outhit PCA, 9-6, and both teams committed just one error.

Senior pitcher Andrew Shumaker earned the victory for the winners, throwing the final four innings in relief of starter Matt Saagman, who was lifted after yielding three runs, five hits and two walks over the first three innings.

Shumaker, who improved to 5-0, gave up just four hits and one run.

Six Eagles had one hit each. Bixler, Sumner, Aaron Ciborowski, Shumaker, Bob Unis and Predhomme. Sumner contributed both of the RBI.

"That was a big conference win for us," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston.

"We're on target to meet our pre-season goals. The kids always play hard and never give up."

The Eagles travel to Southfield Christian for a key MIAC battle on Tuesday. The first pitch is slated to be thrown at 4:30 p.m.

Garden City 4, Belleville 3 (8 INN.): Outstanding pitching by starter Greg Kolasinski and clutch hitting contributed to Garden City's 4-3 victory Thursday over host Belleville in a Mega Red varsity baseball game.

The Cougars did not get a baserunner until two out in the sixth, when Joe Moore singled. He scored on Matt Barnier's home run and Fick added a never-scoring single later in the frame to make it 3-1.

Belleville tied the game in the bottom of the seventh to send it to extra innings. In the top of the eighth, Barnier doubled and came in on an RBI single by King.

"Matt Barnier came up with a couple big hits and Brett King's game-winning RBI was huge, as was Jeremy Fick's RBI," said Herman.

"Every hit was big."

Fick came on to pitch the eighth for Garden City, striking out two for the save.

Kolasinski went seven innings, allowing one earned run and five hits, walking none and striking out six.

Greg pitched an outstanding game, the best we've had all year, said Herman.

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TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 6

WAYNE MEMORIAL 2

April 29 at Plymouth

No 1 singles: Luc Lucaj (P) defeated Steve Frost 6 0 6 3. No 2 Don Zhang (P) def Kevin Erdmann 6 2 6 4. No 3 Kevin Welch (P) def Jake Fyfe 6 0 6 0. No 4 Clint Korpalski (P) def Mike Beach 6 0 6 0.

No 1 doubles: Doug Eggleston Brad Yergensen (P) def Don Miller Andrew Hermatz 6 2 6 0. No 2 Brett Burns Jamie Grassmyer (WM) def Dave Snyder Brett Kavulich 6 1 6 2. No 3 Erik Korpalski Dan Jeong (P) def Anthony Karasinski Terence Stewart 6 1 6 0. No 4 Ryan Reynolds Mike Anderson (WM) def Nick Mazzocco Anoop Gopal 7 5 2 6 7 5.

Dual meet records: Plymouth 4 3 overall 4 3 WLAA Wayne 0 7 1 overall 0 6 1 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6

PLYMOUTH 2

April 28 at Stevenson

No 1 singles: Luc Lucaj (P) defeated Chris Welch 7 6 6 4. No 2 Chris McCathney (LS) def Don Zhang 6 1 6 1. No 3 Ricky Roman (LS) def Kevin Welch 6 1 6 1. No 4 Gino McCathney (LS) def Clint Korpalski 6 3 6 0.

No 1 doubles: Brandon Bahr Mike Jewell (LS) def Doug Eggleston Brad Yergensen 6 3 6 1. No 2 Vasyi Mayorchak Jon Bagazinski 6 3 6 7 (7 9). No 3 Erik Korpalski Dan Jeong (P) def Mike Carpenter Yash Chantran 3 6 6 4 6 4. No 4 Jason Mifsud Ian Petty (LS) def Nick Mazzocco Anoop Gopal 6 1 6 3.

Dual meet records: Stevenson 3 4 overall 3 2 WLAA Plymouth 3 2 overall 3 2 WLAA.

SALEM 8

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 0

April 28 at Walled Lake Northern

No 1 singles: Chris Treadwell (S) defeated Sam Hall (WLN) 6 2 6 1. No 2 Rob Wallen (S) def Will Farwell (WLN) 6 3 6 3. No 3 Lawrence Washington (S) def Greg Watson (WLN) 6 3 6 0. No 4 Pete Bartlett (S) def Brad Thomas (WLN) 6 0 6 3.

No 1 doubles: Blake Foster Neil Bakshi (S) def Adam Glenn Brad Gardner (WLN) 7 5 3 6 6 3. No 2 Alex Gui Pawel Kargol (S) def Ken Harthun Nik Seth (WLN) 6 2 6 1. No 3 Dave Geick Dave Jung (S) def Jeff Briddy Nick Muraca (WLN) 6 2 6 4. No 4 Cam Loftus Ross Heidenreich (S) def Zack Schwartz Andy Sanders (WLN) 7 6 7 5.

Salem's dual meet records: 4 1 overall 2 1 WLAA.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOLSTICE RUN

The Fifth Third Bank Solstice Run will include a new 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) event along with the 5K run/walk and the kids fun run, Saturday, June 25, in Northville.

Packet pickup will be from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, and also starting at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25 at Ford Field in Northville.

Entry fees are \$25 (10K run), \$20 (5K walk/run) and \$9 (kids run). Shirts will go to all entrants (if registered by June 20). Free entertainment with a live band will be provided at the finish line, along with music on the course.

Medals will go to the top three finisher in each age division (along with medals to the top 300). There is a total of \$5,000 in prize money and gift awards for the 10K and 5K races. The Foresters will provide medals to all kids participants.

You can register online at www.SolsticeRun.org.

PAR-TEE GOLF LEAGUE

The Par-tee Girls Golf League, which plays on Thursdays mornings at 8 a.m. at Canton's Hickory Creek Golf Course, is looking for new members.

The nine-hole league is set to begin May 5 and run through Aug. 19. Hickory Creek is located at Ford and Napier roads in Canton.

For more information, call Susan Moorman at (734) 414-9941.

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

Registration for spring T ball for children 4 and 5 years old. Coach pitch

for 6- and 7-year-old kids, and machine-pitch for kids between the ages of 8 and 10 are currently being accepted by the Plymouth Family YMCA. For more registration information, call (734) 453-2904.

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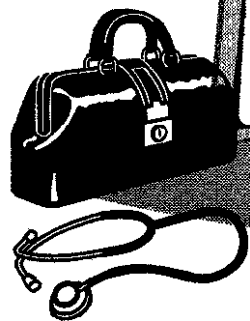
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The camps include two options: a regular camp for beginner to intermediate players, and advanced camps for striker/goalkeepers. The advanced strike camp is an all-offensive camp that moves at an accelerated pace and focuses on finishing (scoring).

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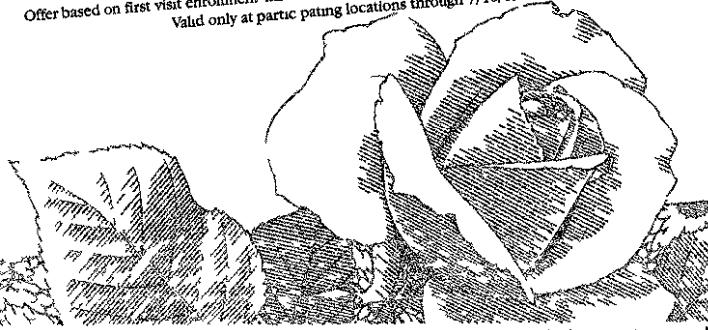
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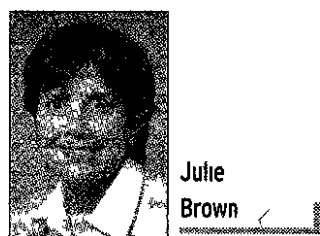
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In praise of good neighbors

The call came on a recent Friday morning, when work beckoned, but I didn't mind a bit. The caller was neighbor Mary Martin, who'd seen us walking and apologized for not waving from her car. She was back from the eye doctor, making seeing difficult.

Mary, husband Graham and their four children made us feel welcome when we moved to our Plymouth Township home back in the late 1980s. We enjoy our visits such as a recent one when their daughter, Beth, now about to graduate from Wheaton College near Chicago and begin a teaching career, was home.

Mary's call was to invite us to the Lake Pointe Bible Church last Sunday, their church. The occasion was a Sunday soup-and-bread supper after services, with Graham, an art teacher at Salem High School, contributing more than 200 soup bowls.

My husband, a far better cook than I, had shared a recipe for Cuban black bean soup with the Martins, and she'd made it already a number of times to rave reviews. That got me to thinking about neighbors and just how important they are.

Sure, family and friends count for a whole lot, too, but neighbors are around to help when that home improvement project goes awry. We all have different talents and abilities, and neighborhoods mean that we can share those for the benefit of all.

We have other great neighbors, too, such as Jack and Betty Morrison. They're Mackenzie High School freshmen. I remember playing city basketball at Mackenzie and hearing about high school days from them always makes me feel closer to my dad.

Neighbor Debbie Borst and I are in Contemporary Books at the Plymouth District Library and always enjoy sharing the latest titles we've read. The Borsts' five kids keep her busy and I'm amazed she has time to read all that.

Neighbor Denise Mogos keeps us updated on all the latest activities at the Metroparks, where she works in public relations. We recently saw Denise, a friend and her son on their way to Hines Drive for the first bicycle ride of the season as temperatures warmed.

I've known Denise professionally for a number of years, but it was nice to get to know her as a neighbor as well. Our next-door neighbors on either side are terrific, too, and it'll be nice to see more of them now that winter's through and we'll be doing more yard work and picnicking.

I'm no expert on what it takes to create and maintain a strong neighborhood, but it seems to me that good neighbors are the starting point.

Of course, to have good neighbors you have to be one, too, and I hope we hold up our end of the bargain. Neither of us is particularly handy, but both of us have writing skills and experience. My contacts at the paper have helped with publicity for such things as class reunions.

Now that winter's gone, why not take some time to get to know your neighbors? Communities benefit greatly from strong neighborhoods, but the main thing is the pleasure you'll derive from knowing the folks around you who also call your neighborhood home.

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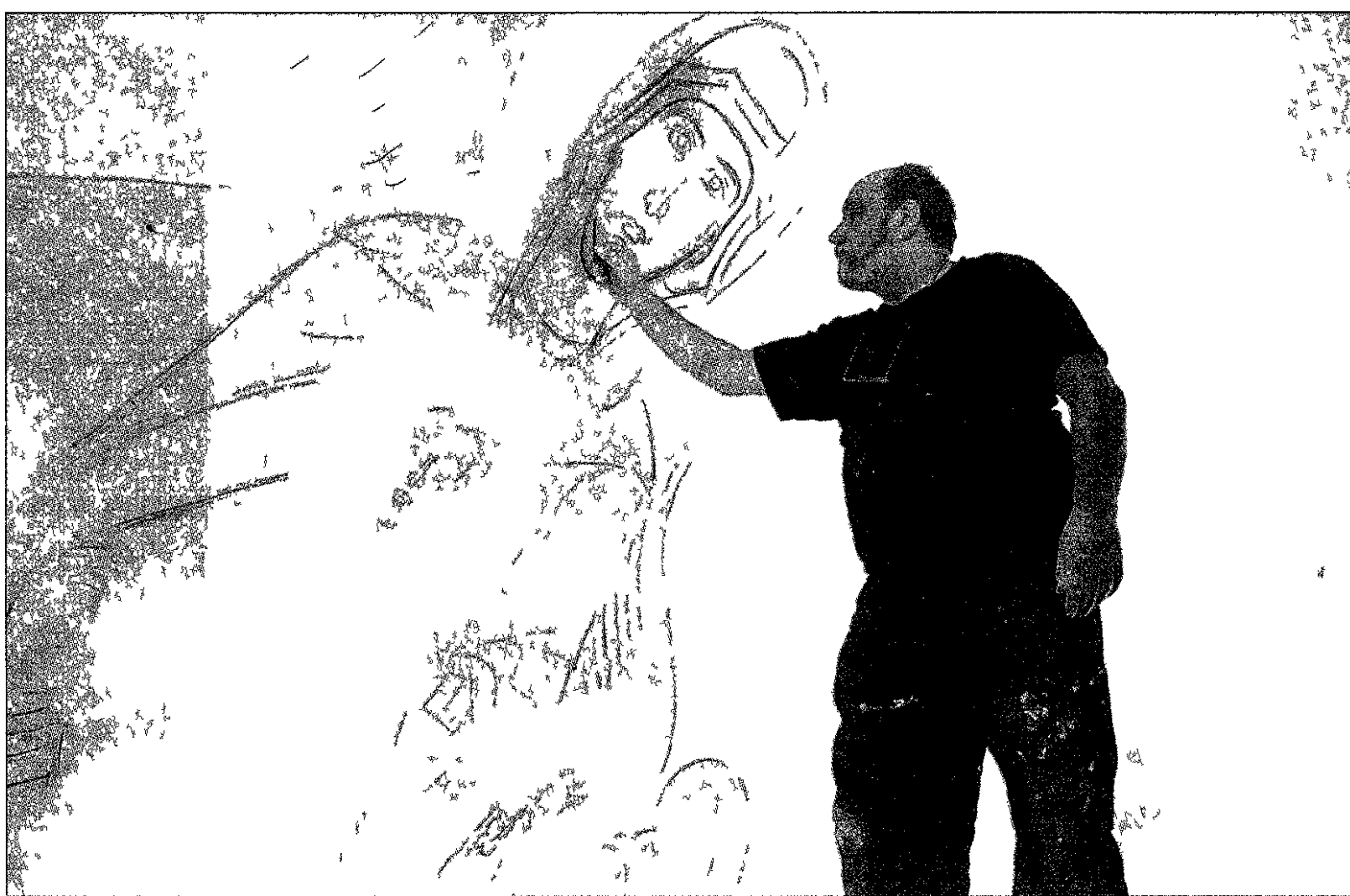
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The Rev. George Shalhoub and an icon of the Archangel Michael

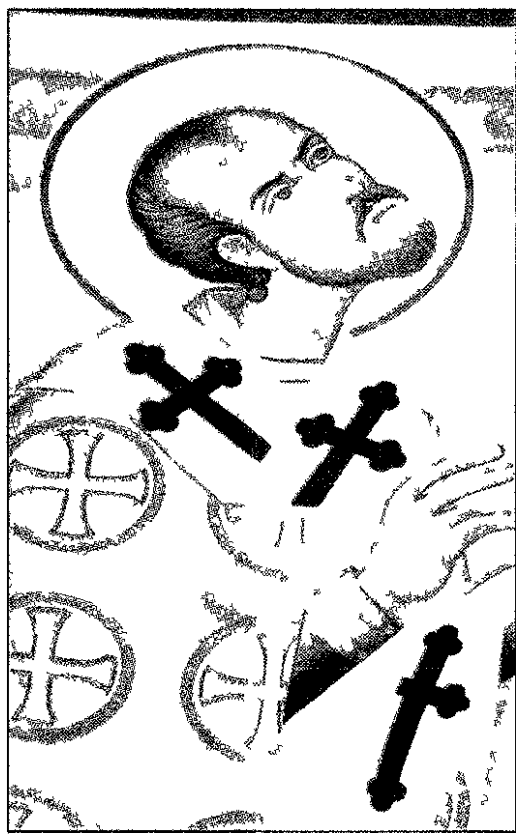


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Vlasis Tsotsos sketches icon of St. Luke and Jesus

Icons teach faithful about gospel of St. Luke

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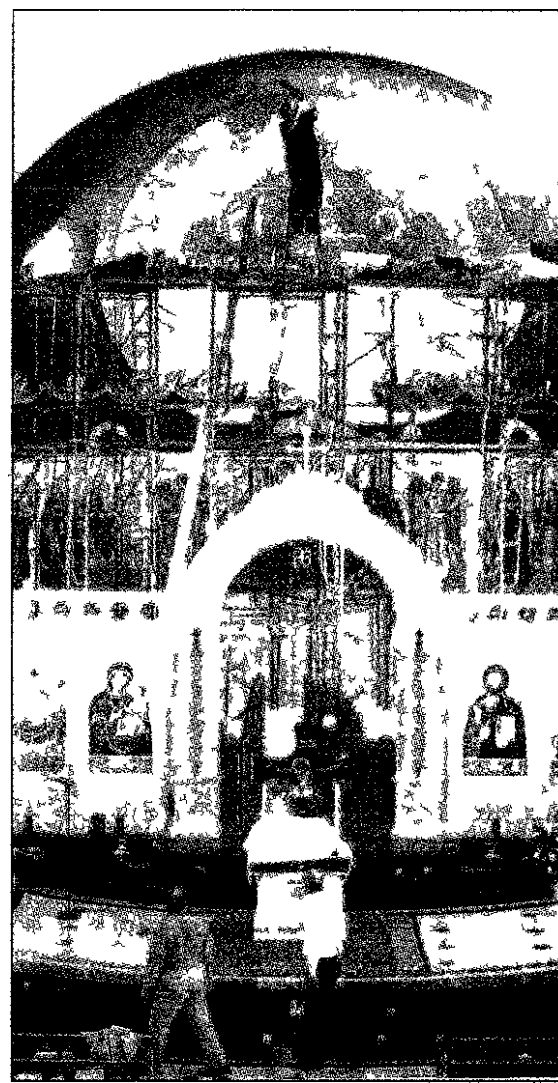
The painting is in classic Byzantine style

'This is heaven,' said the Rev. George Shalhoub, motioning to the icons that Vlasis Tsotsos had spent the last month painting on the apse behind the altar in St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia.

Although the \$13 million basilica-style church was dedicated in 2003, the first phase of interior decoration did not begin until early April. Shalhoub found it difficult to find an iconographer trained in the ancient art until one day turning on the Discovery Channel. It was then he learned about Tsotsos and the mosaic scenes he created for the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Shortly after, Shalhoub and a committee of Dennis Bojrab, Husam Ajlum and Andrew Ansara met with Tsotsos in his homeland of Greece. Tsotsos then traveled to St. Mary to create detailed pencil drawings of how he envisioned the gospel of St. Luke. The central figures of the Virgin Mary and Christ child mesmerize the viewer as they hover over a scene from the Last Supper. As with all of the icons, they were created with pigments and sheets of 24-carat gold leaf.

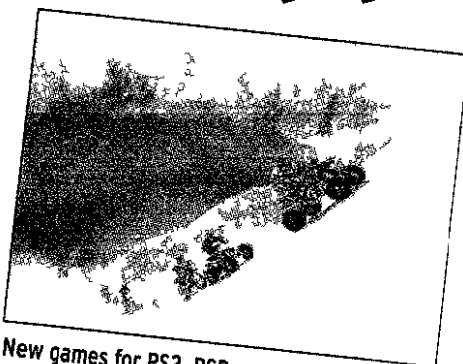
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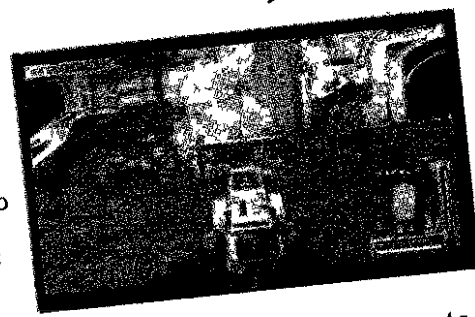
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choose from a wide assortment of licensed vehicles, everything from '64 Chevy Impalas to modern-day Hummers - all of which you can trick out and customize to your heart's content. Unlike earlier versions, cars have not only individual strengths and weaknesses, but also special abilities.

I won't spoil the surprises,

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Twisted Metal: Head On proves beyond a doubt that racing is a lot more fun when your car is equipped with a missile launcher.

High school proms can be a traumatic experience

It is spring in the minds of juniors and seniors anticipating their first prom. Nationwide, many adolescents — especially girls — are faced with prom jitters and worries that stem from the pressure to have a 'perfect evening.' For many teens, this includes finding a date, shedding pounds, shopping for a dress, having sex, drinking alcohol and attending post-prom parties.

Parents should encourage hobbies and other skills, and downplay the importance of appearance, says Jennifer Dyl, a child psychologist at Bradley Hospital, East Providence, RI. To alleviate the pressure of finding a prom date, she suggests that parents should convey to teens that it can be just as much fun (if not more fun) to attend the prom with a group of friends. Or, it's a good idea to suggest an alternative activity to prom going.

Experts at Bradley Hospital, offer the following tips for handling issues associated with attending "the prom":

• Parents should continually



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

give girls positive feedback on aspects of themselves unrelated to appearance and dress size," says Dyl. However, if daughters begin to obsess about dress size, or needing to look 'perfect' for the prom, it may help to remind them that the images in teen magazines are not real, and tricks such as airbrushing are marketing techniques used to sell dresses and cosmetics.

She also suggests challenging rigid thinking behind the idea that every detail of the prom must be perfect. Ask teens what their happiest memories in life have been so far. Most likely it was during spontaneous events that weren't planned in minute detail.

While a prom is technically about a last dance for high school seniors, it remains a per-

sistent cultural icon as venue for sexual activity. According to Dr. Larry Brown, with the Bradley Hasbro Children's Research Center, too frequently we refer to talking to our teenage children about sex as "HAVING THE BIG TALK." The label "BIG TALK" is misleading because it implies that the talk only happens once and that it is a torturous event.

"Neither is true — there can be multiple talks, and you can use day-to-day, natural opportunities, such as remarking about sex presented on a TV show, to start a conversation," says Brown.

He notes that a 15-minute ride to the grocery store or to school is plenty of time to start a conversation, and that small sound bites can be more effective than one-hour conversations that may leave your teen feeling overwhelmed.

In order to elicit a two-way conversation, parents should refrain from passing judgment, and initiate a conversation by asking the teen's opinion. For example, say, "I heard this on the news, what did you think

about that?"

"Passing judgment will close doors to future conversations," says Brown.

These conversations, no matter how uncomfortable they make you, are among the most important you will have with your adolescent. Take into consideration the following:

The most recent U.S. data reveal "despite declining [pregnancy] rates, more than 4 in 10 teen girls still get pregnant at least once before age 20, which translates into nearly 900,000 teen pregnancies per year." An estimated 18 percent of 15-year-old girls will give birth before age 20.

Information on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) indicates that one in four sexually active adolescents become infected each year. Syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia are among the most common STDs in the 15- to 19-year-old population.

As summarized in the Child Trends brief, "Building a Better Teenager" teens who have warm, involved, and satisfying relationships with their parents

are "more likely to do well in school, be academically motivated and engaged, have better social skills, and have lower rates of risky sexual behavior than their peers." Youth whose parents know and monitor their children's activities, friends, and behaviors have less risky behavior. Additional research suggests that those same children are less likely to become sexually active.

For More Information: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy: Ten Tips for Parents to Help Their Children Avoid Teen Pregnancy (June 21, 2004). Available at www.teenpregnancy.org/resources/reading/tips/tips.asp


About Children, Chapter 37 'Adolescent Sexuality Beyond Numbers' by Paula Duncan and Emily Hallock (American Academy of Pediatrics and the Social Science Research Center of Mississippi State University, 2005, \$50.00). An extraordinary book that we will review soon.

Note: Bradley Hospital, founded in 1931, remains a premier medical institution devoted

exclusively to research and treatment of childhood psychiatric illnesses (www.bradleyhospital.org).

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type 'Alice R. McCarthy' under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. Last week's column was "Set a Good Example to Fight Teen Substance Abuse." All of her columns for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will be available shortly on www.bridge-comm.com.

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of five professionals, is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health and health publications. She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book, *Healthy Teens Facing the Challenges of Young Lives*. Write to her in care of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150.



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NON-FICTION


- 1 "My Life So Far," Jane Fonda
- 2 "Blunk," Malcolm Gladwell
- 3 "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman
- 4 "Deadly Game," Catherine Crier
- 5 "Revenge of the Sith," Matthew Stover
- 4 "No Place Like Home," Mary Higgins Clark
- 5 "Stroke of Midnight," Laurell K. Hamilton

FICTION

- 1 "True Believer," Nicholas Sparks
- 2 "The Mermaid Chair," Sue Monk
- 5 "Blood Brother," Annie Bird

PARENTS' CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S FICTION BOOKS

- 1 Makeovers by Marcia, Claudia Mills
- 2 "The Silver Child," Cliff McNish
- 3 "Sea Legs," Alex Shearer
- 4 "The Xanadu Adventures," Lloyd Alexander
- 5 "Wolf Brother," Michelle Paver



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A panel of artists and art enthusiasts will judge the entries and award first, second, third and fourth place. Artwork receiving a ranked place (first through fourth) will be displayed in the atrium of Ford's Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn on June 10 during An Evening With The Arts.

Artists will present their entry to the judging panel selected by the sponsor, Dance Electric, on May 15 in Farmington Hills. A time slot will be given to entrants after the submission is received. Please be sure to specify whether the art is a drawing, painting, sculpture, or photography.

The cost is \$15 per entry and forms must be received by May 5. For a form, send e-mail to eveningwiththearts@twm1rr.com. For more information, call (248) 477-3830.



Kowalski-Good

Stephen and Bonnie Buck of Traverse City, and Russ Theus and Nancy Waggoner of Southfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly A. Kowalski, to David J. Good of Ypsilanti.

Kimberly is employed at Richardson's Sav-Mor Pharmacy.

Her fiancé, David, is the son of Cindy and Mark Lyons of Canton, and Margaret Good and the late Gary Good of Dundee. He is employed with Coca-Cola Enterprises.

David and Kimberly are planning a June wedding at Ward Presbyterian Church with a reception at Baker's of Milford. They plan a honeymoon to Hawaii and will be making their new home in Ypsilanti.



Driskell-McMann

Peggy Driskell of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Jamie Ann, to Jasen Timothy McMann of Plymouth.

Jamie is a graduate of Mercy High School. She earned a Finishing Degree at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Robert J. Anderson Company.

Her fiancé, Jasen, is the son of Tim and Sue McMann of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed at U of M.

Jasen and Jamie are planning an August wedding on the west grounds of Wellers in Saline with a reception in the Carnegie House and Gazebo. They will be making their new home in Plymouth.

REUNIONS

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Camp Nahelu, located in Ortonville, is planning a reunion on Sunday, May 29, in Orchard Lake. Organizers are looking for anyone who attended or worked at the camp from 1940 to 1970. Please contact Fran Gurwin Bell at (248) 706-0738 or e-mail JFARBell@aol.com

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GAMES

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but these tricks add some nice spice to an otherwise familiar street-racing exercise. Likewise, you can now race online, and that's where Midnight Club shines brightest.

If you'd rather career through the air than barrel down city streets, strap on your helmet for *MX Vs ATV Unleashed*.

Though its name suggests just two kinds of roadsters to race - 4x4 ATVs and motocross bikes - the game also serves up dune buggies, golf carts, monster trucks, and even aircraft.

Of course, you have to win lots of races - and accumulate lots of points - to unlock those vehicles. But even without that incentive to keep racing, *Unleashed* is a high-flying blast.

Tracks include not only indoor arenas, but also sprawling outdoor landscapes. You can grab huge air off a steady supply of ramps and hills, and boost your score by performing mid-air tricks.

What I like best about *Unleashed* is that it's not impossible to catch up to your computer opponents if you make a mistake or two. And if you tire of the AI competition, you can play online. Only the terse instruction manual disappoints.

Finally, there's *Twisted Metal Head On*, which proves beyond a doubt that racing is a lot more fun when your car is equipped with a missile launcher.

Indeed, vehicular mayhem is the name of this game, which puts you behind the wheels of over a dozen heavily armed mean machines. Your task: ram, blast, and otherwise destroy the competition.

A wide selection of power-ups and special weapons keep the demolitions lively. The PSP's analog joystick makes for somewhat touchy steering, but the controls are comfortable overall, and the game looks and sounds terrific. In short, this is some fine arcade action.

When you're done obliterating the computer, you can hop online for incredible multiplayer competition.

Just plunk yourself down in the nearest hotspot (home networks included) and shoot it

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Rick's Rating: A- TWISTED METAL: HEAD ON

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out with players from around the country. Multiplayer games, which include death-match and team play, can have up to six players.

This awesome feature gives *Twisted Metal* endless replay value. Just remember to go outside once in a while, OK? **Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Farmington Community Chorus hits high note on its 25th

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

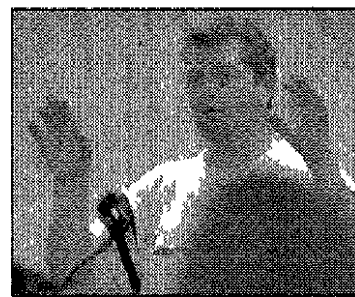
Steve SeGraves has found some of his best friends in the Farmington Community Chorus.

"It is a family atmosphere," said the Northville Township resident, who has directed the chorus for 15 years. "We're sharing music. Music is so personal."

The Farmington Community Chorus will perform its 25th annual spring concert, "The Best Is Yet To Come," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, in Beverly Hills.

Tickets can be ordered in advance or purchased at the door for \$10. The 90-voice mixed chorus includes singers from throughout metro Detroit, including Troy, Redford, Rochester, Brighton and Clarkston, as well as the Farmingtons. They will be joined by dancers and instrumentalists, and directed by SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr.

The chorus will perform a variety of music such as "You'll Never Walk Alone," a medley from *Les Miserables*, "If Ever I Would Leave You," "Beyond the



Director Steve SeGraves puts the chorus through its paces during the rehearsal.

Sea," "May Each Day," a men's doo-wop medley and solo and small group performances.

The group presents pop, jazz, musical selections, classical and more, SeGraves said, with the aim to present quality music that reaches the audience. Members want those who attend to be moved "whatever the subject may be."

He noted businesses don't always make it to their 25th anniversary, and that the milestone speaks to the strength of the chorus. "It's just something about the quality of the group. It's a well-run group."

Officers and volunteers handle many tasks well, SeGraves said. "Everybody does their part. That's what makes it work."

The chorus performs at Christmas and in the spring, as well as at Heritage Park in the summer and during the Founders Festival. The adult education graduation performance for Farmington schools is another highlight, said SeGraves, a stay-at-home dad with two kids under 5.

In addition to the FCC, he directs the Langford Men's Chorus in Detroit and has a

church choir at Trinity Presbyterian of Plymouth, along with other musical pursuits.

To order advance tickets for May 13-14, call the FCC ticket line at (810) 632-4067 or visit the Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Tickets are also available from members. For information, call manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516 or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com.

"She's a huge reason for the success of the group," SeGraves said of Hall, who is quick to return the compliment.

The variety of things he knows, it's made us become what we are," said Hall of Farmington Hills, an original member who's been manager since 1991. "He never lets us sit on our laurels. Steve can do any type of music. Steve gets it right."

Garr and original director Jim Whitten formed the chorus, Hall said, with Donald Stromberg the second director and SeGraves now the longest serving. Hall's found that with auditions the group's quality has steadily improved.

Hall, a booking agent for motor homes, trailers and popup campers, said audiences love the variety at performances, in which singers don't use sheet music.

Like SeGraves, the chorus is Hall's love, and she's formed many friendships.

"Most of the people in the group have been there a long time," she said. "There's a core group of us that have been together for years. It works out really well. It really feels like magic up on stage."

**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 *Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) Freshman Soccer Field*. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2953. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center RE Soccer Field Bid 454 S Harvey Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:00 p.m. Thursday May 19 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 73 WATER
AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE
ARTICLE III**

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C 2005 04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE, PROVIDING THAT ALL NON DOMESTIC USERS THAT DISCHARGE INTO THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITY AUTHORITY (YCUA) PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS SHALL LIMIT DISCHARGES EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CONNECTIONS OR ALTERATIONS TO TOWNSHIP OR YCUA SEWAGE WORKS FACILITIES, PROVIDING FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION OR USE OF AND CONNECTION TO THE SEWAGE WORKS; PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS OF THE DISCHARGE OF THE WASTEWATER INTO THE SEWAGE WORKS; PROHIBITING CERTAIN DETRIMENTAL CONDUCT, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, AUTHORIZING INSPECTIONS, PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION ENFORCEMENT AND ESTABLISHING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF AND INSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED AND ADOPTED UNDER SAID ACTS AND STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

SECTION 1.

Section 73 081 32(b) and (c) of Article III of Chapter 73 the Water and Sewer System Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) This section modifies the surcharge threshold and upper limits of compatibles which may be discharged into the wastewater system.

(c) This section revises the upper limits of organic or inorganic pollutants or phenolic compounds which may be discharged into the system.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings prosecutions for violation of law penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C 2005 04 considered for first reading at the April 26 2005 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday May 10 2005. The Ordinance, in full is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone No. 734 354 3224.

Marilyn Massengill Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Golf classic

3 Dimensional Services of Rochester Hills and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hold their 23rd annual Golf Classic to raise funds for CF research at The Wyndgate in Rochester Hills on Monday June 6. The cost is \$1,800 per foursome which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, range balls, grilled lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, 19th Hole Celebration with a silent auction and dinner with a live auction and an awards presentation. Registration and breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. with the shotgun start at 11 a.m. Single golfers (\$450) are welcome as well as foursomes. For more event information call Jill Katynski at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at (248) 269-8759.

Speakers meeting

The May meeting of the National Speakers Association Michigan Chapter which features a panel of industry partners and certified speaking professionals is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (with lunch included) May 14 at the Holiday Inn North in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$55 for non-members (\$65 at the door) and \$40 for members (\$45 at the door).

Senior synergy

The Farmington Community Library and the Area Agency on Aging 1B present another in their Senior Synergy series programs from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday June 8 at the Farmington Community Library Auditorium, 32737 W. 12 Mile (between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road). A panel discussion featuring certified senior advisors and other professionals designed to help with life's daily decisions. To register call (248) 553-0300.

Safe driving for seniors

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the American Association of Retired Persons offer a two-day program AARP Safe Driving from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 14-15. Attendance at both sessions is required. The AARP Safe Driving Program is an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP and pre-registration is required. Registration information on or on the website at St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Diabetes workshop

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a discussion on Diabetes and Your Skin from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday May 11 in the hospital's auditorium with guest speaker David Pegouska, a dermatologist. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. Admission is free. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. For more information call (734) 655-8961.

Career women meet

Sally Roby presents a program Metabolic Syndrome: the Convergence of Issues that Create Heart Disease and Diabetes at the National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday May 10 at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth Township. Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. To RSVP call Linda Shoumate (734) 459-4506.

Genealogical meeting

The annual meeting of the Livingston County Genealogical Society takes place Thursday May 15 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. Potluck dinner at 6 p.m., a short meeting and election of officers at 7 p.m. Speaker for the evening is Roman Godzek, archivist of the Archdiocese of Detroit, who will discuss the Records of the Ethnic Churches of Detroit and surrounding areas. For more information call Lyla at (517) 546-6307 or Margaret at (810) 227-7745.

Mother's Day workshop

The Ann Arbor Art Center offers a Mother's Day themed workshop from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday May 1. The Make Mother's Day Magic Workshop will feature variety of pottery pieces for participants to paint that include bowls, plates, bud vases, mugs and more. Items will be ready for pick up in time for Mother's Day gift giving. Workshops are suitable for all ages. Cost is \$15 per creator. Registration is required and payment is due in full upon registration. To register or for more information stop by the Art Center at 117 West Liberty, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004 Ext. 101 or register online at



Vets cruisin'

Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 presents 'CRUZ'N 528' at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 from 5-8 p.m. every Wednesday starting May 18. A disc jockey will spin "oldies" music and visitors can see original restored and custom cars, hot rods and motorcycles. Food and refreshments will be available, and the weekly event includes 50/50 raffles, door prizes and vinyl window plaques. Military style dog tags and merchandise will be for sale. The VFW post is located at 1426 S. Mill, just north of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth.

www.annarborartcenter.org

Doctor communications

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a Let's Talk presentation called Communicating with your Doctor from 1:30 p.m. Wednesday May 18 in the hospital's auditorium. The presentation focuses on tips for good communication, getting started with a new doctor, how to discuss health issues involving family and friends and other topics. The presentation is free but registration is required. To register or for more information call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Motherless workshop

Arbor Hospice & Home Care announces its THE MEMORY IN THE MIRROR Daughters Reflecting on Motherless workshop. The workshop takes place from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Sunday May 1 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville. The workshop is one of many bereavement programs offered by Arbor Hospice & Home Care to assist individuals and the bereaved through the process of grief. The workshop is free of charge and open to all members of the community. As space is limited, early registration is encouraged. To register or for more information contact BraveHeart Grief Center at (248) 449-8232 or visit Web sites at www.arborhospice.org or braveheartmichigan.org.

Alzheimer's benefit

On May 6, Bankers Life and Casualty Company holds its third annual Forget Me Not Days fund raiser to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. An estimated 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's. Bankers fund raiser will raise community awareness of this debilitating disease and contribute to the Alzheimer's Association's research and support efforts. The Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter Metro Detroit Region receives 100 percent of the funds collected from this event. During these two days, Bankers employees, agents, families and friends will be collecting monetary donations in neighborhoods throughout the Metro Detroit area. Volunteers will be easily distinguished in green aprons with official Forget Me Not flower seeds. Bankers Life and Casualty Company will also be hosting an open house and barbeque at their building at 13602 Merriman Road in Livonia on Saturday May 7 for anyone who would like to bring donations directly into the office. Contact Todd Polk at Bankers Life at todd.polk@bankerslife.com with any further questions.

'Heart of a Woman'

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia offers a presentation on women and heart disease. The Heart of a Woman from 9:11 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday May 4 at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark. Speaker will be Ginger Ramsay, RN of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Free blood pressure, cholesterol, stroke and bone density screenings will be offered as well as babysitting services. Exhibits on women's health will be available and a St. Mary Mercy dietician will be on hand to answer questions. Registration is required by April 29. To register or for more information call (734) 655-8950.

Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free fibromyalgia workshop at the Carl Sandburg Library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday May 4. To register for the workshop call (248)

426-0201. Seating is limited.

Mental health program

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Public Education Program will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday May 9 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard. Ann Arbor Dr. Stephan Taylor, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan, will speak about Schizoaffective Disorder: What is it? Really? Free and open to the public. NAMI may be reached at (734) 994-6611.

Place settings

The Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop will be highlighting place settings from May 1-31. From vibrant and colorful to elegant and simplistic, place setting pieces created by local and regional artists will be featured. The place settings will consist of plates, bowls, mugs and more with collections suitable for wedding gifts, anniversaries, birthdays or for starting a brand new set. Gallery Shop hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information about upcoming events, visit the website at www.annarborartcenter.org or call (734) 994-8004 Ext. 18 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

WineMaker dinner

WineFest 2005 commences at 7 p.m. Friday May 13 with its annual WineMaker Dinner at Mediterraneo Restaurant in Ann Arbor. WineFest will be held Saturday May 14 at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest. WineFest 2005 honorary chair Leonardo LoCascio, CEO and president of Winebow, will host the WineMaker dinner, a gourmet dinner perfectly paired with fine wines from Winebow Imports. Mediterraneo Restaurant owner John Roumanis will arrange a menu especially prepared to complement the wines chosen by LoCascio. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on items featured exclusively at WineFest's Showcase Preview Auction. Guests will also enjoy a private evening as Mediterraneo will be open exclusively for the WineMaker Dinner. WineMaker Dinner sponsored by Ann Arbor Commerce Bank costs \$135 per person. Mediterraneo is located at 2900 South State Street in Ann Arbor. For ticket information call (734) 994-8004 Ext. 101.

Homeschool spring formal

Palaestra homeschooling group hosts its annual spring formal catered dinner dance for home schooled students (14 and over) in the tri-county area from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday May 7 at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile (just west of Stevenson High) in Livonia. Cost is \$25 per person with Christian DJ Steve Chavez and ballroom dance instructors. Reservations required. Contact Susan Weisbrod (734) 397-1225 or e-mail to curly918@aol.com.

Hospice art dash

Arbor Hospice and Home Care announces Art Dash 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday May 19 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. Proceeds from the highly anticipated event will benefit Arbor Hospice and its Northville office which cares for hundreds of patients each year throughout Wayne and Oakland counties. Doors open at 6:30 with the dash starting at 8:30 by the end of the evening, each ticket holder dashes for a beautiful piece of artwork. Tickets are \$250 each which admits up to

two people. St. John's Golf & Conference Center is located at 44045 Five Mile Road. To register or for further information contact Glenda Gordon Kime at (734) 662-5999 Ext. 152 or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care on line at www.arborhospice.org.

Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor and displayed through May 9. The Spring exhibition is titled Black + White with the theme of wild and wacky silhouettes featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty eight Burn Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners, the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The Spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the community and promote this year's WineFest, which will be held on Saturday May 14. The banners will be on display during the event with the black and white style reflected throughout the site's decor. More information at (734) 994-8004 x

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian based bereavement outreach and resource center located

in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A M

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Robert Scoggins, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at scoggins@wdeopwest.com or call (734) 459-9565.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month. September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com.

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details call Birthe (734) 458-8143 or Martina (734) 464-0481.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining contact club president Judy Krizan at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.



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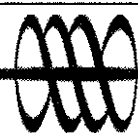
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MARGARET "ANNE" ROBERTS

Age 84 of Jupiter, Florida, passed away on March 21, 2005. She was born in Detroit, MI and was a resident of Jupiter, FL for the last 2 years. She was a founding member of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Her proudest achievement was Anne was the daughter of May Mawson and Jerry Anderson. Survived by 2 sons, Larry Roberts of Jupiter, FL and Leigh Roberts of Suwannee, GA, as well as 2 grandchildren. Private services were held at the Kirk in the Hills with interment at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, Michigan.

ALLAN A. THARP

April 26, 2005, Age 59. Born Feb. 12, 1946 in Detroit. Resident of Birmingham and Veteran US Army Insurance agent with Geb Associates. Beloved husband of Charlotte (nee Longyear). Dear father of Timothy, Stephen, Kimberly and Rebecca. Brother of Roger Tharp (Marilyn). Funeral service was held Saturday at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham. Interment Franklin Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Kidney Cancer Association, 1234 Sherman Ave., Ste. 203, Evanston, IL 60202 or James Dobson's Focus on Family, Colorado Springs, CO 90995. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.



CAROL WHITAKER (PHILLIPS)

Passed away April 29, 2005. Beloved mother of Katherine (Robert) Dewhurst, dearest Grandmother of Zackery Mace. Family will receive visitation Tuesday, May 3rd from 5:00pm until time of memorial service at 6:00pm at Neely Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile (Btwn Merriman & Middlebelt). Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

CAROLE J. WILLIAMS

Age 79 of the Beth Shalom Home, died April 27, 2005. A native of St. Petersburg, FL, she was the daughter of the late Manning and Jeanetta Hathaway. She was the widow of Paul T. Williams. She was a founding member of the Junior Women's Club of Rochester, MI and was also a member of the League of Women Voters. Survivors include her son, the Honorable William Williams and his wife Janet of Norfolk and her two grandchildren, Paul Fitzpatrick Williams and Katherine Hathaway Williams. A memorial service will be conducted Sunday, May 1, 2005 at 4:00 PM in the Norfolk Chapel of H.D. Oliver Funeral Apts. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CHKD Child Abuse Program.

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(May 1-May 4)
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Dishonesty is not in your nature. Ram, so avoid involvement with someone who has something to hide. With so much going on beneath the surface and behind the scenes now, you are hardly in your element. In a few weeks, all will seem very different.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
The means to escape a financial predicament are clearly marked, but you seem to be having trouble spotting the signposts. Bull. Now, with cosmic forces simplifying the options, you should be able to find a sensible solution. Don't let recent setbacks hold you back—baby steps will propel you forward.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
Someone rather exceptional is coming into your life in the days to come, and if you listen closely, it won't be long before you're doing some exceptional things yourself. Twin. If you've ever wanted to move up in the world, now is the time to make your play.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)
A team effort currently represents your best shot at getting where you want to be—even if it temporarily means playing second fiddle. Try not to antagonize anyone who has the ability to aid you in the future. MoonKid. For best results, think twice and twice again this week.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)
You have an uncanny knack for getting others to share your beliefs, but you seem to be losing ground with a current venture. Lion. With celestial influences urging you to be a little less assertive, you should try diplomacy rather than dogma. Swallow your pride and chill, kiddo!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)
You may be fixed in your opinions. Virgo, but what happens this week will cause you to question the principles that guide your existence. It will also make you wonder if your life would be simpler if you weren't sooooo serious. Where does it say you have to work yourself into the ground?

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)
Others will turn to you for help and inspiration (again!) this week, and you'll give freely (again!) as you always do. But there will be times mid-week when you require someone to lean on, so let those who love you know your needs. Balancer. Ask, don't kvetch.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 23)
You may think you know all the answers. Scorp, but while you certainly know some of them, you can't see every opportunity, so don't let your ego get carried away. You'll be reminded this week that even the deepest truth is relative. Enemies are only such because you treat them as friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
This week's favorable planetary setup gives you the opportunity to prove that you are more than just another cog in the wheel and that your contribution can and does make a difference. Remember, however, that what you should be aiming for is quality rather than quantity. Archer, even if it means cutting back on some of your commitments.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)
What goes around comes around, or so they say, and it's certainly true that if you help others this week, you'll get the help you need in the near future. It's not true that stern Capricorn is a selfish sign, and you'll go out of your way to prove it. Kill 'em with kindness.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)
Don't waste time reacting to petty annoyances and on no account go out on a limb to bail a partner or business colleague out of trouble. What comes to light later this week suggests they are in a deeper hole than anyone realized, and it would be all too easy for you to get pulled in with them.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)
You need to feel 100 percent right now—which may mean having to cut down on stress, monitor your fitness or change your diet. Fish. Celestial influences are focusing on the health and well-being angles of your chart. That's an opportunity you should take advantage of.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

ICONS

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said Shalhoub, St. Mary's pastor. Icons are a window to heaven. The story goes deeper than building a church. We're building a monument that can speak in architecture, but now write the gospel story in color.

Ullas is the only artist permitted to restore 15th and 16th century icons in the church of Greece. We wanted to find a prayerful man who knows the history (of icons) in line with holy traditions and that they're not supposed to resemble a living human being.

The challenges didn't end after commissioning Tsotsonis. In 2004, he was sent back to Greece due to problems with his visa. When he finally arrived in April of this year, it was without his assistant, who couldn't travel for similar reasons. This has slowed down the project, which was to be finished by May 1, orthodox Easter Sunday. Now

it's expected Tsotsonis won't complete the icons on the ceiling and walls until the end of May. Icons of St. Andrew the Archangel, Gabriel and Michael, and St. George, among others, have already been installed in a stone wall behind the main altar. Tsotsonis brought them with him along with a canvas of the Mystical Supper that is covered with plastic while Tsotsonis works high above on scaffolding.

The commission of the Mystical Supper is unlike the Last Supper; the 12 disciples are standing up, Shalhoub said. Above that is writing the icon Our Lady the Peace of the World. The icon was a big tradition of our people in the ancient church between the eighth and 10th century. This is a replica of churches in fourth and fifth century Syria. Icons are supposed to inspire you to pray, not to be mesmerized, but to take God closer.

Robert Keysmith was simply awestruck as he viewed the

Virgin Mary and Christ child surrounded on each side by an angel. A member and volunteer with the church, he gives a monthly pledge to pay for the interior work. Shalhoub estimates it will eventually cost \$500,000 for the icons and decorative wall that was hand-carved in Damascus from Jerusalem stone.

"Ever since he started, I've been praying for him," said Keysmith, a Farmington Hills resident, partly for safety, partly for inspiration. The Mystical Supper is not done like Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper where they were sitting. The common way of eating was either standing or lying down on mats, Roman style. He's very meticulous and concerned with accuracy. He wasn't satisfied with the halo on the Virgin Mary and went back and did it all over. It's more than art. This is a ministry. In the early days, not many people were literate. That's the way they learned from the story the icons told.

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HEALTH

Beautiful and bald

Sisters triumph over stigma of alopecia

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Hillary and Lauren O'Connor seemed to be making a fashion statement with their bald heads as they walked back and forth from the staging area at a recent benefit dinner for Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center. Confident and beautiful, they passed out dozens of door prizes as if they'd never been born with alopecia, an autoimmune skin disease which can be psychologically devastating. Their positive attitude stems from their mother, Charlotte, who taught them that there's nothing you can't do without hair.

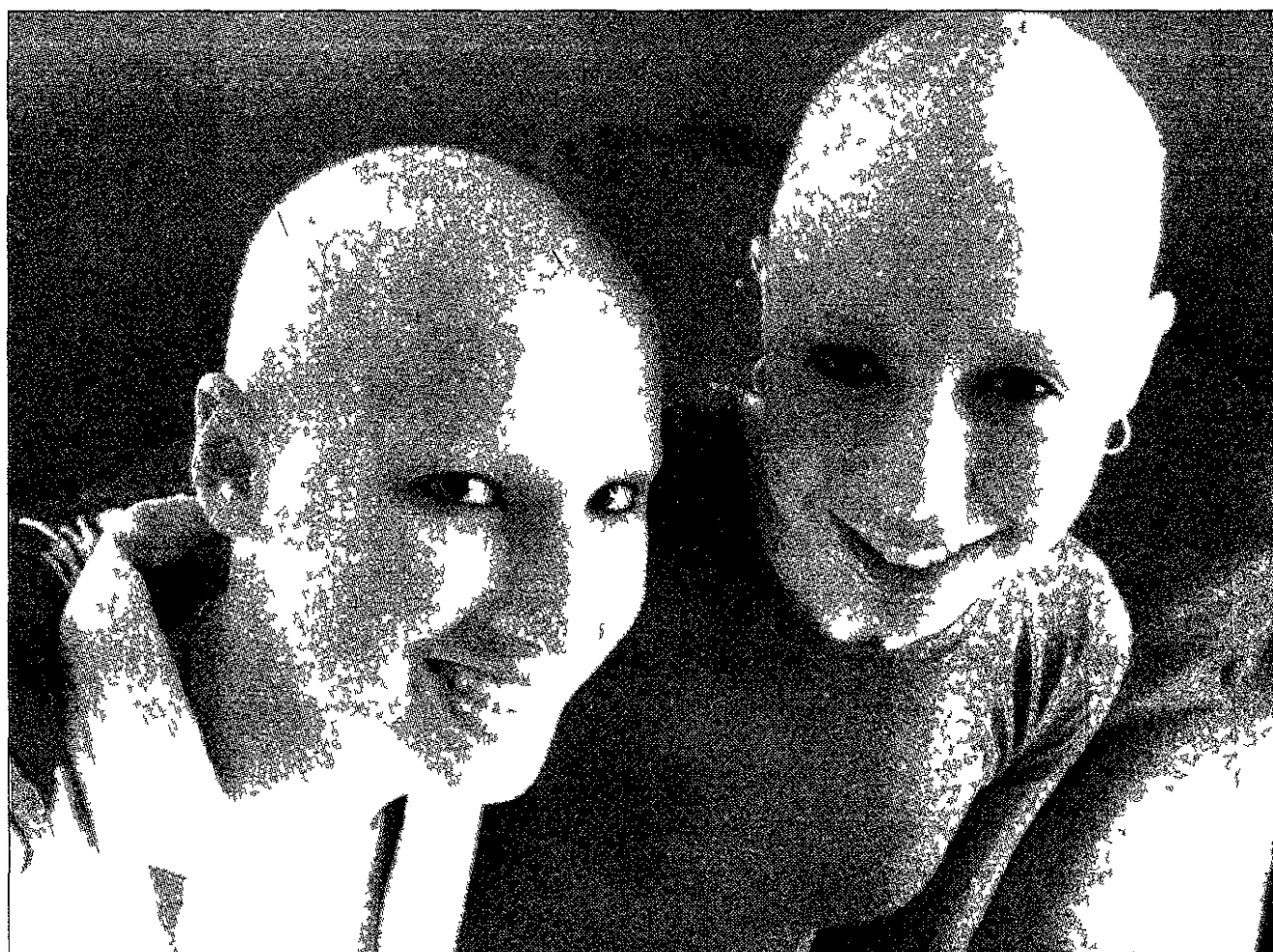
Today, the two are typical teenagers with a passion for shopping. Hillary came home a week ago Friday with signatures covering her head. It had been Spirit Day at school so the 15-year-old let friends sign their names. Charlotte was just hoping it would wash off before the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers photographer arrived on Monday morning.

"I was born with this so I'm used to myself," said Lauren, a 19-year-old freshman at Denison University in Ohio and a lifeguard at the Livonia Recreation Center. "There are people who had hair and lost it so they're more comfortable with a wig. I didn't have to go through having it and losing it."

PUBLIC REACTION

But both Livonia teens do have to deal with the reactions of strangers. One man, a cancer survivor, ran up to Lauren at the movies and asked what do you have.

People think I'm dying," said Hillary, a student who runs with the



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Livonia sisters Hillary O'Connor (left) and Lauren have spent their entire lives growing up without long locks due to alopecia. They have learned there isn't anything you can't do without hair.

track team at Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. Lauren ran track at Ladywood High School in Livonia and is on the team at Denison, so both look fit. But when a nurse or (other) health care professional sees me they say you look too healthy to have cancer.

Other comments have not been kind. Lauren has had people ask you from outer space?

At school because we don't make a big deal of it, other people don't, said Lauren. I've never had a classmate say anything.

It's important to be yourself by doing that you teach people added

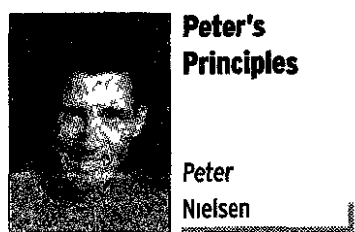
Hillary. "We don't try to cover it up Linda Cauley does wear a wig although of late she has been testing the reactions of fellow students at Wayne State University by wearing a baseball cap over her bare head to class.

"Children are accepting once it's explained to them," said Cauley of Livonia. I grew up in the 1960s and 1970s and had to cover it up. It takes longer for older people to accept it. I was diagnosed at age 2 in 1958 and my experiences were different. I had spotty alopecia areata and never wore a wig as a youngster. They didn't have wigs for kids back then.

"My hair grew back in high school and college. The strangeness about the disease is it can come and go. I lost my hair when I was 26 and my first daughter was born. I'd love to get to the point where these guys are. It does make it more comfortable.

Wigs or prosthetics can be hot and itchy but the alternative is frequently unkind stares and comments. Dealing with the emotional stress caused by disease is why Charlotte O'Connor began attending Southeast Michigan Alopecia Areata Foundation support group meetings when her daughter's

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Peter's Principles

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Grapes have wine benefits

Q: Millie from Farmington Hills heard about the health benefits of wine, but she doesn't want to drink alcohol to get them. Does she have any other options? A: Good news, Millie, you don't have to drink to get the health-enhancing benefits of wine. Eating red grapes or drinking grape juice can work health wonders, too. The heart-protecting pigments present in wine are also found in plums and blueberries. They work by preventing platelets in the blood from sticking to artery walls, a process that can lead to heart disease. Non-alcoholic wine is also effective. In fact, studies show that the pigments found in non-alcoholic wine stay in the bloodstream for up to an hour longer than fermented wine.

Q: Jim from Wixom is asking for the pluses and minuses of a cardio workout.

A: Jim, there is no doubt that a good cardio workout is a cornerstone of an effective weight loss program, but if you are trying to build muscle, don't overdo it. One of the main culprits in muscle loss can be over-dieting, because it suppresses hormones like thyroid and testosterone. However, overdoing cardio workouts can be even more damaging than over-dieting when it comes to hormone suppression. If you do too much cardio, you are essentially lowering hormone levels that allow you to build muscle and burn fat. That is why too much cardio can be a dead end, causing dramatic loss of muscle mass. A good rule of thumb is to try to get in four 45-minute workout sessions a week. If you go over that, your muscle building goals might be compromised.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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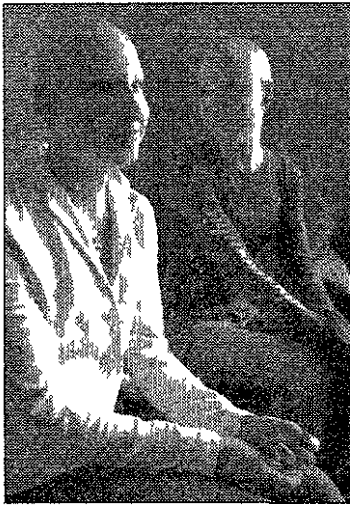
were growing up. That's where she met Cauley, who leads the group that annually holds a walk/run every year in Hines Park. This year's is scheduled for Sept. 24.

SOURCE OF SUPPORT

"We have all ages from small children to parents and senior citizens in the support group," said Cauley. "Because it's so traumatic, they want to come and talk. I tell people to keep in touch with the National Alopecia Areata Foundation (www.naaf.org). If there's a drug out there, we'll know about it."

Currently, only a few treatments are available. Dr. Linda Stein Gold has hope for the future thanks to studies that include genetic research funded by NAAF. So far, there is no cause, no cure.

"Alopecia means hair loss in excessive amounts," said Stein Gold, a dermatologist at Henry Ford Hospital and a West Bloomfield resident. "Alopecia generally falls out in small patches. We don't know the exact cause but think it's an autoimmune disease. About 2 percent of the population or four million people have alopecia areata. I see it a few times a month. About 20 percent have a family member with alopecia."



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Hillary O'Connor (left) and her sister, Lauren, talk about their experiences growing up with alopecia.

It affects men and women, any ethnic group.

It's the emotional toll it takes on the patients. Especially in kids it can be emotionally devastating. In adult women they can cover with a hat or wig.

The next meeting of the local support group is 7:30 p.m. May 10, in conference rooms A & B of the Beaumont Administration Building at 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. For more information, visit www.geocities.com/michigannaaf/alopeciaareata.html.

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Comedy Show and dinner

6 p.m. Sunday May 1 at the Laurel Manor Special event Center 39000 Schoolcraft Livonia Tickets \$30 proceeds to support the breast cancer 3 day walk. St. Mary Mercy Hospital and Angela Hospice. To RSVP call (734) 779-4510 or send e-mail to deirdre@laurelmanor.com

Tai Chi classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering two fitness Tai Chi for Arthritis classes the eight week evening class held on Mondays May 2 to June 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (\$60) and the six week daytime class held on Fridays May 13 to June 24 from 10-11 a.m. (\$50). Both classes held in St. Mary Mercy Auditorium 36475 Five Mile Livonia Enrollment limited. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out of area callers only). Registration fee required prior to first class.

Fibromyalgia lecture

Dr. Alex Tomko director of Michigan Specific Chiropractic in Plymouth gives a free workshop 7 p.m. Tuesday May 3 at the Plymouth Library. For information call (734) 416-2442.

Grief support

The Children's Spring Workshop is now accepting reservations for the workshop to take place 5-7 p.m. Tuesday May 3. The group is designed for children who are facing a loss. Call (734) 953-6012.

Health Fair

Cholesterol and glucose screening 8 a.m. to noon Thursday May 5 at Meijer Pharmacy Northville. Appointments required. Cost is \$25 total cholesterol + HDL. \$30 full lipid panel includes cholesterol test, blood

pressure check consultation information packet and report to your physician if requested. \$4 additional blood glucose testing. Most testing requires 12 hour fasting. Call (248) 449-5733.

ALIVE '05

A fund raising event and awards presentation for the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan 6-9 p.m. Thursday May 5 at Park West Gallery 29469 Northwestern Highway between 12 and 13 Mile Roads in Southfield. Call (248) 354-2343.

To become a member of the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan sponsor an upcoming event, obtain an ALIVE '05 invitation or make a monetary contribution. Call Peggy Burkhardt at (248) 366-6661. The invitation is available online at donatelifemichigan.org. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. For more information about becoming a registered organ donor visit giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881. ALIVE '05 will raise awareness honor those who have made a difference and promote public education.

The evening includes guest emcee Alexander Zonjic of Smooth Jazz V987 a live and silent auction, fine wines, Corona beer, a swinging martini bar with vodka by Effen, incredible food provided by Forte Belanger Catering, Desserts by Dewey Live music and fantastic art. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the awards ceremony taking place at 7:30 p.m. Award recipients include Goy Jennifer M. Granholm WXYZ TV/Channel 7 news anchor Diana Lewis, State Sen. Laura Toy and Donor Mom Barbara Gerber.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Kimberlydawn Wisdom will receive the Excellence in Leadership award at the American Diabetes Association's 13th Annual Flower Ball on May 7 for her work in the area of diabetes advocacy awareness and education. Formerly known as the Commitment for a Cure Gala, the 13th Annual Flower Ball begins with a reception and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. For tickets, tables or information call Mary Riegler at (248) 433-3830 Ext. 6702. For information about the American Diabetes Association call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org.

Prostate cancer lecture

How To Resolve The PSA Dilemma? Active Surveillance Or Treatment Of Prostate Cancer? A lecture by Laurence Klotz, M.D. and professor Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto 8 p.m. Tuesday May 10 at the Weisberg Cancer Center 31995 Northwestern Highway Farmington Hills. To RSVP call (248) 538-6514 or send e-mail to khardy@dmc.org.

CFS/Fibromyalgia support group

Meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday May 11 at the Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile. An introduction to a new 6 step approach for treatment will be presented by a nurse. There is a small fee for non-members. Call (248) 346-3164 for additional information.

Supporting nurses

Join WeSupportNurses.com Michigan Center for Nursing and friends of nurses for a Family Fun Doubleheader in support of Nurses Week. The Doubleheader includes Nursing Day with the Tigers and a Nurse Walk that will support nurses in Michigan.

Nurses Day at Tiger Stadium will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday May 13 followed by a fabulous fireworks display. Tickets are \$25 and can only be purchased in advance.

The 2nd Annual Nurse Walk allows supporters to go the extra mile 8 a.m. Saturday May 14 at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Money raised by the Nurse Walk will help support nursing projects. Registration is \$30 adults, \$10 children and teens and nursing students. For information or to purchase tickets for Nursing Day with the Tigers call (248) 370-4065 or send e-mail to johnson2@oakland.edu. For information or to register for the walk visit www.michigancenterfor nursing.com.

Communicating with your doctor
A lecture by Ginger Ramsay, an RN 13 p.m. Wednesday May 18 in the auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile at Levan. To register or for more information on the lecture call (734) 655-8950.

UPCOMING

Camp Midicha

Registration has started for the American Diabetes Association's Camp Midicha 2005. The camp is the only residential summer camp designed for and dedicated to children and teenagers with diabetes. Campers attend one of three one-week sessions: July 31-Aug 5, Aug 7-Aug 12, and Aug 14-Aug 19. Each session will be held at the YMCA's Camp Copneconic in Fenton. For information call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org on the Web.

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Rockin' shoppin' with Judy Davids

By Ellen Piigian

Judy Davids runs her fingers through a short reddish-brown layered wig at Beatnik in Ferndale debating if she really needs it. The Peg Bundy style she bought here before isn't working for her anymore says Davids dressed in jeans and an Aerosmith shirt.

Next she tries on giant sunglasses oohs over a slinky retro rose colored jumpsuit and gushes over a pair of psychedelic patterned high heel boots. I have so many pairs of boots she says before putting them back. She ends up with the wig and a pair of loud dangly earrings she says she'd never wear in her normal life.

Clearly this is not your mother's clothing store. Unless of course your mother is part of the all mom rock group The Mydols from Royal Oak. Davids a 45 year-old wife and mother of two boys ages 12 and 9, founded the group in 2002 almost as a joke with three other moms who barely knew how to play their instruments. Today they are one of the nation's top mom bands with their second CD out today.

As Davids a computer designer by day navigates her well-worn minivan on a rock-garb shopping spree to

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some of her favorite shops. PINK is along for the ride. Before the day is done she's hit Dolly Rockers Boutique in Ferndale and Buckles Unlimited in Berkley where she goes for unusual belt buckles. In Royal Oak she likes Incognito for boots and Fun & Fantasy for fishnet stockings. You can catch Davids on stage — with Paige Gilbert on bass, Pat McGough-Wujcik on drums and Kara Rasmussen on vocals — today at Detroit's first Mamapalooza. For now she talks fashion.

Do you like to shop?
I'm not a big shopper. I don't try stuff on. I know the stores I like. I don't care if I have to spend extra money. It's better than driving all over town for the best deal.

What's your favorite look?
Jeans and T-shirts. And anything colorful. I've never seen two colors that don't go together.

What look will you never do again?

We dressed up for a show once as TV moms. I was Peg Bundy with the big hair. I was really self-conscious and felt foolish. Kara was Lucille Ball. Whenever I felt bad, I'd look at her.

Any Mydols fashion tips?
Boots are great for covering up spider veins and varicose veins. I wear false eyelashes every time we do a photo shoot. They make your eyes pop. And there's nothing like a cool belt buckle.

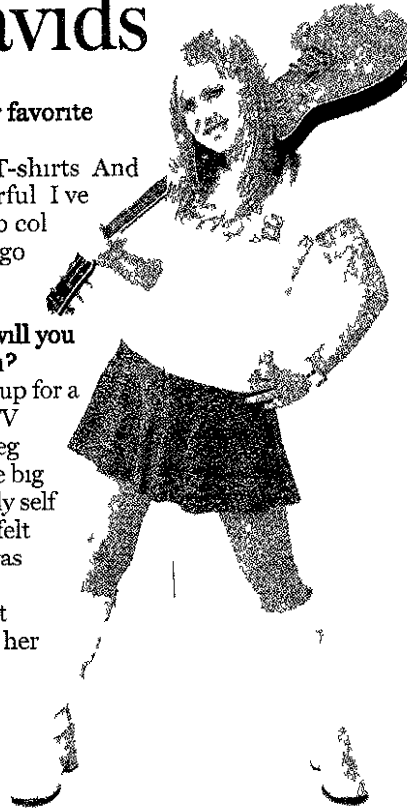


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Judy Davids of The Mydols rocks out in her band's logo tee, a gray mini pink boots and the ultimate accessory — her silver glitter guitar.

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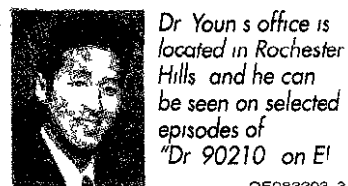
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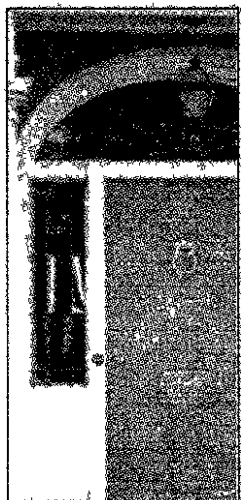
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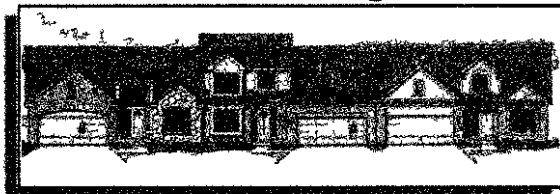
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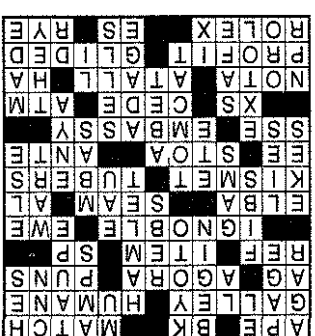
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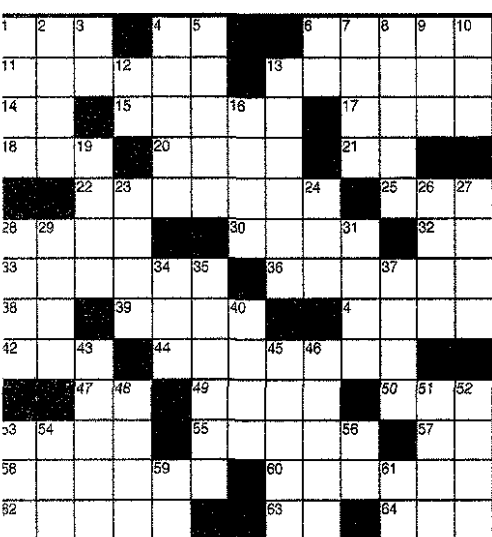
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COMMERCE Lake Sherwood
Lakewood living contemporary 5 BR 3 BA 2 FP First floor master suite with Jacuzzi tub & separate glass block shower Finished over level office suite full BA wet bar & kitchenette 3 attached car garage C ty waste /sewer Huron Valley school s

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Extensively Renovated
Four BR home on app ox mate 1/2 acre treed lot. Master suite addition with den/home office Kitchen with newer cab net y & appliances hardwood floors and Formal dining & LR with FP Finished lower level walk out Three car garage

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TROY Open Floor Plan
Attractive 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial family room with fireplace dining room and breakfast nook Situated on corner wooded off near shopping and I 75 Newer roof furnace and a cond Joning Very well maintained and updated

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PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful
Go geous 4 bed room 2 1/2 bath with 3 car garage basement family room with fireplace 1st floor cherry kitchen with island & granite counters doorval to deck 1st floor laundry & so much more

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CLARKSTON Cutting Edge Design
Executed with quality materials handcrafted to exceed ng standards makes this Thomas Sebou & Assoc custom home a cut above Two add tional elevations move n ready and 5 lots remain ng Country club style amenities

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ROSE TOWNSHIP/HOLLY Horse Lovers
Waterfront Estate Exceptional 5 BR 7 3 BA 2 story home with 8+ acres on private 60 deep private lake Gourmet kitchen offe 1 1/2 ary great room with FP second kitchen/bar more La ge heated barn easily converted for horses

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Custom Built Ranch
Three BRs 2 1/2 BA W/ ge hals & doo ways spacous combs Hardwood floors cathedral ceilings L brary with cherry but nrs oak kitchen with tile counts & floor Master with FP & BA with Jacuzzi Cul de sac lot Lake priv leagues on Upper Stra ts

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DEARBORN Fairlane Woods
Luxur ous living at its finest Beautiful patio home private wooded setting 8 bathing from the moment you step inside Two story foyer with spiral staircase family room with fireplace & gourmet kitchen Master suite & pro finished basement

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NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
With open floor plan 2 story foyer with hardwood floors formal LR & DR family room with fireplace finished basement master suite has glamour bath 3 car attached garage all offe ad n this 4 bedroom 3 bath home

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TROY Sharp Newly Built
Two story with 4 bed room 2 1/2 baths great room with panoramic windows & fireplace Master suite with a walk in closet & whirlpool tub Formal dining room with bay window Full basement 2 car side turned garage Troy schools

(B88WIN) 248-524-1600 \$445,900



COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakewood
Gorgeous 2 story home on a has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood Two furnaces upstairs laundry Extra garage kitchen offe 1 1/2 ary great room with FP second kitchen/bar more La ge heated barn easily converted for horses

(B16DRJ) 248-363-1200 \$875,000



TROY Comfort By Design
Kitchen magnificent with granite and granite counters & hardwood floor Master suite to de to 3 spacous bedrooms FR with natu a FP library breakfast room second floor laundry 3 car garage Award winning Troy schools

(B59SON) 248-626-8800 \$679,000



BEVERLY HILLS Gorgeous Home
Four bedrooms 3 bath home updated kitchen with Corian counters hardwood floors & newer appliances La ge foyer with vaulted ceilings carved staircase & newer baths Finished basement large lot & 2 car attached garage

(B01WIL) 248-642-8100 \$449,900



PLYMOUTH Elegant Woodlore South
Two story on a ped out de sac Foyer with cu ved staircase hardwood floor GR with cathedral ceiling gas FP to DR & LR French doors to bay kitchen with cherry cabinets breakfast area to sun room master with staircase 3 car garage

(B99MAR) 734-455-5600 \$539,900



ROCHESTER Sel Mar Former Model
Fine custom 4 bedroom on cul de sac on a premium elevation Day ght basement loaded with upgrades P dress area y landscaping elegant nterior finished bonus room hardwood floor s dual stairs no dngs & light package

(B71SPA) 248-652-8000 \$769,000



COMMERCE Lakefront Living
Large lakefront Colonial with 2 story vaulted great room with lake view Kitchen with granite tops & custom cabinets Master suite with marble surround Jacuzzi tub Three bedrooms 2 bath 1st floor laundry Pa sed brick pave patio

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Magnificent Estate
Stone constructed in 2001 6 BRs 5 2 BAs n exclusive private community F st floor master 2 story foyer & GR marble & granite hardwood ove eve finished walk out with aupa quarters kitchen 2 BAs 2 BRs theatre room Fabulous

(B48TUR) 248-626-8800 \$3,600,000



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Ranch Condo
Prestigious Eaton Estates end unit Two bedroom suites great room Pa laid um windows & kitchen with sepa ate eat ng area F st floor laundry finished ove leve with family room & full bath W/ ap a ound deck and 2 ca attached garage

(B08EAT) 248-642-8100 \$399,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Live The Enchanted Life
You can miss his and there 4 bed room 3 ba n Co on a yth upgrades n ounout goun met kitchen o the mnt eve T ex deck P o n shed lower eve with day garden windows & x deep garage GR with dual FP master suite

(B44BLI) 734-455-5600 \$510,000



OAKLAND TOWNSHIP Stunning Custom Built
Secured suu Ma y ea es ncluding a ched en ays ha dwood floor s goun met kitchen vth granite che y cabinets crown molding and vascost F ench doors and walk out basement

(B47WOO) 248-652-8000 \$719,000



COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
Five BR 4 BA home n d bath ak g back yard de se up for hand cap needs Optiona st floor master vth cathedral ceiling FP & BA Fin walk out with second kitchen BR den & BA Ck access 1 98 & mzt Waled Lake School s

(B83CLA) 248-363-1200 \$549,900



ORCHARD LAKE Exceptional Design
Hea e o age a spo s Juppe 6 a s Lake Remodeled n 96 vth qua y & ame es Med a oom v h o v n g ante kitchen master suite head t co & mba s tub ove oak ng leke chef's goun met kitchen & much more

(B37LAP) 248-642-8100 \$3,100,000



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4 BR 2 5 BA home eno mous goun met kitchen map e cab nes and hardwood floor s W nding staircase MBR w master BA & WIC 2 1/2 fireplace 3 car garage W/O basement and dual Heating & cooling

(B65SHL) 248-349-5600 \$675,000



STERLING HEIGHTS You Will Fall In Love
Spacious 3 bed room 3 bath brick home updated with granite kitchen counter & island cherry cabinets & stainless appliances Hardwood floor s n GR with granite FP finished basement master with marble floor shower & Jacuzzi

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OAKLAND Gorgeous
Deluxe 3 bed room 2 1/2 bath home in the B ll on Octar M le Gran te & des gner cab nets GE Prof le appliances hardwood floors 2 way fireplace n living room & master suite European shower des gner lighting & tile lain ma e

(B54BIR) 248-652-8000 \$689,500



WATERFORD Fantastic Lakefront
Lakewood living at its finest Lot sits high offer ng panoramic views of Elizabeth Lake western exposure sandy beach multi tiered deck recently renovated newe Ande sen windows recently carpeted & painted

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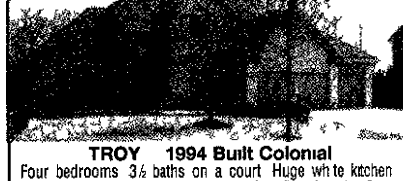
BIRMINGHAM Quality Built
Never cons: uct on 4 bed rooms 3 1/2 baths n R vers de Place An exclusive development of 8 luxury detached Condos Tucked away in a seceded area yet still in the heart of downtown Three vacant ois a so ava lab e

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NOVI Prestigious Bellagio
Exceptional entertaining home w/4BR 3 1/2 BA library 2 staircase gourmet kitchen & top of the line appliances Master Retreat custom decor faux finishing two fireplaces upper terrace lower Walk out wharffo & custom drapen s

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TROY 1994 Built Colonial
Four bedrooms 3 1/2 baths on a court Huge white kitchen formal living & dining rooms library first floor laundry 3 car garage brick pavers and walk out lower eve with full bath Master bedroom suite has Jacuzzi tub & sepa ate shower

(B17AMB) 248-524-1600 \$449,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Engineer's Dream Home
Met culous y maintained Map e kitchen cabinets granite counters first floor master bedroom 4 bedrooms 4 1/2 baths Florida room Fully nsu stad ga age n shed lower level with game room Cul de sac locat on

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WHITE LAKE Acre Setting On Corner
Presents private lifesty e n subdivis on sett ng Home still feels new Landscaping s sensat on Four bedrooms 4 full baths with in main kitchen fireplace/sting area Second kitchen n cwer level Extreme quality

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Birmingham Schools
Approximatly 3 wooded acres with ake privileges and small pond Vau s n the land Five bedroom home 11ed wth character and charm wth walk out basement Tear down o ebu l

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacious Colonial
4 BR 3 5 BA home on wooded lot w/3 car garage Wonderful finished basement w/1 1/2 ba entertaining area w/ bar & fireplace Hardwood floors spacous FR Waled Lake schools Great value

(B8WAT) 248-349-5600 \$539,900



BLOOMFIELD Extensively Built
In 2004 European style home with 5 bed rooms Lower level n law suite Impeccable setting wth stream and trees Beautiful kitchen One of a kind ba des gner top of the line appliances First floor master bedroom suite

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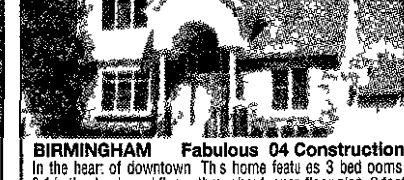
ROCHESTER Large Corner Lot
With n g ound pool hot tub ush landscape 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths library great room vau ted ceiling spacous 2 story foyer finished walk out master suite with Jacuzzi dream kitchen 2 1/2 appliances 2 wet ba s 3 car ga age

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SOUTHFIELD Beautiful House
Approximatly 37 ac e ois could be split into 4 lots n shed basement repaced corne ot 6 bedrooms 3 baths 3 half baths swimming pool 5 ca detached garage and 4 car attached garage Located n heart of city

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BIRMINGHAM Fabulous 04 Construction
In the heart of downtown Th home featu es 3 bed rooms 2 1/2 baths hardwood floors throughout open floor plan 9 bath ce lings a stunning kitchen & master suite with spa like heated garage with bonus room above & much more

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NORTHVILLE A Rare Opportunity
In town locat on h llltop wooded setting acreage delightful views and peace shared only with the flora and fauna Ths rare denace s a ranch wth a walkout with absolute charm and potential

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ROCHESTER HILLS Luxurious Spacious
Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial with 4 car garage n eely landscaped court lot GR with cathedral ceiling gas FP La ge kitchen with white cabinets and nook with French doors to patio Master bedroom with Jacuzzi tub F n shed basement

(B14PET) 248-524-1600 \$409,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Gorgeous
So t level on wooded rav ne lot with incredible walk out lower level 4 1/2 baths Jack and J ll bathrooms butlers pantry 9 foot & you ted ce lings double tiered deck with lush landscap ng n first floor master with double walk in & whirlpool

(B56BLU) 248-652-8000 \$599,900



LENOX Fabulous Home
Contempo ary home wth 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths Nature s beauty several ponds with fountain n Mu t tiered patio Huge vaulted ceilings Custom wet bar and surround sound A must see

(B60COU) 248-626-8800 \$649,333



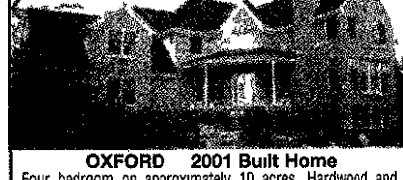
BIRMINGHAM Better Than New
Three BR 2 1/2 BA home with many updates Kitchen with granite counters & tiled so ash hardwood floors & FR with gas FP DR with French doors to deck MBR suite with walk n closet basement with wet bar & 2 car garage Warranty

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Walkout
Bring your fust est buyer to this elegant colonal Maple cabinets/kitchen granite in all baths 2 story family room w/wooded views Newer deck & brick pavers 3 car garage Grand master suite Freshly Painted

(B01PEM) 248-349-5600 \$660,000



OXFORD 2001 Built Home
Four bedroom on approximately 10 acres Hardwood and ceramic floors throughout Two story foyer GR with gas FP maple kitchen with stainless steel appliances Master bedroom with fireplace Jacuzzi tub & shower O on schools

(B01IND) 248-524-1600 \$729,500



OAKLAND Private And Unbelievable
Gorgeous 3 bed room 2 1/2 bath backing to Kings Po nte commons Woodsed lot granite che y kitchen brary formal dining room 1st floor master bonus oft with closet Extensive upgrades throughout

(B79TRE) 248-652-8000 \$449,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Lakefront On Cass Lake
Beautiful 4 bed room Ranch wth all the extras & fabulous view of Cass Lake all sports lake A must see Great for entertaining entry love has open floor plan Three car ga age cathedral ceilings skylights West Bloomfield School s

(B96ISL) 248-626-8800 \$699,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Fabulous Located
Custom built wth 5 bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths located n Hunter Po nte Large rooms family room with bar & sun room off breakfast area Finished walk out ove eve wth BR & BA tiered deck with hot tub P vata & n great ne ghbo hood

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept
Spectacular one of the best premium lots n Chelsea Park Formal LR & DR 2 sly FR wthwo way tropic A cooks delight Kt Grand master suite n press suite and Jack and Jill bath

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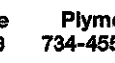
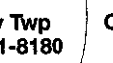
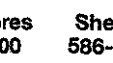
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Bloomfield Hills

Spectacular all brick contemporary ranch situated on a 1.62 acre ravine setting with beautifully landscaped grounds, mature trees, ornamental shrubs & many perennial gardens. It offers 5,100 sq ft of living area, unique foyer, formal living room w/19 ceiling and massive windows, formal dining room & nicely updated kit w/cozy sitting area. 5 BR's including mstr ste w/dressing area, walk-in closet and luxury bath. Fabulous finished walk out lower level has a family room with fireplace, 3 BR w/patios. Hardwood floors throughout & 3 fireplaces. 3+ car garage.

\$1,549,000

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Northville

The finest amenities throughout this magnificent 6,000 sq ft Federalist colonial that offers an additional 1,200 sq ft of living area in a finished walk-out lower level. Situated on a 1.54 acre wooded parcel, features include formal living room and dining rooms, great room, beautiful garden room w/8 person Jacuzzi, 2nd floor family room & huge kit w/upscale cabinetry, granite counters, built-in appls & walk-in pantry. 5 BR's including 1st & 2nd floor master ste, 5.5 BA and 5 fireplaces. Entire 1st floor is barrier free & wheelchair accessible. 3.5 car rear entry garage.

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\$1,800,000

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\$1,750,000

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\$1,200,000

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BLOOMFIELD SOPHISTICATION

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\$1,000,000

Sandy Norman

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Walnut Lake Masterpiece

Almost 300 ft frontage on Walnut Lake in the Bloomfield Hills, 5,000 sq ft with 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, 5 fireplaces and a 4 car garage. Totally renovated with newer kitchens and bathrooms! Quality throughout! This is one of a kind residence on 1.5 acres! (COVE)

\$2,199,000

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Cass Lake Contemporary

8,000 sq ft masterpiece! 4 bedrooms, 5 baths, 2 lavs, 4 fireplaces, living room, family room, library and finished walkout. Master bedroom suite with custom built-ins, his and her walk-in closets and 40 ft glass expanse of Cass Lake frontage. All children's bedrooms complete with bath suites & walk-in closets. 4 car garage. Acre West Bloomfield Schools (DOLE)

\$2,449,900

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Bloomfield Hills

4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, living room with fireplace, family room with fireplace, formal dining room. Newer quality gourmet kitchen and newer bath suites. Finished lower level, patio, circular drive, 1.57 acres water setting. Bloomfield Hills Schools.

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WORKWISE Most people who've flourished in their careers but seek change aren't looking for a quantum leap,

but continued evolution, building upon their accomplishments. But they're stymied by not knowing how to open new doors. More to the point, they can't even identify the doors.

EVOLUTION

Ted Sun of Executive Balance in Columbus, Ohio, earned a degree in mechanical engineering, which propelled him in the direction of systems engineering. He programmed software and, at AirTouch/Verizon Wireless, managed the eastern region of the company's fault management systems. The work was purely technical, and he was receiving awards. After seven years, he observed a culture change - questionable ethics.

"I went to the executive director and HR to ask about values," he states. "They told me to get a tougher skin." He broke away that afternoon. He had nothing lined up. Years had passed since he'd even looked at his resume.

"I sensed that I was doing the right thing and that the right thing would come to me," he continues. "It was like an inner voice telling me that it (my career) will be taken care of. I had just earned my M.B.A. and opened my little

company I started to run it right away." Meanwhile, he placed his resume on the Internet. A small company offered him a job with management responsibility and far fewer politics. He was there for almost a year.

Meanwhile, a business coaching practice contacted him, and it occurred to him that he could do what that company was doing, plus research. "I could take my skills, knowledge and M.B.A. to help other business owners grow. I could see that I could make a difference in people's lives. It was a leap of faith."

The technical systems consciousness that served him well evolved into a spiritual system consciousness that informs his work. "Everything has been so spiritually guided in certain ways that I knew what to do when certain things happened," he observes. "The system knew what to do with me and how to guide me through it. Early in my career I broke down problems to engineer solutions. Today I get to research things on a human level and move forward."

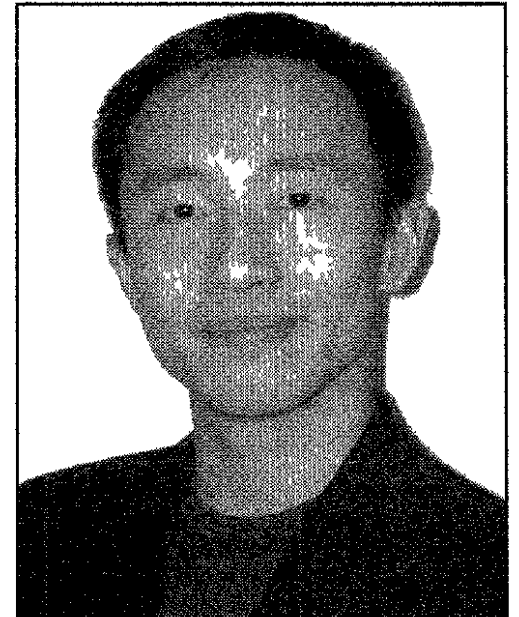
Richard Berman, in a very different career, followed the traditional path in broadcast, beginning in a Philadelphia television supply room and ultimately landing at NBC Network in New York. Two years after being hired by Philadelphia's news department, he noticed that his \$65 per week was less than the amount paid to outsiders entering the market. "I wrote every

television station in the United States," he says, "and Grand Rapids, Mich., offered to double my salary." Miami followed two months later. He was hired by New York's NBC network office in 1979. Ultimately, Tom Brokaw, Connie Chung, Jane Pauley and other leading anchors were reading his copy on air.

NBC underwent a major culture change when GE bought it, he accepted a buy-out, because he'd freelanced and thought he could reinvent himself sufficiently to support his three young children. He was 49. What was the next step?

That step came to him in the form of speaking engagements at non-profits, but budgets were too tight. IBM asked him to develop a video, then a series. As different as the assignments were, he noticed a connecting thread - customer success stories. He began marketing these stories as a marketing tool.

Using the same skills that doubled his salary in Grand Rapids, he direct mailed to thousands of individuals and made thousands of telephone calls. One account, he says, more than pays the cost of a mailing to 500 people (\$200). Only two years were extremely difficult. "I felt as if it were statistically impossible that I wasn't getting any work," he explains. "I learned that if you have a good idea, it's all in the numbers." Today his sole proprietorship, Richard Berman Public Relations in Chappaqua, N.Y., has six clients. Berman is happy and his first child is in college.



Ted Sun took a leap of faith and started his own business that helps other business owners grow.

Although Berman took his leap when he was considerably older than Sun, their careers parallel. Both stopped as soon as they saw that their corporate cultures had irrefutably changed. They moved forward into the market, listening and responding to what it was telling them. Meanwhile, they trusted in their ability to do good work.

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Help Wanted-General 5000

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP'S

Medical Supply Co. needs customer service rep's. Res. possibilities phone orders computer entries client purchase orders & misc duties. Contact Vicki Marshall at 248 360 9977 or fax resume to Attn 248 360 9978

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CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Shift Seeking Customer Service Supervisor who is responsible for delivery of customer service activities for our Romulus facility. Will supervise mentor motivate discipline & evaluate staff. Determine work procedures work schedules and expedite workflow. Need 3-5 years supervisory experience able to multi task strong leadership & communication skills along with demonstrated customer service skills. Send resume salary requirements reference and Customer Super via email to: dth@ch.com Fax 734 713 2683

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I need 77 STUDENTS that will train & develop to run a department in one of our company's largest firms. An entry level position will secure you a solid professional position working for one of our best. Only looking for fun energetic people with great personalities that are aggressive & want more than the average person.

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LTU has an immediate full time opening for a Help Desk Technician Primary duty is the investigation and resolution of computer problems for students staff and faculty Prior or experience dealing with the public and providing computer assistance in a support area service squad red Industry certified in (CompTIA A+) is preferred Knowledge of Microsoft Windows operating systems Microsoft Office tools and computer networking (including wireless networks) is required Associates degree is required or one to three years related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience Send resume three references and salary history to Lawrence Tech University 21000 W Ten Mile Road Southfield MI 48075 1058 Attn William Wachob EOE

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HOME MANAGER For childrens Respite home in Waterford 2 years experience needed in childcare setting Bachelors degree preferred but not necessary Super visor yr experience Full time with excellent benefits Please fax resume or letter of interest to Nancy Cormier at 248 837 1223

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HOSPITALITY SPECIALIST Order Mill Village Apartments in Rochester Hills is seeking an outgoing and friendly Hospitality Specialist to welcome and assist potential apartment renters at our brand new luxurious apartment community You will need excellent customer service skills to provide community information to Apartment prospects Responsibilities include phone coverage property tours and general administrative duties Computer skills is a plus Part-Time position & Weekend availability required EOE Please fax resumes to 248 601 1392 or call 248 601 9100 for more information

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Hotel Hilton Garden Inn Plymouth Is now accepting applications for the following positions: Full Time Housekeeper Part Time Public Area Attendant Part Time Maintenance/ Shuttle Driver Apply in person at 14600 Sheldon Rd Plymouth MI 48170

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LEASING AGENT Singh Management Co LLC is seeking to fill a FULL TIME position in the Rochester Hills area Must be able to work weekends We offer competitive wages commissions health and dental insurance EOE Fax resumes to 248 651 0510 or call 248 651 1091 for more information

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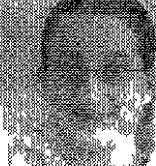









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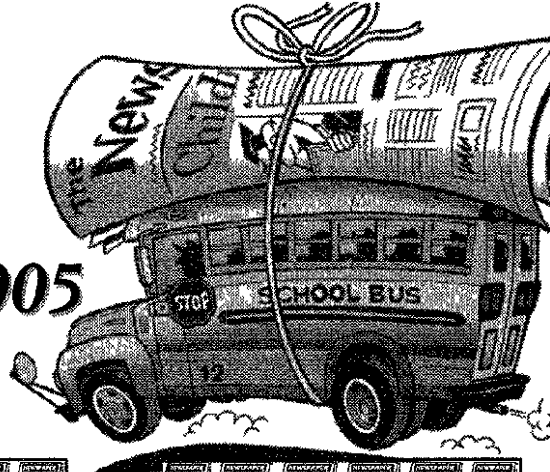
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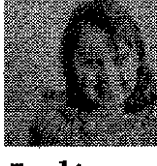

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Its rugged, that's for certain. Powerful, too. Styling that will knock - or rock - your socks off.

There's one thing that stands out on the 2005 Nissan Titan King Cab is the basic fact that this is a man's truck. From its harsh corners to stark interior and no-nonsense placement of controls and functions, this is definitely a man's truck.

And there's nothing wrong with that, by the way. Just a statement of fact.

Lets start with the very powerful 5.6-liter dual overhead cam V8 that delivers 305 horses and 379-lb-ft of torque. It's mated to a standard five-speed automatic and can haul and incredible 9,500 pounds. That's rugged.

You can choose the Titan as a two-wheel- or four-wheel-drive vehicle, depending on your choice of what you'll do with this truck. And there are plenty of applications you can use this truck for.

Don't worry about the six-foot, seven-inch flatbed, for example. It's standard with a factory-applied spray-in bedliner. There's something else back there that you're going to love - a utility track bed system that has about a hundred accessory racks, trays, dividers and modular storage sys-

tems to fit just about any need you'll have. There are also adjustable aluminum alloy tie-down cleats to secure all that cargo.

Some other treats in that cargo bed include a lockable, climate resistant storage compartment placed strategically behind the driver's side rear wheel well. It's got a two-position adjustable tray and a removable rubber mat to keep it all clean, too. Finally, there's a cargo area light that has tail-gate illumination and a bed mounted 12-volt power outlet.

Also on the outside, you'll appreciate the rear doors that swing open all the way to allow you access to what's inside. That's real flexibility. Another aspect that makes it a man's truck is its larger-than-life door handles, knobs and steering wheel. Nissan designed them large so you can operate them with work gloves on.

On the inside, you'll find power adjustable front seats. The driver's seat has a memory and are heated for those ultra-cold mornings (like we're having right now). Behind the driver is a flip-up 60/40 rear seat cushions to give you even more storage space. There's a ton of rear storage points in the door, bottle holders in the armrest, large assist grips and instrumentation that is easy to read and easier to understand.

You won't mistake this Titan for a truck without a lot of heart. Safety and security features abound and make your commute less stressful. There are six gauges in the instrument panel, a tire pressure monitor system, vehicle dynamic control with brake-activated limited slip traction control, dual stage front air bags and an annoying front occupant seat sensor. Three-point belts with pretension and load lim-

ters, side-impact airbags, side curtain impact air bags for rollover protection, three-point belts for the three rear seat positions and a child seat anchor system.

There are three choices of the Titan King Cab - an XE, SE and LE, each having a choice of 4x2 or 4x4 applications. One equipment package called the XE Preferred Package, includes a sliding rear window and overhead console, off-road package (with Rancho performance gas shocks and BF Goodrich all-terrain tires), 17-inch aluminum alloy wheels, skid plates, fog lamps and tow hooks.

Other options include a split bench, bucket or captain's chairs seats up front, steering wheel audio controls, adjustable pedals, navigation system, off-road package and rear bed light system.

The base price of the Titan King Cab is a respectable \$24,400, but when you start adding packages, premium and otherwise, you'll see that price rise sharply. Even though gas prices are finally lowering, you'll still be pleased to know this heavy duty truck will treat you to 14 mpg in the city and almost 20 mpg on the highway. Most trucks of this size tend to get about 10 mpg in the city. That can certainly strain the wallet.

The Nissan Titan King Cab was a pleasant surprise and a refreshing new look for a truck of this magnitude. I'm sure many guys out there remember pick up trucks as rugged pieces of equipment that could take a heck of a lot. Well, this truck is like those trucks of old. Go get yourself one.

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