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Adam Thomas (from left) of Farmington High School, Katie Parr of East Middle School and Kristin Campbell of Canton High School play outside Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth during a benefit for the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps Tuesday evening.

Drumming up history

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Mike Porandla of Canton Township opened the BP gas station at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Mill Street in Plymouth Feb. 14 - Valentines Day - he thought it was going to be a sweetheart business venture.

However, Wednesday, April 20 changed everything for the former computer programmer.

Porandla was opening the store for business when a lone gunman walked in, took the store owner to a back room and beat him several times in the head. The intruder then tied up Porandla, and left when he heard a customer outside.

Porandla was able to escape outside a back door and call police.

Now, Porandla said he is going to give up his lease because he's too afraid to work alone in the store.

"I'm really scared," admitted Porandla. "I'm not the type of person who can fight.

"I thought when we opened that we planned for everything," he said. "We knew we could lose money, we knew we could make money, we could put in long hours. But, we didn't plan for anything like that.

"Right now, I have three people working. But, in this business, you sometimes have to work alone to be able to

Performance raises money to keep fife corps going

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Margaret and Jim Ollar are history buffs, and they're big fans of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, so it was no surprise to see them at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth earlier this week.

The Ollars were there to support the Fife and Drum Corps in their fund-raising effort to finance new uniforms. Mostly,

though, they were there for the music -and the history.

"We love the historic tunes," Margaret Ollar said. "It's so nice young people can recognize the history involved and continue in that kind of music." The fund-raising effort was a new one

for the Corps, which plays at a variety of

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Twenty-month-old Kiersten Kozdron watches with amazement as she points to the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps performing outside Panera Bread.

make money," he said.

Porandla said the two weeks after the robbery his head was still in pain.

Thursday afternoon, about a dozen members of the

Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth lined up at the pumps and filled their tanks in an effort to convince Porandla to stay in Plymouth.

"We stopped by and gave him a card and a Kiwanis bell to show him the community cares," said Mark Riegal. "We don't want some teenager who decided to do this put him out of business. He needs to know other people care."

Porandla said he appreciated the support from Kiwanis; however, he still plans on getting out of business as soon as he can find a new owner.

Detective Lt. Ed Ochal said no one has been arrested for the beating of Porandla.

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Bosch jump-starts development plan

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

A plan by Bosch Automotive Group to build a new automotive technical center in Plymouth Township may finally be digging its way out of developmental quicksand.

Bosch officials have kick-started the process, getting themselves added to the agenda for the Plymouth Township Planning Commission in order to begin making modifications to plans they first talked about more than two years ago.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees at that time approved a 12year industrial facilities exemption for the automotive giant, paving the way for Bosch to build its research and development site.

Bosch will pour some \$35 million into the investment, to be built on 75 acres at Haggerty and Five Mile. Bosch bought the property from MAV Development Co., which was going to lease it as a multi-user property.

Bosch will develop the site for its own uses, making it less dense than the office complex MAV had planned on putting on 60 acres of the site.

Bosch, one of the world's largest automotive suppliers, is headquartered in Farmington Hills. However, the company plans to use the Plymouth Township site for research, development, applications engineering, sales and as administrative offices.

The process has definitely stalled," Bosch spokesperson Becky McDonald said. "We're in the process of applying for the zoning we need, then we'll know better what our next steps are and what our potential timetable is.'

McDonald said the development will bring some 400 new jobs to Plymouth Township, though not all will be new hires. Some of the jobs, she explained, will be internal transfers from Bosch's Farmington Hills headquarters.

The final plan still must be approved by the company's management board, which could come by

mid-year, according to Bosch officials. If approved, the company intends to begin construction later in the year.

Plans are for the site to have enough space to house as many as 3,000 employees. Economics will dictate the company's ability to increase its local employment base, Bosch officials said.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said Bosch "will increase wetlands and the green belt along Haggerty," and build its buildings "as close to the expressway as they can" to make the site more aesthetically pleasing.

He also said that, while Bosch's development won't completely offset the downturn in building fees the township has suffered recently, the project is still a welcome one.

"It does represent an increase in building fees we collect to help offset our administrative and personnel costs in the township," Reaume said. "It definitely helps."

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Students hailed for turning performance around

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Danny Daniels began his freshman year at Salem High School, all he wanted to do was fit in.

"I was a popular guy at the parties, and through all that it got me into a lot of trouble and I made a lot of bad choices,' admitted Daniels at Tuesday's **Turnaround Achievement** Awards ceremony held at Summit at the Park in Canton Township. "I was drinking and using drugs, and everyone liked me, but it turned out I wanted to be by myself because I took the drugs and alcohol too far."

Daniels, 18, began his high. school career by getting all E's on his report card. Now, as a junior, Danny's sporting a 3.8 grade point average and looking

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Tonda Elementary student Aaron Sneath and Debbie Sneath listen to the thoughts of speaker Richard Bernstein during Tuesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards luncheon.

toward graduation, something he thought would never happen. "My turnaround happened when I came home one day and

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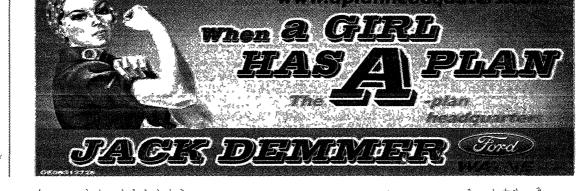
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Radio winners

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Staffers from WSDP radio, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton schools, received a number of individual awards at the Michigan Association of **Educational Broadcasters** Honors Night at Henry Ford Community College.

Gold medal winners in production included Canton junior Scott Decker, Plymouth junior Brandon Allen, Canton senior Lindsay Wieczorek and Salem seniors Ryan Alloway and Kurt Edelbrock. Salem senior Karen Chan won a gold award in interview.

Salem juniors Lauren Hostler and Bryan Kelly won silvers in production, while Salem junior Emily Huslcher won a bronze.

WSDP also received the Carl V. Jacobson Educational **Broadcasting** Achievement Award for the Toys for Tots Benefit concert the station coproduced with the Canton Youth Advisory Council.

Quilt exhibit

May is the last chance for visitors to see the **Underground Railroad Quilt** Exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

. The exhibit, which tells the story of how quilts and their patterns may have been used as "codes" on the Underground Railroad, closes May 30. The exhibit's 15 quilts from the museum's collections dating to the Civil War time period lead visitors through the "quilt code" which was documented in a book, Hidden in Plain View.

Exhibit hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Scavenger hunts for the kids help lead them through the exhibit and all kids win a prize.

For more information, visit

the museum Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 453-8940.

Arts camps

The Plymouth Community Arts Council offers the following camp opportunities:

■ Guitar camp — The PCAC offers two guitar camps this summer with instructor Henry Bahrou. Beginning through intermediate guitarists age 7 and up can learn or improve their skills June 20-24 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Those aspiring musicians age 11 and older can attend Aug. 1-5 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A group performance will be given at the end of this week. The cost for these five-day workshops is \$125 for members, \$140 for non-members.

Drama camp — Aspiring actors ages 5 to 14 can come for one, two or all three weeks to the PCAC this summer for the Plymouth Uptown Players Drama Camps. Director Sharon Belobraidich and the center's seasoned staff have a great summer planned to teach the different aspects of drama and theater as well as the usual camp activities.

Campers should bring a lunch each day and plan for a performance for family and friends at the end of each week. Camp is from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 11-15, July 25-29 or Aug. 15-19. The cost is \$110 for PCAC members, \$125 for non-members.

Fine Arts Camps — "All things Black & White" and "All Things Color" will be the focus of the Visual Arts Workshops this summer. From July 19-23, young artists ages 7-14 will create two- and three-dimensional artwork with pencil, paint and and sculptural materials in Black & White. The Aug. 9-13 workshop will offer the challenge of all color including paper or maybe clay, paint and

pastels. Cost is \$125 for PCAC members, \$140 for nonmembers

Voungest Artists Camp Artists between 5- and 8years-old have a chance to experience both drama and visual arts from July 27-30 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Campers will create artworks such as masks or puppets to use in a short play to present to family and friends on Thursday afternoon. Camp times are 9:30 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$60 for PCAC members and \$70 for non-members

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon. To register or for more information on any of the camps, call (734) 416-4278.

Golf outing

Spots are up for grabs in the 2005 Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing, set for July 11 at Northville Hills.

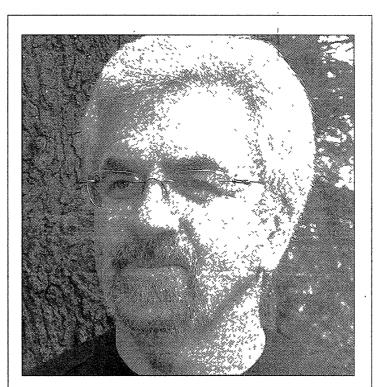
The outing is one of two major fund-raisers to support chamber programs. The event features 144 golfers and will include a variety of games and prizes. Cost is \$250 per golfer, \$1,000 for a VIP foursome, which includes golf with a cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, dinner, cocktails and a tee sign. Victory Honda is the outing's major sponsor.

For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

Furniture winner

Sarah Smith of Plymouth came up the big winner of the \$1,000 furniture shopping spree won in a drawing sponsored by Plymouth furniture store Walker-Buzenberg, timed with its \$2 million furniture sell-off.

Owners of the long-time furniture store are conducting the sale in an effort to clear the store in preparation for remodeling, re-merchandising and restocking the store. Store updates will include new floor-



Author visits

Local mystery author Mel Foster will be the guest speaker when the Friends of the Plymouth District Library host their annual meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25. Author of 'Shaking Hands with Lefkowitz,' Foster will share his experiences as an author, an audio-books narrator and an advertising executive. No registration required for this free program. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

ing, newly painted interior walls and other customer-service enhancements. The store will remain open during the changes, its owners said.

"New collections will be introduced, as will the newest home furnishing trends," Dave and Eric Buzenberg said. "This restructuring will better serve our customers' needs.'

Isbister shopping

Isbister Elementary School hosts a vendor show open to the public from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Isbister gymnasium, 9300 Canton Center Road between Ann Arbor Road and Joy in Plymouth Township.

Jewelry, purses, housewares, portraits, make-up, athletic wear and more will be available for purchase. There is no admission fee and free babysitting will be provided. Proceeds will benefit Isbister's Parent-Teacher Organization. For more information, call (734) 459-2622.

Poppy Days

Volunteers from the American Legion, the Auxiliary and the newly formed Junior Auxiliary will be at several locations throughout Plymouth for the annual Poppy Days event from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 19-21.

The poppies, crafted by hospitalized veterans, became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives lost during World War I and are a way to honor the contributions of veterans. They are given out in exchange for

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donations, the proceeds of which benefit veterans and their families.

Volunteers will be stationed at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, the Farmer Jack on Morton Taylor at Joy and Leo's Coney Island and Busch's grocery store, both at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

Appraisal clinic

The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold its annual Antique Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, featuring Ernest DuMouchelle from the DuMouchelle Galleries of Detroit. DuMouchelle travels with the PBS Antiques Roadshow, and will appraise items for their history and fairmarket value.

Appraisals will be done by appointment only, which can be made for up to five handheld items. Appraisals are \$10 per item for an oral appraisal, \$15 for a written appraisal. Call the museum, (734) 455-8940, to schedule and appointment, and find more information on the museum's Web site, www.plymouthhistory.org

Health seminar

Better Health is hosting a free women's health seminar called "Life Stages of Women's Health" from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at its Plymouth location, 44427 W.Ann Arbor Road.

The seminar will be headlined by Elizabeth Lawson from Enzymatic Therapy, considered to be one of the highest quality supplement companies. Lawson has a bachelor's degree in nutrition.

Lawson will discuss women's health from puberty to fertility and on into menopause, as well as the flow of women's hormones, especially how estrogen and progesterone affect every cell in the body.

For more information, call (248) 344-0040.



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Taking a glimpse at the future



Student Kelly Young got her hair cut and styled by Cori LaVassuer during Thursday's career day at East Middle School as Tony Raymaker talked about the training needed to become a stylist. The stylists are from 6 Salon in Royal Oak.

Career day gives students a peek at work world

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Seventh-graders at East Middle School received a bird's-eye view of the future Thursday when nearly two dozen people presented snapshots of their professions during the school's third-annual Career Day.

Students had opportunities to listen to a homeland security criminal investigator, a radiologist and certified athletic director among the nearly two dozen professionals who spoke.

"I think it was really nice

from different careers," said Juliana Mi, from Canton Township, who wants to be a doctor or teacher. "You can see what it's like to be those people, and it helps if you can't decide what career you want to be."

because you get to see people

Sheila Weber, an East Middle School counselor who organizes the event with Danielle Kovachevich, said this year's event received a great response from students.

'One student told me that she wished we could have career day the rest of the year," said Weber. "It's one of the



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Margaret Goebel, who raises puppies for Leader Dogs, demonstrated basic dog training and care techniques, including brushing Esther's teeth, at Thursday's career day event at East Middle School. Juno kept a close eye out, because he was next.

highlights of the year for us. "There's a push to have middle school students learn about career pathways, and we pick speakers who connect them to those pathways, to get a sense of what a career looks like," she said. "When they get to high school, they will be choosing electives that, hopefully, will be based on their interests."

Lisa Berg, 12, said she listened to a pilot and a representative from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the latter of which piqued her interest.

"I liked the Make-A-Wish Foundation, it's really nice how they help kids with illnesses," said Berg, from Canton Township.

This year, Weber attempted to find some unique careers, and brought in a funeral director.

"Middle kids like extremes, and he brought in some of his tools that are used to get a body ready," Weber said. "It's a part of life, and a job most of us know very little about."

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Leaders try to slow parks vote BY CAROL MARSHALL

STAFF WRITER

The clock is ticking on a countywide \$11.5 million recreation tax renewal, and suburban leaders have asked to slow down its pace.

Though Western Wayne County leaders couldn't quite come to a consensus on the upcoming recreation tax renewal, they did agree they would ask for a little more time to discuss ballot language. The Conference of Western Wayne will ask Wayne County commissioners to consider holding the .25-mill election in November instead of this August.

"Although the millage will not lapse until 2006, it is rumored that the county will place the issue before voters in August 2005," Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said at a Conference of Western Wayne meeting Friday.

The county clerk must have the renewal's language by June 3 if it is to be placed on an August ballot. The commission will vote Thursday on the ballot language and date.

"Detroit is the only large community with a contested August election," Yack said, arguing that a November election would be more fair to suburban Wayne County residents.

Livonia will likely have a primary election, but it's scheduled in September, said Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson, who asked if the county intends to reimburse communities who are holding county-ordered elections in which the only item on the ballot is the millage.

The millage was originally passed narrowly in 1996, in order to make improvements to four county parks, Wayne County's Hines Park, Elizabeth Park downriver, and two Detroit city parks - Chandler Park and Fort Wayne Park. The renewal in 2000 passed in nearly every Wayne County community. About half the money raised by the tax is used to improve and maintain county parks, and the other half is used for local parks projects.

Yack asked the CWW to consider lobbying for a proposal which would support the millage's renewal, but would call upon the county commission to allow each of the Wayne County communities to keep in their own recreation programs half of the money generated by the tax.

To pass the renewal, just half of voters must favor the millage. But to write a new millage, two-thirds would have to approve it. If the renewal passes, but the county commission agrees to allow half of the money to be used in the communities where it was generated, every year the county commission could choose to either use it at the county level, or send it back.

"Canton has paid more than \$5 million (since the tax was first imposed in 1996), and we received \$400,000 to help build a community theater," Yack said. "That's a pretty pathetic return on our investment."

Part of the problem is that there is no formal process to apply for local use of the county money, Yack noted.

CWW communities payed \$6.2 million in recreation tax last year alone, and have received about \$4.3 million, including \$1 million to make improvements to Belleville Lake. Belleville, the smallest of the CWW communities, paid just \$23,000 last year.





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Charles E. "Buzz" Allen, 79, of Rochester Hills, died April 22. Gordon G. Andrews, 75, of Pinckney, formerly of Plymouth, died May 11. John David "Jack" Angott, 64, of Orchard Lake, died May 10. Joanne B. Benoit, 67, of Tawas City, died April 23. Gary M. Bereta, of Livonia, died May Duane Y. Brown, 66, of Colleyville,

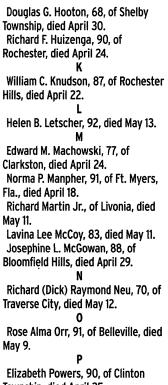
Texas, died April 18. Ellsworth "Curly" Brown, 81, of Traverse City, died April 26. Elizabeth "Betty Lee" Bunce, 87, of Rochester Hills, died April 28. Harold E. "Bud" Burmeister, 77, of Auburn Hills, died April 24.

Sharon M. Conrad, of Westland, died May 6. D

John W. Davis, 54. of Rochester Hills, died April 17. F

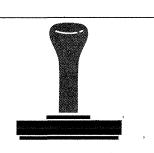
Lena E. Franklin, 99, died April 20. Η

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Bloomfield Hills, died May 8. Harry Ross, 89, of Rochester Hills, died April 23.

William H. Schoewe III, 57, of Sterling Heights, died April 18. Robert F. Lee Sun, 81, of Redford Township, died May 9.

Patricia W. Woodbury, 73, of Rochester Hills, died April 29. Charles Lester Wubbena, 72, of Howell, died May 12.

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GREAT BOOKS, Monday, May 23, 7:15 p.m. – This group meets every other Monday evening and continues its work with the anthology Psychological Fiction compiled by Morris Beja. The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet Web site: http://www.greatbooks.org/-

WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, May 17, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

ASTRONOMY DISCUS-SION GROUP, Monday, May 16, 7 p.m. – Join lively astronomy popularizer Mike Best in this monthly discussion group. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information, contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@aol.com

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May 23, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. – Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play

is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the fourth Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required.

PRESCHOOL/FAMILY **EVENING STORYTIMES -**Session one: Tuesdays, through May 24, 7 p.m.; Session two, Wednesdays, through May 25, 7 p.m. This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

PRESCHOOL STORY-TIMES, Tuesdays, through May 24, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. -Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3-5 years. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Wednesdays, through May 25, 10 a.m. -The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-3 years. This oneon-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and can be made by telephone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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A long-awaited reunion

After six months at war, sailor reunited with wife, baby

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

www.hometownlife.com

In the big picture, six months isn't really that long a period of time. Unless of course vou or a loved one must spend it fighting in a war far away from home.

Nicole Zsuzsics knows this all too well. Her husband, Allen Zsuzsics, who is a petty officer 2nd class in the U.S. Navy, had been aboard the U.S.S. Harry Truman since October. Zeus, as his mates have come to call him, and the crew of the Truman, which is an aircraft carrier, were stationed in the Arabian Gulf near Iraq, providing support to ground troops and protecting shipping in the area.

His six-month tour (his second of the war) ended April 18, when the Truman again docked in Chesapeake, Va., it's home port. It was a wonderful homecoming for the couple and their son Brady. What made the reunion all the more special is that he got home just in time to celebrate Brady's first birthday, which was the day after he arrived.

Nicole Zsuzsics, formerly Nicole Kline, is a former resi-

Since the Observer featured Zsuzsics and Operation Morale in a story around Christmas time, she said people in the area have sent hundreds and hundreds of letters and cards, which her husband says made a huge difference for the morale of the entire ship, because being away from family is the toughest part for the sailors. The care packages and letters just bring home a little closer, he said.

"It's neat to see the support. It makes you feel kind of special," he said, noting all the decorations and cards were proudly hung up in the mess ĥall.

"Just because we have the Internet and TV out there doesn't mean we don't miss home."

The couple returned to Canton last week, so Allen could give thanks to some of the people who wrote to the sailors aboard the Truman. He visited Garden City's Douglas Elementary on Wednesday, and another elementary school in Romulus on Friday. The students at both schools sent many cards and care packages to the ship. At Douglas, the

"ready carrier," which means it could return to duty within 96 He is happy to be spending especially watching Brady

His enlistment is up in 2009, and he has no desire to make the Navy a career. In fact, the couple plans on moving back to the Canton area when he gets out, though that is far in the future. They are returning to Virginia today, where Nicole Zsuzsics will continue her efforts with Operation Morale. Even though the Truman is currently docked, she said she will be sending letters and packages to other ships that have taken its place around Iraq.

"I've got Ĝirl Scout cookies stacked to the ceiling in our home, and many letters that I will be sending," she said.

People interested in sending letters or cards to sailors through Operation Morale can send them to: Operation Morale, 813 Hughes Ave., Chesapeake, VA 23324. Zsuzsics said people can include a return address. because many sailors like to write return letters.

For more information about the group, call her at (757)543-2808, or visit the group's Web site at www.operationmorale.homestead.com.



Nicole Zsuzsics is kissed by her husband, Allen Zsuzsics, when he returned home after six months at sea supporting U.S. troops in Iraq.

Patterson will host health cost summit

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, hosts a summit on containment of health care costs starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at The Summit in Canton.

The featured guest speaker will be Dr. David H. Janda, M.D., of Plymouth, an orthopedic surgeon and founder of the Institute of Preventive Sports Medicine. Janda has made special studies of available ways to reduce health care overhead costs to businesses and individu-

Companies that have taken advantage of these programs have cut their costs immediately, without any reduction in coverage. In several cases, formerly uninsured employees were able to obtain coverage they never had before.

Also speaking will be Amy Logue-Osborne, to be introduced by Mike Glaab, Certified Financial Planner. Logue-Osborn is an expert in the field from American Medical Security.--

Patterson, vice chair of the Senate's Health Policy Committee, has introduced legislation so that Michigan employers and individuals can take the fullest advantage of new provisions in federal law. These will be explained in greater detail at the meeting.

The Summit is located at 4600 Summit Parkway. Anyone interested in attending can call Patterson's Lansing office, (517) 373-7350 or toll-free (800) 262-7307.



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local and national events. Often they use more traditional fund-raisers such as the annual bottle drive that took place this weekend.

But a new committee tried some "out-of-the-box" thinking and decided a downtown performance might be the way to go, Panera Bread has supported similar efforts for other groups, and agreed to donate a percentage of their Tuesday evening profits to the Corps.

"It's the first time we've done something like Panera Bread," business manager Kerry Galloway said. "Our new committee has come up with a number of new fund-raising ideas. They saw this opportunity and took advantage of it."

The corps is made up of 40 to 50 students ranging in age

from 12- to 18-years-old from Plymouth and surrounding communities. According to the group's Web site, members are "self-supporting and dedicated to preserving the ancient arts of color guard, fifing and drumming through live performances at parades, historical and patriotic celebrations, concerts, cultural affairs and other civic events.'

The group's music spans the 17th to 20th centuries, with an emphasis on music played during the Revolutionary War. Presentations focus on strong personal and group discipline, musical excellence and marching precision. The corps' music features medleys of traditional tunes rearranged into threeand four-part harmonies.

The group does performances all over the state, from Port Huron to Charlevoix, and often travels out of state, earning themselves a solid national

reputation.

That's the part that appeals to 14-year-old Steven Dwyer of Dearborn Heights, a PFDC member for two years now.

"I love all the traveling we do," Dwyer said. "I went to one of their events and they were handing out (recruiting) fliers. I went to their new-member performances and just kept on going. We play historic music that's completely authentic."

The Ollars appreciated the effort at Panera Bread Tuesday, which drew a legion of fans during the course of the threehour performance.

"These kids worked hard and really performed well," Margaret Ollar said. "It fits in so well with Plymouth."

More information on the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps can be found at the group's Web site at www.pfdc.us

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STUDENTS

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heard my mother and brother talking on the telephone," said Daniels. "My mom couldn't take it anymore, and my brother suggested she kick me out of the house.

"I looked in the mirror and realized what I had become, and I realized that's not what I was supposed to be," he said. "There were a lot of relapses and failed drug tests and consequences. If it wasn't for family and God, I'm convinced I would be dead today."

Daniels was one of 25 students honored at the ninth annual Turnaround Achievement Awards sponsored by Super Bowl in Canton. The awards recognize students who have overcome adversity and improved their academic performance.

"I'm just so happy for him, he's going to have a good life," said Danny's mom, Connie Daniels. "I always knew he could do it, and that's what bothered me about seeing him go downhill. That just wasn't him."

Discovery Middle School eighth-grader Alex Domin was a Talented and Gifted Student in the third grade and had a promising school career.

"But, I wasn't turning in my homework and I was removed from the program, and that's probably when I became more depressed," admitted Alex, who lives in Canton Township. "I thought I could do the work, and in seventh grade I was back in the TAG program, but the next year I was back in the normal program.

"It was like the Pac Man game, going through a little maze with all the ghosts coming behind you, closer and closer, and there's nothing you could do about it," he said.

However, resource room teacher Sue Young noticed



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Hoben Elementary's Renea Mejia greets attorney Richard Bernstein and Kathy Decker at Tuesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards luncheon.

Alex's talents, and worked on changing his behavior.

"I saw a lot in him, he's so witty and incredibly smart," said Young. "He's a wonderful young man, and will go on to do great things in his life.'

Alex turned himself around. He's currently got a 3.4 grade point average, and after accepting a Turnaround Achievement Award was honored later the same day by the Board of Education for getting 100 percent on the MEAP tests.

"I decided I'd had enough," Alex said proudly, "and decided to get better grades. Now if I get a C I know I have to fix

Roger Philipi, director of operations for Community Bowling Centers, the parent company of Super Bowl, said the awards celebrate the students and those who stand behind them.

'Celebrating not only the hard work and achievement the young people have made, but the dedication of parents and educators to make this happen," Philipi said.

For 19-year-old Sabrina Raben of Livonia, that support was hard to find as circumstances resulting from a messy divorce involving her parents resulted in Sabrina being kicked out of the house at age 15. She dropped out of high school during her freshman year, and didn't return until days before her 18th birthday after a friend told her she "deserved an education."

Raben enrolled in **Plymouth-Canton Schools** Starkweather Education Center, where she has been on the honor roll the past two semesters, selected to the National Honor Society and a Sandra Sagear scholarship winner. Now she's preparing to walk across the Salem High School stage on June 16 to accept her high school diploma, before enrolling at Madonna University in Livonia.

"When you get so stressed out trying to do good in school and pleasing your parents at home, you sometimes forget what life is about," said Raben. "Go out and have fun, because that's where your success is. Do something you like, and you'll never get sick of it.

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'Disaster' focuses on preparedness for All-Star game

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

The commander of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps did his part as a chaplain during a mock disaster this past week.

"I have some crisis intervention training," said Capt. Matt O'Neil, who serves as commander with his wife. He and other chaplains were sent to a family reception area.

"We were trying to calm them down." O'Neil helped at fire scenes as a church member in Alpena, but has never handled a big disaster.

"It's all good," he said of the

training. "I know it was good for the people that were coordinating it."

Wednesday's portion took place in the Comerica Park area of Detroit, said Kenneth Bresnan, area emergency manager for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Some 500plus volunteers were involved in addition to at least 300 emergency personnel.

"It was rather large," said Bresnan, a Detroit resident. There were three separate coordinated "attacks," beginning around 1 p.m. Wednesday with a car bomb by the Fox Theatre. That was followed 20 minutes later by an anthrax scare at the Detroit Opera House.

A pretend performance of *La Boheme* was under way, and the opera house had to be evacuated of about 2,800, and those people were checked out. At 1:30 p.m., a suicide bomber struck at the baseball stadium during the make-believe All-Star game, all part of preparations for the actual game this summer.

That "bomber" blew himself up in the bleachers off the third base line, Bresnan said, and also used sarin gas.

"That's what was used in Tokyo in the subway. Nasty stuff."

At that point, 6,000 hospital

'It went well because we learned a lot. These people really stepped forward.'

Kenneth Bresnan Department of Veterans Affairs

beds were needed and the national disaster medical system was activated, of which Bresnan is coordinator. The National Guard was summoned for air evacuation, with the team meeting Thursday at the Metro Flight Services hangar in the Metro Airport area in Romulus. There were some 84 mock victims, mostly "walking wounded," to be flown to Indianapolis, Des Moines and Minneapolis for medical treatment, Bresnan said. The actual flights didn't occur, but helicopters were used in the training.

Chaplains from the Salvation Army, VA and International Fellowship of Chaplains handled the family reception function. "Everybody wants to know where their loved one is or see the body," Bresnan said.

He's been working on the exercise since January and deemed it a success. "It went well because we learned a lot," Bresnan said Thursday by phone from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. "These people really stepped forward."

The Detroit Veterans Medical Center, Ann Arbor Veterans Medical Center, Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Michigan National Guard, chaplain units and Community Emergency Response Teams of volunteers were among participants.

"The Salvation Army fed us," Bresnan said. "They did a great job."

Many think such training began after 9/11, he added, although it actually dates back much earlier. "But nobody took us seriously until 9/11."

McCotter speaks on Lebanese freedom

Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, R-Livonia, was joined by hundreds of Lebanese-Americans to pay tribute and honor the Lebanese Independence Movement, during a Cedar Revolution Solidarity Day celebration in Washington, D.C., on May 10.

In conjunction with the daylong celebration, McCotter introduced House Resolution 273 denouncing the actions of the Syrian occupation and other foreign aggressors in Lebanon, and supporting free and democratic elections in Lebanon. Representatives Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., Christopher Cox, R-Calif., Dan Burton, R-Ind., and Joe Schwarz, R-Mich., are original co-sponsors to the resolution, which has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

McCotter spoke about the need for America to show its strength and support to the Lebanese people "as they endeavor to stand up for their political independence, protect human rights, and defend democracy."

"It is the duty and the honor of every child of the American Revolution to stand as one with his fellow human beings abroad who are striving to break the yoke of tyranny and, finally, breath free," McCotter said. "I extend my deepest gratitude for the privilege of uniting with you amidst these transcendent times of the Cedar Revolution, in which Lebanon's impending elections will continue to signal her people's resurrection from Syrian dominance."

"At a reception following the press event, McCotter was joined by Lebanese-American dignitaries like Joseph Hage, president of the American Lebanese Coordination Council; Tom Harb, president of the American Maronite Union; Dr. Joseph Gebiely, president of the Lebanese Information Center; Dr, Walid Phares, secretary general of the World Lebanese Cultural Union; Stephen Solomon, of the American-Lebanese Chamber of Commerce; Milad Zohrob, president of the Assembly for Lebanon; and Michael Assaf, of the Lebanese Information Center.

The resolution and the Cedar Revolution Day event also garnered support from other prominent Lebanese-Americans like Nobel Prize Laureate Elias Corey; Emmy, Golden Globe, and SAG award-winning actor Tony Shaloub of the USA Network hit series *Monk*; Tony Bou Samra, of the American Lebanese Alliance; Tony Haddad, of the Lebanese American Council for Democracy; and former executive director of the American-Arab Chamber of Commerce Nasser Beydoun.



STAFF WRITER

An examination of dental records has confirmed that the body recovered from the Detroit River is Southfield resident Barry D. Berry who was reported missing April 15, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office.

The cause of death won't be known for about six or eight weeks, pending the results of toxicology examinations, the department's chief investigator said Friday.

"There were no signs of trauma or foul play," said Albert Samuels.

The body was recovered Tuesday, after municipal workers saw it floating in the river, said Detective Sgt. John Szczepaniak of the Grosse Ile Police Department.

There was a wallet and identification on the body, Szczepaniak said. But the body was turned over to the medical examiner to determine the cause of death and to verify the identification.

Berry, who worked at a furniture warehouse, left home on the morning of April 15, his day off, to run errands, according to his wife, Cocoa Berry. She contacted Southfield police when he did not return. His vehicle was subsequently found by Detroit police near the MacArthur Bridge, which is also known as the Belle Isle Bridge.

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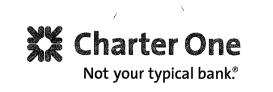
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Vietnam lessons merit heeding

ne of the main perks of being a news reporter is having the opportunity to meet intriguing people from all walks of life. I'm also able to attend many interesting events that I not only get to write about, but that also make me take stock of my own life.

A ceremony I attended last week was definitely one of those events that made me re-evaluate my thoughts about war, both past and present. It really was an honor for me to witness U.S. Sen. Carl Levin pin a Distinguished Flying Cross to Gerald Towler's chest at an American Legion hall in Livonia. The medal is awarded for heroism or extraordinary achievement



while participating in aerial flight. Towler, a Canton resident, actually earned the medal some 40 years ago in the jungles of Vietnam when, as a 22-year-old U.S. Army helicopter pilot, he bucked the advice of others - and probably common sense – to fly in supplies and reinforcements to fellow soldiers locked in furious battle with enemy troops during the battle of Ia Drang Valley in November 1965.

Kuban According to the soldiers who nominated him for the award, Towler

completed the missions despite a battlefield "enshrouded by smoke and haze that nearly obscured the battlefield, making flight at treetop level extremely hazardous." Towler flew through a steady aerial bombardment, with mortar and artillery shells bursting all over the perimeter, so he could fly in troops and supplies, and evacuate the wounded, even after medevac helicopter crews had refused to land because of the violence on the ground.

For anyone that has not experienced war, me included, it is almost impossible to fathom the sights and sounds of that battlefield.

Some 58.000 American soldiers died in Vietnam. Countless more were forever wounded, either physically or psychologically. Towler, who recently retired after a long career as a commercial pilot, has rarely spoken about his war experiences because of the pain it brings him. In fact, when he was notified he would be awarded the medal, he initially didn't want anything to do with it, he said. He doesn't see himself as a hero, just a soldier who did his duty. He says the real heroes were the ones who came home in body bags, having made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The scars of the Vietnam War, which was one of this nation's greatest disasters, have yet to fully heal. Maybe they never will. The war began as a noble mission to prevent the spread of communism, and to help democracy flourish in a part of the world where freedom, at least how we see it, was and still is a foreign concept. After investing so much energy, and the lives of far too many of our men and women in uniform, we pulled out of that quagmire.

I find it difficult to understand how, less than a generation later, we find ourselves stuck in an equally confusing quagmire, where our men and women in uniform have again been asked to sacrifice so much. Why did we not learn the lessons of history?

In a hundred years or so, when historians look back at this conflict in Iraq, what will they say? My guess isthey will say the American people were misled by their president, who convinced many of us that Iraq had some responsibility in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11,

2001, or that the country posed an imminent threat to us because it had stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction. Of course, we now know that those claims were untrue. Whether President Bush knew this or not will be something for historians to figure out.

The Bush administration now says the war in Iraq is about creating a democracy in a region that is hostile to America and its global interests. Had the president and his cronies told us this in the first place, few would have supported this war. If Vietnam taught us nothing else, it taught us we can't be the world's police force. Or create democracies in places where they are not overwhelmingly supported.

Sure many, many Iraqis showed up at the polls to vote when the country held its first democratic elections earlier this year. But in 1967, more than 80 percent of South Vietnam's 5.85 million registered voters cast ballots in that nation's first democratic elections. It took less than a year after our departure before the Communists led by Ho Chi Minh supplanted this democracy.

How long must our troops stay in Iraq to support this newfound democracy? President Bush says only long enough for Iraqi military troops to be trained. Does anybody remember "Vietnamization," which was President Nixon's answer to getting us out of Vietnam? He surmised that by training South Vietnamese troops, they would be able to fight the war themselves.

"We have adopted a plan which we have worked out in cooperation with the South Vietnamese for the complete withdrawal of all U.S. combat ground forces, and their replacement by South Vietnamese forces on an orderly timetable. The withdrawal will be made from strength and not from weakness. As South Vietnamese forces become stronger, the rate of American withdrawal can become greater," Nixon said in a speech on Nov. 3, 1969, when he announced the Vietnamization plan.

This sounds very similar to what the Bush administration is saying to an increasingly wary American public about this war, which has now claimed more than 1,600 American soldiers and countless innocent Iraqis. The death toll grows every day.

Nobody is shedding a tear because we deposed Saddam Hussein, who was a brutal dictator (is there any other kind?). But there are many other leaders and governments in the world equally ruthless. We can't continue to send our young men and women to those places to "install" democracy, because we think it is the best form of government.

Unfortunately, we now have both feet stuck in this quagmire. If we pull out now, our troops and many, many Iraqi civilians will have died for nothing. We'll also have lost any of the little credibility we once had in the Arab world. Soldiers and their families will have to pay the price for a seriously flawed decision to go to war, just like Gerald Towler and his mates did some 40 years ago.

In my eyes, there are just too many parallels, some almost eerie, between this war and Vietnam, which tore our country apart at the seams. Why didn't we learn the lessons?

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Senator ruminates on checks and balances

hen Sen. Carl Levin visited with 👔 Observer 😌 Eccentric editors

May 5, he pondered the concept of checks and balances and how that concept was playing out in the issues he's been dealing with in Congress.

He complained that it was hard to maintain checks and balances when the executive and legislative branches were in the hands of the same party.

He might have added that on many issues the Supreme Court tends to have a slight conservative edge as well (despite the recent attacks on the court by Republican legislative leaders).

Levin's concern is that the balance was in danger of being permanently

destroyed by Republican leadership in the Senate by the elimination of the filibuster in debates on judicial appointments. Levin argues that the filibuster is an essential tool for the full expression of a minority point of view with a long history, even on judicial appointments.

The filibuster has two images in the popular mind. One is the idealistic stand of Jefferson Smith, as embodied by James Stewart, standing up to the smug corruption of the bosses on the Senate floor in Mr. Smith Goes to Washington. The other image is the ignoble grandstanding of Southern senators opposing civil rights legislation. But in both cases a minority view got its full expression.

Later in the interview with Levin, the conversation turned to the situation in Iraq, and it was here that Levin made his most interesting comments about democracy, checks and balances and what it is that sets our form of government apart.

In Iraq under Saddam Hussein, the Sunni Muslims held power, though they represented a minority in the country. The majority Shia were often an abused majority. Now the Shia see an opportunity to right the wrong and a Sunni insurgency is trying desperately to resist them and an occupying American military force.

You have Shia who deeply embittered against the Sunni leadership and they are now in the majority and for them democracy means majority rules," Levin said. "That's not what it

Wette means to us. We've got a First Aur Amendment, we've got a 13th ch Amendment, we've got a 14th th Amendment. We've got protections for individuals against the majority.

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"You can print what you want and, I 'O can say what I want. If the majority says you can't print that or I can't say ito that, you're going to win. Minority ---sl rights are protected, we have checks . and balances in our Constitution сb against abuse of executive power, leg-and islative power and even judicial A power. We have checks and balances id embedded in our Constitution. In Iraq, they don't know about that."

He said we can not want democracy (our kind of democracy) more than they do.

Sometimes we take our democracy much too lightly. The recent school board elections had minuscule voter participation. Even in the Farmington school district, where the interest was intense among some people, less 20 percent of the registered voters even bothered. We assume that it will come out all right and we don't need to + nW bother (except on the high profile elections where we get hit on the head by advertising). .c.A

Levin's concept of democracy is at to how we progress as a people. Under majority rule, slavery might have nog gone on for many decades more. Jim Crow laws and de facto discrimination would still be around, do Women wouldn't have the vote or \sim g the opportunities (though ironically women have always been a slight two majority of the population, they didn't have the vote).

But our Constitution, that glorious, flexible, eternally relevant document gives us a safety valve of freedom. It was understood after the document was drawn and ready to go that as written it would stifle freedom under rule of the majority. Human rights had to be protected, "embedded" in our Constitution. So the framers went back and created the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

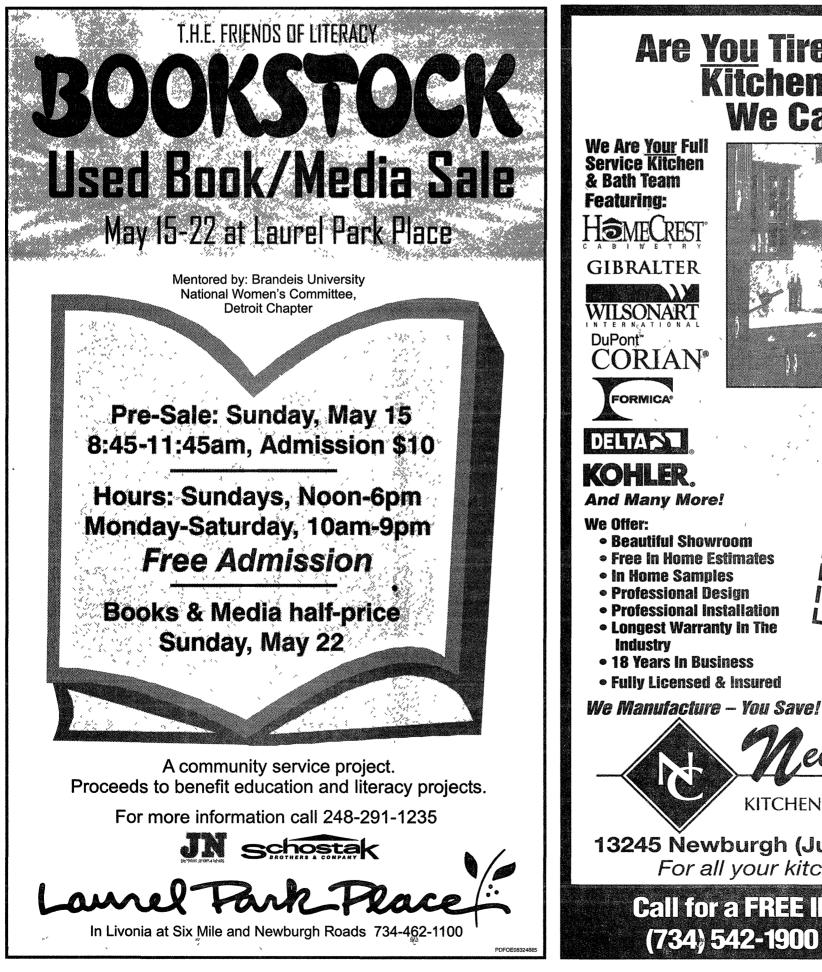
Under the Constitution, the majori ty rules and the minority view is protected.

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Rock solid

Salem's two aces too much for Plymouth linksters



Salem' Anna Ross chips onto the green during Wednesday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association match against Plymouth at St. John's Golf Course. Ross fired a 50 to help the Rocks claim a 180-218 victory.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls golf team has a one-two punch that would make many accomplished boxers envious.

While most high school teams are lucky to have one player who averages in the low-40s for nine holes, the Rocks have two - senior Jamie Siedlaczek and junior Ashley Smith.

The dynamic duo were instrumental in Salem's convincing 180-218 technical knockout of Plymouth Wednesday afternoon at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth Township. Siedlaczek fired a 39 while Smith carded a 41 on the challenging St. John's "Matthew" course. The Rocks' score was rounded out by a pair of 50's from Anna Ross and Christine Garland.

The triumph improved Salem's dual-meet record to 8-2 heading into Monday's match against Canton.

The key to our team's success is obviously Jamie and Ashley," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "They have played well all year. If we want to do well in the Regional meet coming up, we need two other players to score in the 40s.

"Today, Anna and Christine shot 50, which isn't bad. In fact, I'm not upset by a 180 score at all. I would just like our chances a lot better if we can get four scores in the 40s."

Plymouth's young and senior-less roster is filled with five juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen, so the Wildcats could be a force to reckoned with in the years to come. However, expecting them to compete swing-for-swing with the talented Rocks was asking too much.

Sophomore Liz Anderson led the way for the Wildcats on



Warriors fall

Ann Arbor Huron, the seventh-ranked boys lacrosse team in the state, defeated the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Warriors, 13-2, Tuesday night at Huron. The River Rats improved to 11-1 with the win while PCS dropped to 5-8.

On Senior Night, all but one of the River Rats' goals were scored by seniors.

The two PCs goals came from Mitch French, who tallied a first-quarter marker after receiving a pass from Nick Cote, and Jared Ruark, who scored in the third quarter after accepting a pass from French.

Huron outshot the lessexperienced Warriors, 50-13, and won nine of the game's 16 face-offs. **Chris Sorensen netted** 13 saves for the Warriors, who host Lakeland on Thursday at 8 p.m. before traveling to Romulus on Saturday.

Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Ed Forsyth. 48. recorded the first hole-in-one of his 20-year golf career Wednesday at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville.

Forsyth aced the 204yard third hole with a five wood. He fired a 38 for the nine-hole round.

Salem junior golfer

Ashley Smith won medal

ist honors at the Ann

Arbor Invitational held May 4 at the University

of Michigan Golf Course

Smith, who fired a one

over 73, had to defeat two

others golfers in a sudden

death playoff. Smith parted

the other two bogeyed to 3 secure the first-place tro-

The victory was Smith's third playoff triumph in .

the past two seasons. New cheer coach

Jeanne Grueber has been named the new varsity cheerleading coach at Plymouth Christian

Academy. Grueber is no-

stranger to PCA, having

coached the varsity

squad from November-

1992 until September

200. Under Grueber's

direction, the Eagles won

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years, Grueber has

assisted the Canton Agape Christian cheer

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Wednesday, turning in a solid, team-low 51. Also scoring were Katie Ingraham (53), Madeline Salvaggio (55) and Elaine Lafavette (55)

The non-scorers for Salem were Alyssa Mastic, who shot a 53, and Kate Rzetelny, who carded a 59. The Wildcats' non-scorers were Laura Tremonti (56) and Melissa Miller (60).

Wilson said his team prepared for Thursday's Division 1 Regional tournament at Temperance's Giant Oaks Golf Course by playing 18 holes at the layout earlier in the week.

"I like our chances at the Regionals because we're a better team when our girls can play 18 holes rather than nine," Wilson said. "When we play 18, it gives the girls some time to work out the kinks in their swings. Ashley shot an 81 at Giant Oaks and Jamie shot an 82, so I like our chances. We'll have a shot (at advancing to the state meet) if we can get two other girls to shoot in the 90s."

The top three teams from each Regional advance to the state meet. The top five individual scorers also advance.

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Plymouth's Elaine Lafayette watches her putt head for the cup on the opening hole of Wednesday's match against Salem at St. John's Golf Course.

Canton now 25-0 thanks to incredible comeback

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Jim Arnold has witnessed hundreds of games during his 15-year tenure as the Canton girls softball coach, but only a handful of those packed the excitement and intensity that filled the Chiefs' 4-3 victory at Northville Thursday afternoon.

"I'd have to say this one was definitely in the top five of all the games I've

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coached," Arnold said, referring to the second game of a double-header sweep over the Mustangs that improved the Chiefs' record to 25-0 and clinched the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

After cruising to a 7-0 victory in the opening game of the twinbill, the Chiefs trailed 3-1 in the bottom of the seventh

in the nightcap against the Mustangs. Canton was considered the home team in the second game because it was a makeup from a previously rained-out game that was originally scheduled to be played at Canton.

Mustang hurler Jenna Dumbleton had all but silenced the Chiefs through the game's first six innings, holding them to just three hits and one run.

But with one out in the seventh, Canton loaded the bases thanks to two Mustang errors and Rachel Beaudoin's single. After the next batter popped out, Dumbleton ran the count to 3-2 to Canton lead-off batter Brittany Scero, who launched the sixth pitch of her atbat over the left-fielder's head, plating all three base-runners and giving the Chiefs an incredible come-from-behind win.

What was going through Arnold's head as he saw Scero's hit roll to the fence?

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Shining at the state meet

The Euro Stars Level 6 gymnastics team placed second at the state meet held earlier this month. The team included four local gymnasts, including 14-yearold Erica Kosmalski, 12-year-olds Brooke Granowicz and Brittany Granowicz, and 11-year-old Nikki Palmer. Kosmalski placed 11th in the state in the all-around; Brooke Granowicz was the state champion in the floor-exercise competition (9.625) and the all-around (37.325); Brittany Granowicz was second in the all-around (37.300); and Pilmer was second in the all-around (36.925) for her age group. The team is coached by Plymouth residents Peter and Tania Gueorguiev (pictured above with the four local gymnasts) and Antonina Uzonova, who is not pictured.

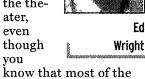
Hollywood ending Chiefs keep streak alive with

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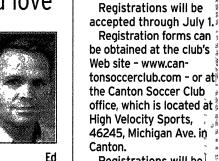
here's nothing more entertaining than those feel-good Disney sports movies -The Mighty Ducks, Little you Giants and Remember the Titans, to name a few - where the teams filled with good guys overcome incredible odds and seemingly invincible obstacles to win the big you game in the movie's final 10 minutes.

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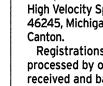
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GIRLS SOFTBALL Monday, May 16 Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.

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Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. PCA at Bethesda Christian, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17

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GIRLS TRACK

Friday, May 20

GIRLS SOCCER

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Salem nips Churchill in 10-inning thriller

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Salem's boys baseball team overcame a 4-1 deficit in the fifth inning and was down to its last at-bat in the eighth inning, but the Rocks persevered to win 6-5 over Churchill in a 10-inning battle Thursday.

"We played in a lot of one-run games this year, some of them came down to the last at-bat," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "It takes everybody to win a game like this and we got a great team effort."

Salem's Steve Myers ripped a based-loaded single in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Rocks their fourth win in five games.

Myers also had a double in the bottom of the eight inning, when Salem was down to its last out and trailing 5-4. Jim Sroka followed with an RBI single to extend game. It was Sroka's fifth hit of the game.

"I think we may have to look back in the Salem history books for the last time we had a player have five hits in a game," Rumberger said.

The Chargers jumped out to the 4-1 lead with two RBI singles by Brandon Mishowski and one each for Corbin Foraker and Mark Pirronello. Each of

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Churchill's run-scoring hits came with two outs.

Salem fought back with Mitch Hosch's two-run double in the fifth. With the Rocks down to their last two outs in the seventh inning, Hosch hit a game-tying sacrifice fly. In the top of the eighth inning,

Churchill's Joel Hall ripped his third hit of the game, again with two outs, to give the Chargers a 5-4 lead.

For Hall, the three-hit game comes after coach Ron Targosz used a designated hitter to bat in Hall's spot in the line-up for Wednesday's game.

"He had been struggling at the plate," Targosz said. "Seeing him come back like that shows his character."

The second basemen on both teams made key defensive plays. Churchill's Matt Dykla made diving stop on a ground ball, stepped on second and fired to first for the double play which held Salem's fifth-inning rally to two runs. Myers slid into short right field to snag a ground ball and fired to first for an out in the ninth inning.

Both starting pitches dueled into extra innings. Churchill's Steve Merlo gave up three earned runs and struck out five in nine innings of work. Salem's Nic England hurled eight innings,

'I think we may have to look back in the Salem history books for the last time we had a player have five hits in a game.'

Dale Rumberger Coach, Salem

gave up five earned runs and struck out four.

John Israel pitched two innings of shutout relief to earn his second win of the season. Hall pitched one-third of an inning and took the loss.

Targosz said he was disappointed in the loss but happy with his team's effort. He noted an error that lead to two runs and stranding six base runners in the first four innings haunted Churchill.

'These guys didn't quit after they gave up the 4-1 lead." Targosz said. "In the end, we made a few mistakes that cost us."

The game's result improved Salem's overall record to 9-12 and dropped Churchill's to 10-9. Both teams are 4-4 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Chiefs still in the hunt for WLAA division title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The mission was clear for the Canton baseball team heading into Thursday afternoon's home double-header against Northville.

The Chiefs needed to sweep the talented Mustangs, or get eliminated from the race for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. With their backs against the

WLAA, er, wall, the Chiefs completed the mission...almost.

Canton won the opener, 10-9, in dramatic fashion by scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh to send the contest into extra innings, where it won the game in the bottom of the ninth.

The Chiefs are leading the nightcap, 12-6, in the bottom of the fifth, but the game was suspended due to darkness with a Northville runner on first base with one out. The game will be finished Tuesday afternoon at Northville, which was technically the home team in the second game because it was a make-up of an earlier rained-out contest.

The game-one victory improved Canton's record to 11-12 overall and 4-3 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"We knew we had to win two (Thursday) to stay alive after our loss to Franklin earlier in the week," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We had the lead early in the first game, then we lost it, but the kids stayed poised and focused and chipped away until they tied it

up in the seventh." The Chiefs bolted to a 4-0 advantage after two inning before Northville retaliated with a six-spot in the third. The Mustangs were up 9-5 in the seventh when Canton staged a dramatic rally led by Shawn Little and Craig Galarnau, who both ripped two-run singles to knot the score at 9-9.

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Powers, was hit by a pitch. With the Mustangs' infield moving on the pitch, Dickey called for a double-steal and the batter, Little, rocketed a single up the middle to score Mishler with the decisive run.

Little finished 3-for-5 with four RBI. Other key contributors were Galarnau (4-for-4, RBI, three runs), Brad Gallison (1-for-4), Scott Steffes (1-for-3) and David Neu (1-for-3).

Kyle Muliolis (2-0) earned the win, yielding seven hits and two earned runs over the final four innings after relieving starting pitcher Matt Hemmelgarn, who allowed three earned runs in five innings.

"We had a couple of key errors that hurt us when they scored six in the third," Dickey said.

The final results of Thursday's suspended game will be published in this Thursday's edition of the Observer.

FRANKLIN 12, PLYMOUTH 4: Otis Young, David Wells and Jon Leins hit back-to-back-to-back home runs to start the first inning for the Patriots, and they cruised from there to win at home Friday.

Franklin shelled Plymouth starting pitcher Nate McManus for eight runs in the

first two innings. Wells finished the game with three hits and three RBIs. Young had two hits and two RBIs and D.J. Tracy had two hits and an RBI.

Cody Campbell gave up two runs, five hits, five walks and struck out five to earn the win for Franklin. The win moves the team's record to 16-5 overall, 6-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Franklin had a 4-0 lead in the third inning of the second game of Friday's scheduled doubleheader, but thunderstorms suspended the game. JOHN GLENN 9, CANTON 8: A

five-run fifth inning helped the

singles and drove in four runs. Ryan Sharp drove in three runs with a single and double. Tim Bingham drove in a pair of runs with a single and double.

Bingham pitched five innings, gave up two earned runs, walked one and struck out one to earn his first win of the year. Canton's Eric Byrne took the loss, giving up six earned runs in four innings of work.

Shawn Little led the offense for the Chiefs with two hits and four RBI. David Neu and Tarik Khasawneh also ripped two hits a piece for the Chiefs.

"We made a couple of errors that led to one of John Glenn's big innings," Dickey said. "But I give them a lot of credit. They scrapped and hit the ball well." The Rockets outhit the Chiefs, 11-8.

The win improved John Glenn's overall record to 8-12. HURON VALLEY 16-2, AGAPE 6-4:

The Wolverines split a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference double-header with the Hawks on Thursday, dropping the opener, 16-6, before rebounding with a 4-2 victory in the nightcap.

In the opener, Huron Valley tallied nine runs in the second and five in the third to run away with the 10-run win. The Hawks out-hit the Wolves, 12-6. Agape was hampered by eight errors.

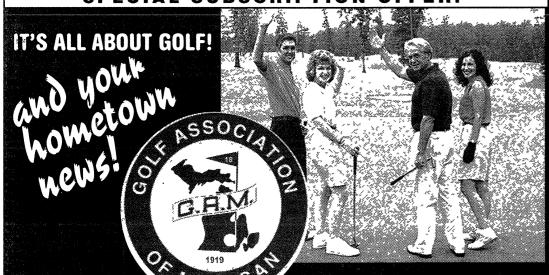
Agape starting pitcher Ryan Barber took the loss after working the first four innings.

"Ryan didn't pitch that bad, we just made a lot of errors behind him," said Agape coach Scott Lewald. "Only half of Huron Valley's runs were earned."

Offensively, the Wolves were led by Kyle Miller (2-for-3, RBI) and Daniel Walker (three walks, two runs scored).

Miller pitched a gem in the second game, limiting the Hawks to five hits in seven innings while striking out three. Matt Molnar and Gabe Molnar both had key hits for the Wolves in their four-run third inning.

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Canton won the game in the ninth when Tarik Khasawneh led off with a walk and replaced by pinch-runner Joe Mishler. The next batter, Jake

Rockets outslug the Chiefs for a home victory Wednesday. The big inning enabled John

Glenn to overcome a 5-4 deficit. Rvan Carlington three

The split left Agape with a 4-11 overall record and 3-5 mark in the MIAC.

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Salem topples 'Cats with big 5th inning

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

In the court of law, when a defendant takes the Fifth (Amendment), he or she remains silent.

When Salem took the fifth (inning) Monday afternoon against Plymouth, the Rocks' bats were anything but silent. Salem broke open a close game

against the cross-campus Wildcats by tallying nine runs in the fifth inning to earn a fiveinning, mercy rule-shortened 12-2 victory. The win improved Salem to 8-12 overall. Plymouth slipped to 2-13. Josh Ritter earned the com-

plete win for Salem, limiting Plymouth to three hits and no earned runs in five innings of

work. Plymouth starter Bryan Stotz suffered the loss despite pitching effectively for the first four innings, after which Salem led just 3-2.

Leading the winners' 14-hit attack was shortstop Andy Ciantar, who went 3-for-4. including a pair of doubles. He also scored three times and knocked in a pair of runs.

Mitch Hosch also had a huge game at the plate for Salem, ripping a pair of singles and a triple, and contributing two RBI. Ciantar and Hosch both clubbed a pair of hits and scored two runs a piece in the decisive fifth frame. Bill Horgan (2-for-2, two RBI), Bill Leddy (2-for-3, two RBI) and Andy Psilis (2-for-3, RBI) also swung hot bats for the Rocks, who jumped out to a 3-0 lead in

the bottom of the first on four hits, four stolen bases and a walk.

Plymouth cut its deficit to 3-2 in the second when it manufactured a pair of runs thanks to a walk and stolen base by Alex Harvey, a pair of Salem fielding miscues and singles from Kyle Feldscher and Jeffrey Harrison. The Wildcats put two base-runners on in the third and advanced a runner to third in the fourth, but Ritter worked out of both jams.

Ritter struck out three and walked two.

Stotz shut out the Rocks from the second inning through the fourth, but was hurt in the book-end first and third frames.

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Rock kickers shut out 'Cats, 6-0

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Heading into Wednesday's game against P-CEP neighbor Plymouth. Salem had more experience and depth than the senior-less Wildcats.

When the game was over two hours later, the Rocks also had more goals.

Salem improved its record to 6-6-3 with a 6-0 victory over Plymouth in a game played in cold, windy conditions.

"I thought our girls performed very well," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Our game plan was to put a lot of pressure on goal, take a lot of shots and use the width of the field to our advantage, and it seemed to work.

"I thought Plymouth fought hard the entire game. Our experience was probably the difference. We have 10 seniors and they don't have any. Plymouth played better than the 6-0 score would indicate.'

Kelly Adsit scored the Rocks' first goal after taking a pass from Amy Gizicki 10 minutes into the game. Moments later, Gizicki scored a goal that was assisted by Tara Duncan.

The Rocks carried a comfortable 4-0 advantage into the half thanks to goals by Duncan and Gizicki. Colleen Burke and Kristin March notched assists.

Andrea Gasparatto and Kathryn Wheatley closed out the second-half scoring for the winners. Adsit and Megan McCarthy assisted on the goals.

Alyssa Guerin recorded the shutout, making five saves.

Salem bombarded Plymouth goalie Brittany Warner with 15 shots.

CANTON 1, STEVENSON 0: The Spartans could not muster many scoring chances against the Chiefs in Wednesday's game at Canton as both teams were forced to battle a 40-mph wind throughout most of the evening.

Lisa Ealy scored on a play assisted by Bailey Fagan in the 15th minute, and that's all the Chiefs would need.

"Our defense was excellent," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Stevenson has a number of good players, so this was a good win for us.

The victory lifted the Chiefs' record to 9-3-2.

Stevenson brought more offensive pressure in the second half, but the Chiefs consistently cleared the ball out of harm's way, aided by the

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strong wind at their back. Canton goalie Brittany Cervi stopped all three shots by the Spartans to earn the shutout.

Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said Beth Prost, Wendy Hoots, Andrea Muscat and Caitlin Boyak played with a lot of heart, but was disappointed in the team's overall effort.

"No one wanted to step up and test Canton's keeper," Pinta said. "I'd say we really tested her three times."

The loss dropped the Spartans' overall record to 9-3-2.

PCA 9, WARREN ZOE 0: Sara Ross, who normally serves as the Eagles' goalie, tallied three goals to lead PCA to a one-sided victory at Zoe Thursday afternoon. The Warriors failed to record a shot on goal against PCA's swarming defense.

PCA is now 7-2 overall and 6-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. The Eagles are tied for second with Birmingham Roeper, who games behind league-leading and unbeaten Oakland Christian.

Also pacing the Eagles' offensive effort were Abby Lorion (two goals, two assists), Jenna Misch (first goal of season), Katie Polera (one goal), Lauren Soblesky (one goal, one assist) and Julie Predhomme, who scored her first goal of the year. Lauren Beckett, Meghan Polera and Tessa Neubacher also notched assists for the winners, who led 3-0 at the half.

Ross, Lorion and Karen Cleary shared the net-minding duties for PCA.

"It was a good game considering we played short-handed," said PCA coach Bob Lorion, referring to four players who missed the game due to a school play.

PCA 6, ÂGAPE CHRISTIAN 0: Sara Ross recorded her fifth shutout of the season and Abby Lorion tallied two goals and an assist to lead the Eagles.

Also scoring goals for PCA were Katie Polera (two), Lauren Soblesky and Holly Johnson. Soblesky, Johnson, Cleary and Misch were credited with assists.

"I thought the girls were a little sluggish at the start of the game," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "I think we had a letdown after beating (Birmingham) Roeper last week. Overall, though, I thought we played well."

PCA will host Southfield Christian on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 85, SALEM 52

May 12 at Churchill Shot put: 1 Anna Wilson (S), 33-11, 2 Abron (LC), 33-7, 3. Maggie Fisher (S), 33-4

Discus: 1 Anna Wilson (S), 107-2, 2. Hobbins (LC), 95-1, 3 Bergeshi (LC),

Pole vault: 1 Allie Vraniak (S), 9-6, 2 Jackie Demers (LC), 9-0, 3 Kristin Zearecki (LC), 8-6

High jump: 1 Jackie Gribeck (LC), 4-8, 2 (tie) Lynden Gault (S) and Kristin Zegrecki (LC), 4-8

Long jump: 1 Dana Eldred (S), 14-875, 2 Andrea Lang (S), 14-3 25, 3 Jackie Gribeck (LC), 14-1 25

3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill, 10.01.7, 2 Salem (Hannah Cavicchio, Marisa Carpinelli, Allison Janda, Laura Friedman), 10.073

100 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S), 16 8, 2. Dana Eldred (S), 171; 3 Rothemel (LC), 17.4.

100 dash: 1. Nickens (LC), 13 0, 2 Coppola (LC), 13.2; 3. Thornberry (LC),

800 relay: 1. Churchill, 1.48 2, 2. Salem (Lindsay Miles, Allie Vraniak, Brittany Lockhart, Lynden Gault), 1:50:00

1,600 run: 1 Hope (LC), 5.24 4, 2 Cieslak (LC), 5276, 3 McFarland (LC), 5.28.6

400 relay: 1 Churchill, 52.57, 2 Salem (Brittany Jones, Carolyn Heaney, Kelly Cunningham, Kieyana Arnold), 53.9

400 dash: 1 Wilkins (LC), 59 9, 2 Brittany Lockhart (S), 1028, 3 Schmidt (LC), 1036

300 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang (S). 1.48 2; 2. Rothemel (LC), 48 7, 3 Lucas (LC), 50.3.

800 run: 1 Laura Friedman (S), 2 23 5, 2 Cieslak (LC), 2 27 0, 3 Allison Janda (S), 2.299

200 dash: 1 Wilkins (LC), 26.8. 2. Nickens (LC), 271, 3 Brittany Lockhart (S). 274

3,200 run: 1 Drinan (LC), 12 01, 2 Lauren Kane (S), 12 01 1, 3 Cieslak (LC), 12.141

1,600 relay: 1 Churchill, 4169, 2 Salem (Katie White, Alyssa Cercone, Katie Shull, Laura Olson), 4 40 00

Dual-meet records: Salem 6-1 over all, 4-1 WLAA Lakes Division, Churchill 6-0 overall, 5-0 WLAA Lakes Division

CANTON 72, PLYMOUTH 65 May 12 at Plymouth

GIRLS TRACK

Shot put: 1. Chrystien Guyton (P), 28-4, 2. D'Angela Pitts (C), 27-8 50, 3. Allysa Scalera (C), 26-4.50

Discus: 1. Janet Hanchett (P), 86-0; 2 Ashley McClellan (C), 79-8; 3 Raquel Juco (C), 20-8

Pole vault: 1 Mina Pirzadeh (C), 9-6, 2. Katie Hale (C), 7-0, 3 Courtney Mack (P), 7-0.

High jump: 1 Brittany Petty (P), 5-0; 2 Meghan Matheny (C) 4-6, 3 Izabela Paszkowska (C), 4-6

Long jump: 1 Chrystien Guyton (P), 14-6.75, 2 Brittany McKinney (C), 14-5 50, 3 Kinshasa Lynah (P), 13-11 50

3,200 relay: 1 Canton (Kelli Bargowski, Becky McCormack, Jennifer Thomas, Lisa Clinton), 10:11.8; 2. Plymouth (Allisa Vint, Sarah Sherwood, Nichole McLaughlin, Janet Hanchett), 10:15.00.

100 hurdles: Toria Davis (C), 13.2; 2. Breana Wallace (P), 13.5; 3. Stephanie Okolo (P), 137.

800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Kinshasa Lynah, Chrystien Guyton, Courtney Mack, Stephanie Okolo), 1:52.6; 2. Canton (Mina Pirzadeh, Brittany McKinney, Toria Davis, Sumon Joyner), 1536

1,600 run: 1 Becky McCormack (C), 5.32.9: 2. Jackie Beeler (P), 5:34.12, 3. Annie Murphy (C), 5.53

400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Courtney Mack, Chrystien Guyton, Janet Hanchett, Stephanie Okolo), 53.51, 2. Canton (Meghan Metheny, Jessica Murray, Toria Davis, Sumon Joyner), 545

400 dash: 1 Kinshasa Lynah (P), 105 69; 2 Carrie Hause (C), 106 86, 3. Meghan Early (P), 109.02

300 hurdles: 1 Brittany Petty (P), 51.54, 2 Mina Pirzadeh (C), 53 47, 3 Jessica Murray, 5472

800 run: 1. Kelli Bargowski (C), 2.29 00, 2 Jennifer Thomas (C). 2 32 09, 3 Allisa Vint (P), 232 59

200 dash: 1 D'Angela Pitts (C), 27 47, 2 Breana Wallace (P), 27 63, 3 Toria Davis (C), 28 46

3,200 run: 1 Becky McCormack (C), 12 20.08, 2 Amy Ostrowski (P), 12 31 50; 3 Annie Murphy (C), 12:54 9

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Kinshasa Lynah, Allısa Vınt, Jackie Beeler, Janet Hanchett), 4:24 62; 2 Canton (Kelli Bargowski, Kristin Ward, Beth Pruitt, Carrie Hause), 4.42.29 Dual-meet records: Plymouth 2-9,

Canton 4-1

(P), 18-8 50

Long jump: 1 D J Coleman (P), 19-950, 2 Nathan Gholston (P), 18-9, 3 Tyus

BOYS TRACK

3,200-meter relay: 1 Plymouth, 8 41 3, Canton (Phaltiel Whitlock Kevin Rakovitis, Ryan Dugan, D'Angelo Pitts), 8 41 50

110 high hurdles: 1 Rodney Preston (C) 159 2 Nathan Gholston 167, 3 Matt McClellan (C) 171 100 dash: 1 Rodney Preston (C) 11 2, 2

Eric Piwowar (C), 11 2, 3 D J Coleman (P),

800 relay: 1 Canton (Kevin Burdette,

Andy Rossow, Cyrus Azızı, David Calille), 1336, 2 Plymouth, 137.6. 1,600 run: 1 Eric Zech (C), 4.437, 2

Anthony Scaparo (P), 4 478, 3 Patrick Slavens (P), 4.579 400 relay: 1. Canton (Kevin Burdette,

Thursday's WLAA dual meet.

Rodney Preston, D'Angelo Pitts Eric Piwowar) 455 2 Plymouth 457 400 dash 1 Cyrus Azizi (C) 510 2 David Calille (C) 52.8 3 Andy Rossow

(C) 547 300 hurdles: 1 Rodney Preston (C), 419; 2 Nathan Gholston (P), 422, 3 Pete Boucher (C), 45 2

800 run: 1 Sean Dillon (P), 2:04.6; 2 Phaltiel Whitlock (C), 2.07.9, 3 Kyle "; Wallath (P), 2145.

200 dash: 1 Cyrus Azizi (C), 23 0, 2 David Calille (C), 232, 3. D J Coleman (P), 233

3,200 run: 1 Anthony Scaparo (P), ad 10 24 9 2 Patrick Slavens (P) 10 25 6, 3 · 1 Eric Zech (C) 10 43 3

1,600 relay 1 Canton (Andy Rossow ----Adam Somers D'Angelo Pitts Cyrus 🚜 Azızı), 2 Plymouth, 3 557 Dual-meet records: Canton 5-0.

Plymouth 4-1



Salem's Danielle Malone is pictured passing the baton to teammate

Rocks' 3,200-relay squad was defeated by Livonia Churchill in

Laura Friedman during the 3,200 relay in a meet earlier this year. The

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Shot put: 1 PJ Caram (C), 41-150, 2 Ryan

Jonik (C), 40-9, 3 Jason James (C), 38-9 Discus: 1 Steve Paye (C), 122-3, 2 Jayson Wurtzbacher (C), 112-8, 3 Gerald Lou (P) 109 7

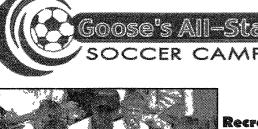
Pole vault: 1 Derek Reeves (C) 12 3 2 Nathan Sherwood (P) 11.0 3 (tie) Rvan Langdon (C) and Ben Ambrose (P), 10.6

McClellan (C) 5-6

CANTON 87.5. PLYMOUTH 47.5

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High iump: 1 Cameron Scharchburg (P), 510, 2 Andy Rossow (C), 58 3 Matt



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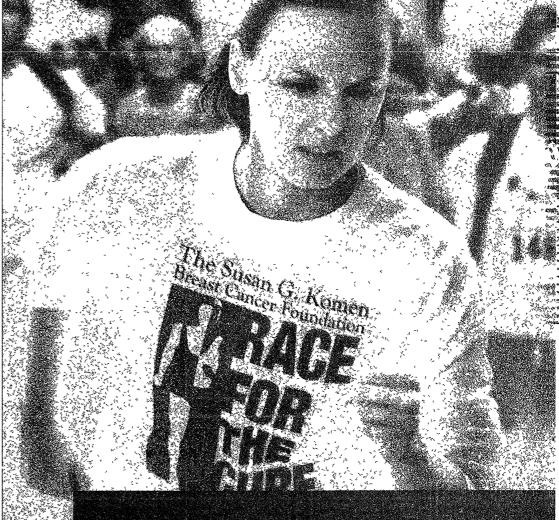
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Canton's 25-game winning

streak to start the season is the

longest in the school's history.

Despite its unblemished mark,

the Chiefs were not ranked in

1 softball poll compiled by the

The Chiefs nearly tied the

game in the sixth. With Rachel

Michigan Softball Coaches

Wade on first base and two

outs, cleanup hitter Lauren

Delapaz laced a line shot up

However, Northville center

fielder Emma Wise raced to

her left, stuck out her mitt and

"That was a devastating loss

for this team," said Northville

coach Jean Calabrese, a former

assistant coach at Canton. "We

didn't play well in the first

game, but the second game

was ours to win. When you

lead by two runs in the bottom

hauled in the potential game-

tying inside-the-park home

the right-center field gap.

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BOYS TENNIS

CANTON 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O May 10 at Canton No. 1 singles: Eric Szydlowski (C) defeated Michael Galunas, 6-1, 6-2. No. 2: Tom Williams (C) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-4, 6-7, 7-6. No. 3: Greg Warnecke (C) defeated Brandon Nikula, 6-0, 6-0, No. 4: Nathan Larimore (C) defeated

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Galen Murphy-Fahlgren, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Zach Hoemschemeyer-William Kapelanski (C) defeated James Fisher Jake Del Piano, 6-1, 6-0. No. 2: Alex Erbiszcioski-Alex Marinica (C) defeated Nikhil Kalothia-Nolan Langlois, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3: Nirusan Loganathan-Tom Chae (C) defeated Josh Vowles-JaCorv Frowner, 6-0, 6-0,



STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 73 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE ARTICLE III

ORDINANCE NO. C-05-04

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 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 PROTECTION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED AND ADOPTED UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL 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) No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample is at or above the following surcharge threshold, except as otherwise permitted in writing by the director and on payment of a surcharge, and no person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample exceeds the following upper limits, with respect to the following compatible pollutants:

COMPATIBLES

Surcharge Threshold	Upper Limits	
300 mg/l	<u>756 mg/l</u>	5-day BOD (Biochemical
		Oxygen Demand)
350 mg/l	<u>2366 mg/l</u>	Total SS (Suspended
		Solids)
600 mg/l	1530 mg/l	COD (Chemical Oxygen
-	_	Demand)
19 mg/l	63 mg/l	Total Phoenhorus

SOFTBALL

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"I wanted to make sure all the base-runners were touching all the bases," Arnold said. "Brittany did a great job in a difficult situation. In a spot like that, you want your lead-off hitter up there, and she came through for us.

"This whole team has shown this kind of heart all year. They never give up. And it's not about one or two players. All 18 girls contribute and we have great chemistry."

Scero admitted she was "a little nervous" when she stepped into the batter's box with two outs and her team's 24-game winning streak on the line.

"I just wanted to put the bat on the ball and help the team win," she said. "That's probably the most memorable hit I've ever had."

WRIGHT

FROM PAGE B1

miraculous finishes you see unfold on the big screen are about as likely to happen in real life as the Detroit Lions winning the Super Bowl.

Thursday afternoon, I witnessed one of those spinetingling, Disney-like finishes to a sporting event, but it happened on the Northville High School varsity softball field, not at the Emagine Theater.

How improbable was this ending? If a screenwriter would have proposed it to a Hollywood producer, the idea would have been tossed into the circular file in a heartbeat simply because it was so unbelievable.

SETTING THE STAGE Canton's softball team

entered the second game of Thursday's double-header at Northville with an incredible 24-0 record. Two things are certain when you're unbeaten this late in the season:

you do; and 2. You have a giant bull's-eye on your back because every team you play wants to be the

first to knock that "0" off the back-end of your record.

Through the first six innings of Thursday's game, the Mustangs were doing a fantastic job of hitting the bull's-eye. They led 3-1 over the Chiefs, who were just three outs away from suffering something they hadn't tasted since the summer of 2004 - a loss.

The game was a makeup

STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

ORDINANCE NO. C-05-03

REGULATION OF NUISANCE ANIMALS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR **REGULATION OF NUISANCE ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR** DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF RELEASING NUISANCE ANIMALS IN THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, Y. PUBLICATION AND EFFECT

of the seventh, you have two outs and a 3-2 count on the batter, you expect to win. "The girls really wanted it

because it would have given us a share of the (WLAA) Western Division title with Canton."

The pair of setbacks dropped Northville to 20-7 overall and 6-1 in the Western Division.

Molly Conlon earned the win for the Chiefs in game two after relieving starting pitcher Katie Osburn in the third inning. Conlon allowed just one hit and one walk while striking out seven over the final four innings.

Conlon also sparkled in the opener, racking up 14 strikeouts in her complete-game shutout. Scero led the offense in the opener by ripping three hits. Wade, Delapaz, Conlon and Cieniuch picked up two hits a piece.

CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 0: The Chargers and pitcher

from a previously rained-out

played at Northville, Canton

I'll confess: After the first

started scribbling down ques-

coach Jim Arnold after what I

tions I would ask to Canton

assumed was going to be his

team's first loss of the season.

think your team will respond

to a loss after putting together

long winning streak can make

a team better in the long run -

I stopped writing when the

Cieniuch, reached first base on

hitter Rachel Beaudoin, ripped

But the situation didn't start

to become Disney-esque until

Przybylski, reached on another

Similar to a Disney script,

the next Canton batter popped

Northville fielding miscue to

an error and the next, pinch-

a single into center, sending

Cieniuch to second.

the next hitter, Molly

load the bases.

next Canton batter, Melissa

such an amazing winning

streak?" and "Some coaches

actually think a loss after a

do you?"

Questions like: "How do you

grabbed my notepad and

contest, so even though it was

Bridget Long are on a streak of five straight shutout wins after Thursday's win over the Rocks. Long limited Salem to four

hits and two walks and struck out seven. Churchill scored all three

runs as part of a six-hit first inning. Amber Holod and Alecia Czapski had RBI singles and Shannon Cleck drove in a run with a ground out. Holod, Czapski and Katie Michnicak each had a pair of hits.

"I've been telling them all year that we will be competitive because we have strong hitting, pitching, catching and fielding," Churchill coach Carrie Koricin. "Now, we're starting to believe that we can win."

The winning streak enabled the Chargers to strengthen their hold of first place in the WLAA's Lakes Division with a 7-1 record. The team's overall mark is 12-5.

The more I thought about **Canton's Hollywood** comeback, the more I figured it wasn't really a Disney-type ending after all. It was much better.

form, the count on Scero went to 3-2, only adding to the drama.

"I wasn't thinking about being a hero," Scero admitted to me after the game. "I just wanted to put the bat on the ball."

Scero did that - and much more.

Northville pitcher Jenna Dumbleton, who had mastered the Chiefs all afternoon, unleashed a fastball. When Scero swung, the ball rocketed off her aluminum bat, into the gray sky, and over the head of the retreating Northville left fielder.

As the ball rolled to the leftfield fence, Tiffany Quiroz, who was pinch-running for Cieniuch, crossed the plate to make it 3-2.

At the exact moment the Northville left fielder finally reached the ball, Beaud touched the plate to make it 3-3. And as the left-fielder's throw floated into the infield, Przybylski crossed the plate and into the arms of her deliriously happy teammates to give the Chiefs a miraculous 4-3 victory and 25-0 record.

was the "home team," which meant it batted last. **DOUBTS SET IN** 1. You're very good at what Canton batter grounded out to open the seventh inning, I

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30 mg/l	Nickel	
0.12 mg/l	Silver	
3.0 mg/l	Zinc	
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method 608. Any detectable sample exceeds this limit.)

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 10th day of May, 2005, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

It is hereby determined that the release of non-domesticated nuisance animals such as rats, raccoons, opossums and the like, into the township by persons or parties hired to capture and remove such animals from residential areas, may endanger the public health, safety, and welfare if left unregulated. The purpose of this Chapter is to establish reasonable regulations controlling the release of such nuisance animals to make certain that the public health, safety and welfare of the community is protected.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

Nuisance animal - any non-domesticated animal that is commonly regarded as a nuisance including but not limited to: raccoons, opossums, skunks, rats, bats, muskrats, and other verminous animals.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITION.

No person or entity shall release or permit to be released within the Charter Township of Plymouth any nuisance animal unless otherwise provided for in this Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 4. PENALTY.

Any person or persons who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than Ninety (90) days or by a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

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MAXIMUM DRAMA

out, adding a little more

So Northville led, 3-1. There were two outs and the bases were loaded with Chiefs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

If the air had been filled with any more tension, no one within 100 yards of the field would have been able to breathe.

That's when the Chiefs' leadoff hitter, Brittany Scero, stepped to the plate.

And, yes, in typical Disney

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UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT

It was one of those rare, unforgettable moments in sports when chills run down your spine.

A few minutes after the game, I asked Arnold if, prior to the amazing comeback, he had thought at all about what he was going to say to his team had they lost.

"To tell you the truth, no, I didn't even think of making a speech like that," he admitted. "But considering the situation, maybe I should have," he said, laughing.

The more I thought about Canton's Hollywood comeback, the more I figured it wasn't really a Disney-type ending after all. It was much better.

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Canton resident to end reign as longtime assistant coach

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

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The spotlight rarely shines on the sidekick.

But Garden City varsity softball coach Barry Patterson wanted to make sure it did for his soon-to-retire longtime assistant, Chuck Drewicz.

"As head coach, you're the one who always seems to get credit for the things that happen in the program," said Patterson recently. "You know, like the wins. Obviously, I got my big moment last year having the 400th (win).

"Chuck's been with me now for 10 years, and quite honestly, he's every bit as big a part of this program and has been since Day 1 when he came in. Kids just adore him."

So does Patterson, who appreciates how Drewicz provided him with a sounding board and plethora of softball knowledge during those 10 years. The coaching tandem also has had a lot of success. Drewicz is retiring after this season with 200-plus victories as an assistant.

BIG VOID

When he leaves this year it will be a huge loss," Patterson said. "It will be a void that I probably can't fill. I coached this team for 10 years before Chuck became my assistant coach, and I thought I was a pretty knowledgeable and pretty good coach at that point in time in my mind. "Every day I realize, being around Chuck, how little I really know.'

Of course, how often can a high school coach have a former pro on board?

Drewicz, a Canton resident, was a player on the Mike Ilitch-owned Detroit Caesars professional slow-pitch softball team of the 1970s.

Among his teammates on the Caesars were former Detroit Tigers Jim Northrup, Mickey Stanley, Jim Price and Norm Cash.

"Cash was a riot in the locker room," said the 52-year-old

Chuck went on to coach a AAA slo-pitch women's pro team, Lady Blue, to six championships and coached four years at Plymouth Salem before a mutual friend of his and Patterson's hooked them

up. "I've been very fortunate to coach some great athletes,"

Drewicz said. Patterson and Drewicz quickly meshed in this way: Drewicz clasped his hands. "We became best friends." He is the McMahon to Patterson's Carson. He is lowkey, providing balance to

Patterson's no-nonsense style. "It helps him because it (coaching) is so tough," Drewicz said. "There's so many things going on during a ballgame or at practices, to have one gentleman try to do it all it's really tough. (Having an assistant) just makes it easier to have more hands to

teach kids more things." Drewicz also is there with words of encouragement for the girls and is comfortable in his role.

HE CARES

But the strain of rushing through rush-hour traffic from his job in Flat Rock to practices and games in Garden City got to be too much, along with wanting to do other things with his bride of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ years, Sue.

"It can be a pretty long day," he noted.

According to Patterson, "a lot of things in his life have changed and it's really tough for him to make the commitment every single day (to Garden City softball). I know he'll still care about every one of the kids."

To that end, Drewicz sends care packages to every Garden City player who moves on to a college team, such as Lynzee Smith, who graduated in 2004 and played this spring at Madonna University.

When a player had trouble with her math, he tutored her to help get her grades up

attractive for a college scholarship.

And for each year of his tenure with the Cougars, Drewicz has put together framed team photos to put on a wall at home and reminisce about a special time in his life

"I'll get to watch a few of the kids play college (ball)," Drewicz said. "(Lindsay) Ritz is over at Eastern, 'Zee's at Madonna. It's just time for me. Like I said, I had a great career and I had the chance to give something back to the game and to the kids and I'm glad I did."

He'll invite all the Garden City softball alums of the past decade to a holiday party and show gratitude to what he called his extended family.

"I never had kids myself. This is like my family."

LASTING IMPACT

Of course, Patterson is hopeful he'll see his friend stop by for future practices, to offer insight and support.

"What a blessing (he's been) for our program and I'm sure he'll mosey around every now and then,' Patterson said. "It'll probably be hard to get it out of his system."

That might be the case. But Drewicz is ready to begin a new chapter in his life.

"I'll still help him with tryouts," Drewicz said. "But I've never been to (baseball) spring training, like Florida and Phoenix. I just want to go places."

He might be going places, but he'll leave quite a big legacy behind in Garden City.

"I hope the girls will take the positive things from the softball field to what they do in everything else during their lives," Drewicz said. With Patterson around,

Drewicz can rest assured that the imprint he put on the Garden City softball program won't fade away anytime soon

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T-BALL LEAGUE

The City of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its Summer 2005 T-Ball league. All games will be held on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at Central Middle

School. Practice days will be determined by each team's coach.

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Games begin the week of June 20 and will run through Aug. 5.

The fee for Plymouth residents is \$55; the non-resident fee is \$75. Registration forms can be filled out at the Parks & Recreation Department, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Weekday office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call

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Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

MU baseball 2 wins from crown

The Madonna University baseball team stayed alive in the NAIA Region VIII tournament Friday by out-slugging Indiana Tech, 11-7, Friday afternoon in a loser's bracket elimination game played at Calvin College Field in Grand Rapids.

The victory improved the Crusaders' record to 40-15 heading into Saturday morning's semi-final contest against Marion (results will be published in Thursday's Observer). The Warriors finished their season with a 28-32 mark. Lead-off hitter Jason

Barbeau and designated hitter Dave Herrick led the Crusaders' offensive attack by each contributing a pair of hits

and three RBI. Kyle Fedorka also had a big day at the plate, ripping three safeties while knocking in a pair of runs.

Tony Kern, Kellen Fry and Justin Fabian also added two hits a piece to MU's 15-hit attack.

Starting pitcher Will Kennedy earned the win for the Crusaders, striking out nine while yielding nine hits and six earned runs in 8.2 innings of work. Mike Hand and Fedorka both pitched in the ninth for the Crusaders, with Fedorka notching a save.

Madonna broke open a 1-1 game with seven runs in the third inning to make it 8-1. The Crusaders added a single run in the fourth and two in

the fifth to put the game on ice. Tech never quit, scoring two in the sixth and four in the ninth to make the final score respectable.

Madonna stayed alive in the tourney by recording a 3-0 victory over Spring Arbor on Thursday afternoon. Starting pitcher Derek Dufrane was the hero for the Crusaders, throwing a complete-game five-hitter while striking out six batters. The Cougars' Tom Compain also pitched well, giving up just one earned run and six hits in eight innings.

Offensively, the Crusaders were led by Mike Cauzillo (2for-4, RBI) and Gary Van Allen (2-for-3). The setback ended Spring Arbor's season at 21-26.

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COUNTY SPORTS

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ESPN show features pro athletes

ou can add Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. to your television

viewing schedule for the ESPN "Bowling Night." It is rerun again on Friday afternoons at 2 p.m., with some well-known sports celebrities showing their talents on the lanes.

I didn't know they had a bowling center in the vicinity, but this show comes to you from South Beach in Miami, Fla. I did not see this show on the published TV

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fame, it is kind of fun to watch, particularly since some of the pro athletes haven't the slightest clue about bowling.

One of the winners was NFL star Terrell Owens, and another was Willis McGahee of the Buffalo Bills. Both were winners in the two shows that I caught on with only because I was channelsurfing and stumbled upon this by accident. Produced by ESPN Original Entertainment, the show began its eight-week run on April 12 and features \$80,000 in prize money for these players from the NBA, NFL and NHL, as they trade their sneakers, skates and cleats for bowling shoes.

How about one team that has won its league championship for six straight years starting in 1999. They bowl in the Greater Grace Temple Mixed League (20



teams) at Hartfield Lanes in Berkley. One reason they keep winning is that the same four bowlers have stayed together and they keep on getting better. The team's members are: Stephen Winborn, a Detroit firefighter, who averages 212; Clinton Township resident Guy Galliard, a Ford Motor Co. foreman, who averages 202; Etta Grandberry of Macomb, a professor at Davenport and Baker colleges, who sports a 168 average; and her husband, Alvin Grandberry, a pastor of Worship Lifestyle Ministries in Detroit, who carries a 199 average. Winning the league title is not that easy, but in six consecutive years, that's great

teamwork. David Vera-Burgos of Garden City is the president of the Merriman Road Baptist Church League at Cloverlanes and he demonstrated just why he is the president with an 822 series a few weeks ago. The series included a 299 game in which the four pin was stubborn and remained upright on what would have been his 20th consecutive strike. He closed out the season with a 298, averaging 223. The 300 score has been very elusive for Dave, as he had three 299's this season. Keep trying, Dave. You can do it.

Every year, the Greater Detroit Bowling Association produces its yearbook listing accurately the averages of about 70,000 local bowlers based on their average of April 1. It takes the full cooperation of all the men's and women's leagues within the GDBA juris-

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diction, which - in itself - is a monumental task. As of May 6, there were still 32 leagues that had not sent in their lists.

The GDBA must have this so that they can complete the work necessary to produce the yearbook. This should take priority action, as any delays will make it more difficult to get the book out to the leagues on time for next season's meetings.

The bowling industry has been making an investment in bowling's future and it's paying off. The United States Bowling Congress has announced it is going to support the high school bowling program for youth bowling as a varsity sport which became implemented in a few states in 2001.

The growth has been phenomenal, and according to Christine E. Zahn, director of USBC high school bowling, it is the fastest-growing high school sport with more states falling in line as 14 now have both boys and girls full varsity programs in place and others will soon follow as 25 more states are now doing it on a club basis, following along the same guidelines that have been so successful. Michigan is one of the strongest states in high school varsity bowling and the growth of the sport is self-evi-Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a life Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



She's the best

Madonna University's Erin Brockert, shown pitching during a recent game against Aquinas, recently was named the pitcher of the year both by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and National Association of Interscholastic Athletics Region VIII. The Lady Crusaders' season ended Thursday with a 4-2 loss to Cornerstone in the NAIA regional.

Loss ends season for Lady Crusaders

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Madonna University's women's softball team's season ended Thursday with a 4-2 loss to Cornerstone University in the National Association of Interscholastic Athletics Region VIII tournament. The Lady Crusaders finished 29-12.

Madonna had a chance to rally against Cornerstone, but left the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh.

On Wednesday, Madonna lost 4-1 to Spring Arbor University but exploded for 17 runs in the nightcap, a 17-2 triumph over Bethel College.

In the victory, Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) went 3for-4 with three RBI while Shannon Noder earned the pitching win.



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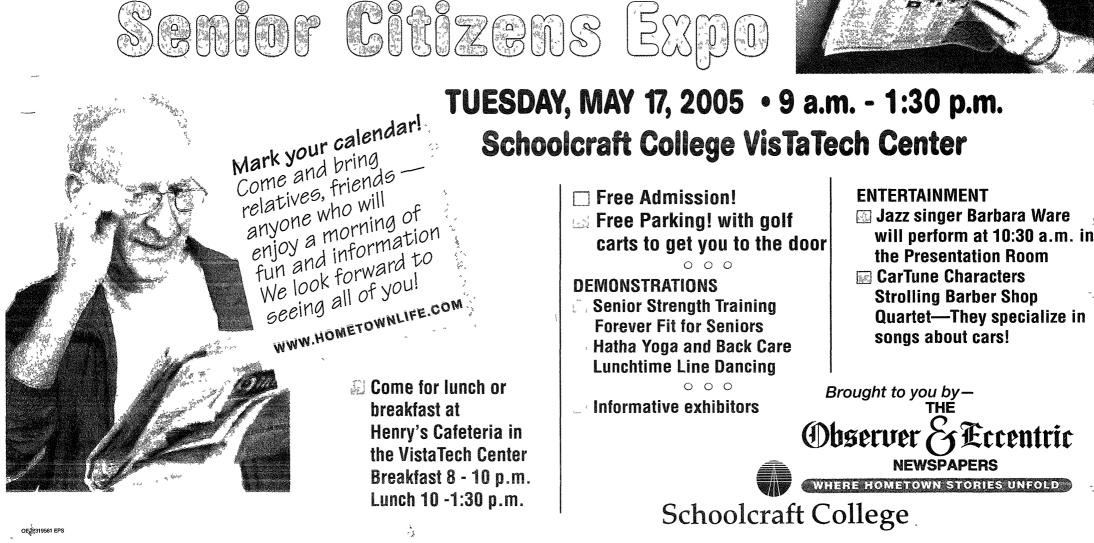
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Wheels matter and sometimes they annoy

ars are great when they work. Unfortunately, sometimes they don't.

You can't really grow up in the Motor City without developing some appreciation for cars. Driver's ed at 15, followed by that all-important test and license at 16. It meant freedom, a chance to hit the open road, even if it was in mom's trusty station wagon.

Car trouble was covered briefly in driver's ed, but like many motorists I know less than I should about what's under the hood. This became evident recently with a spate of car woes.

First it was my 2000 Ford Focus, on which the transmission went. At 49,000 miles or so the warranty didn't cover the new transmission. Even so, our records at North Brothers Ford in Westland showed we'd taken good care of the car, so Ford paid up for most of the cost. The car's running smoothly now, and I'm glad to have my independence back.

Then, my husband's new Honda developed more unusual difficulties. It was running rough, to say the least, so a trip to Victory Honda in Plymouth was in order. Their diagnosis? A wild critter had crawled up under the car to seek warmth, chewing wires and insulation along the way.

Again, the work was done quickly and well, although an insurance claim was needed for this one. We were concerned about the critter problem happening all over again and sought solutions. Somehow, doubling the size of our one-car garage seemed a tad excessive.

One suggestion – hanging



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Summertime

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Weeklong camps have sprung up locally to fill kids' days with sports, arts and educational activities. Parents love them because hours coincide with their work schedules, but even when they don't many camps offer extended care. 'It was fun, very educational. I learned a lot of stuff about being a doctor.'

-WARRAN AND

Kyle Szalay

PERFORMING ARTS

If you're looking for something on a lighter note, the **Farmington Hills Special Services** is hosting camps for kids with stars in their eyes. Kids in grades one-three (July 11-15) and grades four-eight (June 13-24 and

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old panty hose filled with mothballs under the hood had me nervous about engine fires. I liked far more the idea of a spray that could be applied liberally to keep critters out.

The spray in question came not from an auto supply shop, but rather from Specialty Pet Supplies on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The helpful staffer there seemed well aware of the problem and recommended Fooey Bitter Taste.

The pet training aid is designed to stop destructive chewing and licking behaviors. It's advertised as "The Most Bitter Stuff On Earth."

The spray is evidently nontoxic enough to be sprayed directly on animals, so I didn't worry too much about environmental impact or damage to the car. So far, so good, as we've had no repeats of animal misbehavior. (Do they somehow seek out foreign cars and avoid domestic ones?)

Of course, I know the metro area's mass transit is woefully inadequate and am all in favor of efforts to improve it. Seniors especially suffer when they can't get out and about for errands and visits, and I realize there's a great deal to be said for methods to allow them to maintain their independence.

Nevertheless, I still enjoy driving, even with traffic too often too heavy. There's just something about the open road that beckons, even if it's only a trip to the supermarket for groceries or to the library to return books.

Let's hope our cars keep on running, and thanks to the mechanics who figure out how to keep increasingly high-tech vehicles roadworthy. Cars can be a pain at times, but they also can take you to unusual places — even the local pet supply store. Julie Brown of Plymouth Township is presentation editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (248) 901-2565 or via e-mail at jbrown@oe.homecomm.net. Sandy Fisher's 3-year old daughter Samantha is still too young to participate in the **Kids on Campus** program she coordinates at Schoolcraft College for grades one-nine, but when she is Fisher plans to register her for camps (\$191) focusing on math, science, physics, language, computers, cooking, robots, theater, and art. Classes, including ones for gifted children, are available for \$111 for two weeks beginning July 11. Call (734) 462-4448.

"My daughter and I have already taken the parent and tot swim class here and loved it," said Fisher. "We offer many different things. As a parent I would be hard pressed to find anything like this anywhere else."

SCIENCE

Youngsters can expand their world into science and creativity at **Camp Invention**, which focuses on five different activities – from making new inventions out of broken appliances and recycled materials to designing automobiles and testing their safety. They'll also create imaginary amusement park rides. It'll be directed by Carrie Kamin, a Livonia Public Schools substitute teacher, and held June 27-July 1 at Holmes Middle School. Visit www.campinvention.org or call (800) 968-4332.

Living Science Foundation offers camps in Canton, Livonia and Plymouth. Along with the rare experience of touching a shark, petting a wallaby, holding a python or having a macaw perch on their arm, kids learn about science. Camps runs June 27 to

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July 29. Visit www.livingscience.org or call (734) 420-1185.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum camps link science, the arts and technology for kids preschool age to eighth grade beginning June 20. Activities range from lifting fingerprints at a crime scene to producing a TV show. Call (734) 995-5439.

Kids grades one-six can explore space, creepy critters, robots, music, life and earth sciences, or build and launch rockets at the **Detroit Science Center** June 20 through Aug. 12. Cost \$170 members, \$180 nonmembers. Call (313) 577-8400, option 5, or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Jenny Szalay can't say enough about the **Amazing Me** camp her son, Kyle, attended at the Health Exploration Station in Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center last year. He not only explored the muscular, skeletal and nervous systems, but dissected a pig's heart and learned about valve replacement surgery his father had undergone. Individual attention is part of the camp that includes an interactive exhibit of giant-size human organs July 11-15 and Aug. 1-5 (\$169). Scholarships available. Call (734) 398-7518.

"Since then I returned with my kindergarten class for a field trip," said Jenny Szalay, an Ann Arbor Public Schools teacher.

"It was fun, very educational," added pla Kyle. "I learned a lot of stuff about being a doctor."

Aug. 1-12) can learn to dance and act for a fee ranging from \$200 to \$380. Children ages 7-10 (June 13-17) and ages 10-14 (July 11-15) can learn to tell stories (\$80). Or bring the entire family for CirqueAmongus 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, (\$35) when kids are introduced to juggling, balancing and movement. Parents and volunteers are transformed into circus art instructors, stage hands, makeup artists.

In addition to performing arts camps, kids (age 3 to high school) can enjoy activities such as lacrosse, kiddy T-ball, soccer, gymnastics, selfesteem/fitness, skateboarding, basketball, in line hockey, camping overnight in Heritage Park, and tours to the Detroit Zoo, Cranbrook Planetarium and Greenfield Village. \$60 to \$150 with skateboarding \$250. Call (248) 473-1800.

Motor City Youth Theatre at St. Valentine School in Redford. Call (313) 535-8962 or visit www.mcyt.org. Musical theater day camps – Broadway Bound (ages 5-13) July 5-15 (\$260), and Advanced Acting (ages 13 and up) July 18-29 (\$260, or \$490 for both).

Te'atron Theatre Camp at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Campers (grades twonine) rehearse to put on *Schoolhouse Rock Live* June 20 to July 14 or July 18 to Aug. 11. Performances will be held in the JCC's Aaron DeRoy Theatre at camp's end. Call (248) 432-5578.

Plymouth Community Arts Council offers the chance to choose from three plays each week of camps July 11-15,

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Senior expo is on tap Tuesday at Schoolcraft

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Line dancing, yoga, jazz, exhibit booths and much more are on tap for the second annual Senior Citizens Expo Tuesday in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

The expo, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Schoolcraft College, is set for 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and this year's event is packed with special demonstrations and informative exhibits.

Jazz singer Barbara Ware performs at 10:30 a.m. in the VisTaTech Presentation Room. Ware's performance is courtesy of the Michigan Jazz Festival. Also featured throughout the expo will be CarTunes, a strolling barbershop quartet.

Other presentations planned include:

Forever Fit for Seniors, 9-9:45

Lunchtime line dancing with Bill Peterson, 10-10:45 a.m.

Strength Training for Seniors, 10:50-11:20 a.m.

■ Hatha Yoga and Back Care, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch are served (for a charge) in Henry's Cafeteria from 8-10

a.m. and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., respectively. Exhibits include: AARP and RSVP, Alterra Wynwood of Northville, American House Livonia, Angela Hospice, Beth's Vacation and Event Planning, Botsford Commons, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Courtyard Manor of Farmington Hills, Creative Memories, CruiseOne, Detroit Tigers Major League Baseball, Edward Jones, Erickson Retirement Communities of Henry Ford Village and Fox Run, Estate Planning Legal Services, P.C., Goldcrest Financial and Guardian Medical Monitoring. Also featured will be Guardian

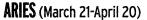
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There may be a great deal more opposition on the work front than you expected early week as summer solstice approaches, but don't even think of backing down because this is a battle that needs to be fought. Be bold and brave, Ram, and you should be the last one standing victoriously.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

There are two points to be remembered when dealing with personal matters now, Bull. First, it is much easier to be critical than to be correct. Second, the only criticism that hurts is the kind that one deserves. For best results, be open-minded rather than full of yourself.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Hey, Twin: No matter how dire or tight your money situation might be currently, there are those who would gladly swap places with you. Maintain that thought and positive impetus and you'll be in the right frame of mind to take advantage of new opportunities before your birthday gets rollin'.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) You'll have to do something distasteful this week concerning financial

arrangements, something you would prefer to avoid but know you can't. Get it over with as quickly as possible but make sure you do a good job so that you don't have to go back and do it again, MoonKid.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

If you want others to take the lead and your advice this week, they probably won't do the things that you want or need them to do. Chill. Even if you're the kind of Lion who expects the best from others, you must impose yourself on people and let others rest upon their laurels, not your generosity.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Hey, kiddo: you can, if you wish, sit back and let wait for good things to happen, but wouldn't it be a better idea and more sensible to go out into the world and make things happen? You have the power to change your life and the lives of others in the weeks ahead. Start now!



(May 15 - May 18) By Dennis Fairchild

> highlighted now, and it'll be a wise Balancer who pays attention and examines and redefines the perimeters that loved ones try to impose. It is difficult being detached when you feel disillusioned, but you can and will pull through.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Should you allow your principles to interfere with your ambitions and desires or should you ignore them, Scorp? There is no easy answer to this predicament, but your instincts are likely to be correct as June unfolds. By staying true to your ideals, you remain true to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to achieve, Archer. The time is long past when you could spend your way out of trouble or flash that smile. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash and flash, but a fresh injection of class and your own needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Since last month, you've been surrounded by back-seat drivers who simply don't understand the conflicts you are experiencing. Re-groove and go for it, kid! Clear the air and make a complete break. You'll be better off letting go rather than letting off steam, SeaGoat.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

With the Sun in your element Friday, the worst thing you can do is fret about what you believe you ought to have done. Certain individuals have chosen to ignore your advice or have taken the law into their own hands. It's time to set about realizing your financial and professional goals.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You know only too well that great works are achieved by perseverance rather than happenstance, Fish. However, no amount of effort will be enough unless you open up and allow others to share the load now. You've paid your dues and done your time kiddol

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Helpful words, events for teenagers

he weather is finally helping to push the perennials upward in my garden and spring brings many announcements that may help parents and teens grow closer when they participate as a family.

To reinforce for you my belief in the value of teens spending time with their families, I return to the writings of William Pollack. He is the author of Real Boys' Voices (Random House, 2000, \$11.00) and the director of the Department of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. I recommend Dr. Pollack's book to you.

After the Columbine tragedy he said: "What teenagers need most to survive the tribulations of adolescence is knowing that they have meaningful connections not only with their peers, but also with their parents and other family members. Although we are often taught that adolescents need or want to separate from their families, this is another dangerous, unsubstantiated myth. Certainly they wish to spend some time away from home and develop an individual sense of self. But our sons and daughters rarely wish to cut their ties, to be on their own, or to separate.

For the adolescent, knowing that they have a loving home and that they can tap into the strength derived from positive family relationships-the 'potency of connection'-is truly the key to making it through adolescence.

It is the potency of family connection that guards adolesand gives them succor from a world that's rough, a niche where they may express their most vulnerable and warm feelings in the open without fear of ridicule. By protecting them from the harm of disconnection, we in turn are protected from being harmed by violence as their desperate last attempt at connection." (from Child and Adolescent Behavior Letter, Brown University)

cents from emotional harm

The Ann Arbor Triathlon Club will host its 7th Annual Kid's Triathlon and Fun Run on Sunday June 26, 2005, at Saline High School, Ann Arbor. "The goal of the Kid's

Triathlon and Fun Run is to provide a safe and affordable event that makes fitness fun for kids," said Bethany Williston, Ann Arbor Triathlon Club. "By providing an outlet for physical activity, including running, biking, and swimming, the Kid's Triathlon is a great way to improve a kid's self-esteem as well as their physical and mental wellbeing."

Check-in for participants begins at 6:30 a.m. with races starting at 7:30 a.m. All participants receive a t-shirt and goodie bag, and all finishers receive a medal. Registration is \$15 for the individual triathlon, \$30 for the team relay triathlon, and \$5 for the fun run. All proceeds will be donated to the Trail's Edge Camp, a non-profit organization for ventilator-dependent children, located in Mayville, Michigan. For more informa-

tion or to register for the event, visit www.aatriclub.org or e-mail Bethany@aatriclub.org.

WISH-A-MILE 300 BICYCLE TOUR

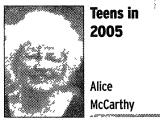
Hundred of cyclists and volunteers are transported from the Detroit area to Cheboygan on July 28th. The tour travels through 10 counties in Northern Michigan and culminates back to the Detroit area on July 31st. Event

The Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour, presented by UAW-GM, is a three-day, three hundred mile bicycle tour from Cheboygan to the Detroit area. Cyclists raise a minimum of \$500 to participate in the event. The MakerA-Wish Foundation(r) of Michigan provides full volunteer (CREW) support, massage therapy, and medical support in addition to transportation, lodging and food. In 2004, 430 cyclists participated in the tour, with a volunteer support team of 150.

The tour concludes with the ending celebration, Heroes Hurrah! All cyclists are paired with a Wish Hero, a child who has received a wish. Sponsors may also have the opportunity to be paired with a Wish Hero.

Participants range in age from 13-80, and the majority of participants are from Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, and Livingston counties.

The Wish-A-Mile 300 is the largest fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. The WAM 300 tour



raised \$665,500 in 2004, which granted approximately 100 wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Contact Rebecca Bunting, (888) 857-WISH, (734) 953-0040, Ext. 59, rbunting@wishmich.org, www.wishmich.org.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at

www.hometownlife.com/Livon ia/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 "Be Aware: Your Teens May Be Using Pain Killers to Get High." 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.

Golf outing to benefit Angela Hospice

Golfers and hospice supporters alike are being called to participate in the Angela Hospice Golf Outing, sponsored by Livonia's Phillips Service Industries, Monday, May 23, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Registrations are now being taken for golf foursomes, partners, and individuals, with sponsorship opportunities available as well.

'This event provides an opportunity for businesses and community members to become involved in Angela Hospice's caring mission.'

Alice Barringer development manager





We enjoyed a beautiful day of golf last year at Fox Hills," said Alice Barringer, Angela Hospice development manager. "We are looking forward to another great event that will bring our friends together to benefit hospice care in our community." Because the hospice relies on donations and community support to fund non-reimbursed services for its terminally ill patients, events like the annual

impact on the families Angela Hospice serves. "This event provides an opportunity for businesses and community members to become involved in Angela Hospice's

caring mission," said Barringer. "Their support for the golf outing directly benefits Angela Hospice patients."

Golfers who want to help can register for the outing at \$199 per person for a package that includes 18 holes of golf, plus breakfast, lunch, dinner and a golfer's gift pack.

Participants will also have the chance to join "on-the-course" games and raffles which appeal to golfers and non-golfers alike. Prize packages include Experience Detroit, which includes Tigers tickets, a helicopter ride with WJR's Joel Alexander, an evening at

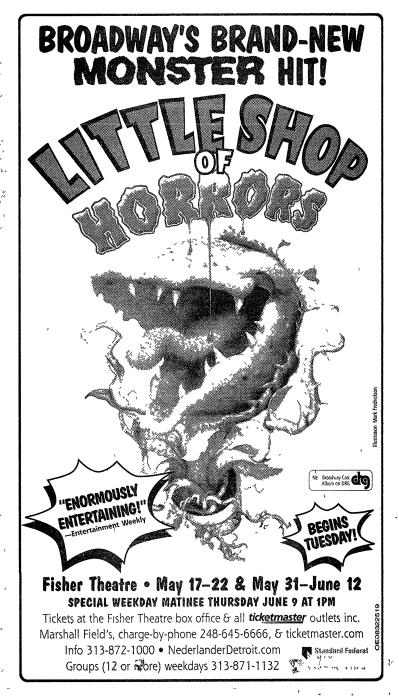
Angela Hospice's golf volunteers are preparing for the 17th annual Golf Outing on May 23, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center near Plymouth. Pictured are Bob Marten of Northville: Dottie Wait of Dearborn Heights: Pat Haskins and Barbara Strong of Livonia, and George Veach of Wayne.

Greektown Casino and restaurant gift certificates; a Golfer's Grab Bag with a new driver, plus rounds of golf at five local courses and Pamper Yourself, consisting of a massage, fragrance basket, \$200 worth of gift certificates, plus one night's stay and a breakfast package from Livonia

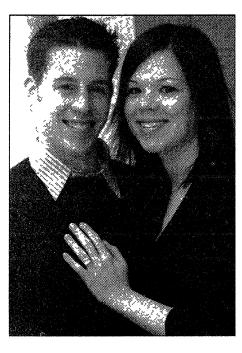
Marriott. Non-golfers can also show their support by sponsoring a hole, donating a silent auction item or making a monetary contribution.

To learn more about the Angela Hospice Golf Outing or programs, call (734) 953-6018, or visit www.angelahospice.org.

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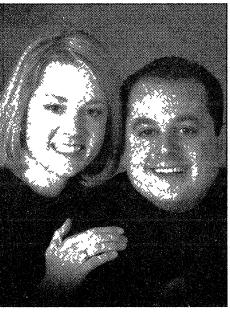
Harris-Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Harris Jr., of Melvindale announce the engagement of their daughter, Raquel Nicole, to Adam Armstrong Wilson of Rockville, Md.

Raquel is a 1999 graduate of Melvindale High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's Degree in clinical social work.

Her fiancé, Adam, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson of Plymouth. He is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Rockville, Md.

Adam and Raquel are planning a May wedding at Fairlane Alliance Church in Dearborn.



Henning-Yakas

Les and Sandy Henning of Adrian, Minn. announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi, to James Yakas of Grand Prairie, Texas.

Heidi is a 1994 graduate of Adrian High School. She earned both her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from St. Cloud State University. She is a speech-language pathologist for the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District in Texas.

Her fiancé, James, is the son of Joseph and Nancy Yakas of Canton. He is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School in Canton and the University of North Texas. He received his Master's Degree from Northern Illinois University in the area of percussion performance. He is an adjunct professor of percussion in the music department at the University of Texas at Arlington in Arlington, Texas. James and Heidi are planning a July

wedding at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian, Minn. A reception will be at Beaver Creek Lodge in Beaver Creek, Minn.

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Carson-Bernhardt

Brian and Janet Carson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Margaret, of Raleigh, N.C., to Timothy Zachary Bernhardt, of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sarah earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan and her Master's Degree in teaching from the University of Washington. She is a second grade teacher in Raleigh, N.C.

Her fiancé, Timothy, is the son of James and Jane Bernhardt of North Ridgeville, Ohio. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Miami University and his Master's Degree in teaching from the University of Washington. He is an elementary teacher in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Timothy and Sarah are planning a July wedding in Seattle, Wash.

Garden Party aids children in trouble

Fifty of metro-Detroit's best restaurants, wines from all over the world, more than 100 auction items and 1200 exceptional people are expected at this year's St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's Annual Garden Party.

Now in it's 18th year, the benefit is billed as "a big event that helps the smallest among us" and is sponsored by Ford Motor Company and MNP. It's the Center's largest fundraiser.

The food and wine tasting takes place from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 12 on the Center grounds in Farmington Hills. The theme this year is the timeless elegance and glamour of the 1940s.

"Ford has been part of the Garden Party from the beginning," said Susan Pepper, Ford Motor Company Special **Events Coordinator Corporate** Alliances. "We are committed to supporting organizations that care for those in need in our community. For more than 150 years, the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center has been a beacon of hope for children and families in crisis."

Last year the event raised

\$250,000 for programs that help children overcome the effects of neglect and abuse.

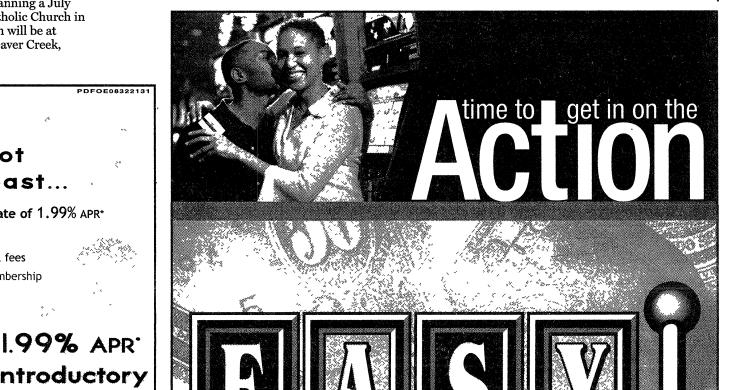
The center cares for abused and neglected children from the Detroit area and is a leading provider of services for pregnant and parenting teens.

"Our children in residential care and in private foster homes need nurturing care to help them recover," said Nanci Swain, St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center president and CEO.

"The Garden party proceeds go a long way toward providing that care. We couldn't do this important work without the support we receive from the community."

"Our heartfelt thanks go to our presenting sponsors, Ford and MNP, and to our corporate sponsors: Auburn Pharmaceuticals, Comerica, Detroit Wine Organization, Hour Detroit, Identity Marketing & Public Relations, Pulte Homes, Fox 2 WJBK Detroit and WJR 760 AM," Swain said.

Garden Party general admission tickets are \$150. For more information visit www.svsfcenter.org, or call (248) 626-7527.





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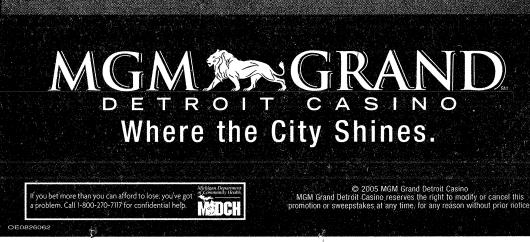


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SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward **Evangelical Presbyterian Church is** located at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

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Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Walking Club

Meet in the Single Point office of Ward Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Open to all fitness levels. (248) 374-5920. Volleyball

Meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. For further details regarding any sport, contact the SPM Office at (248) 374-5920.

Tennis

Sundays at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. Also on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. and noon respectively.

Third Friday

Friday, May 20, "Neon Putt-Putt." Glow-in-the-dark 18-hole golf course. Pizza and pop.

Lighthouse Cafe

Coffeehouse 7-10 p.m. on Friday, May 27, in Knox Hall. An evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment supplied by other Single Pointers. For \$5 you get games, fellowship, music, snacks and specialty coffees. Free child care.

Spring Retreat

May 27-29 - "In Search of Intimacy" will be presented by Tom Jones, on the shores of Lake Michigan, at the Maranatha Conference Center near Muskegon. Cost of \$195 (due at registration) includes transportation, lodging, and all meals. Contact the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights Men's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101. P.A.C.S. - 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mondays in Room C309. Praying Together - 7 p.m.

SINGLES

Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church. Learner's - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in

Room A101.

CLASSIC SENIOR SINGLES Senior Singles Bible Study

Meet at 10 a.m. Thursdays in Room C317/319.

Mission Project

"Help's On the Way" is a local mission endeavor that primarily ministers to single women and children and is located at Beech Daly and VanBorn. In need of food (packaged/canned), furniture, women's and children's clothing, and money. Bring your contributions to our monthly meetings or to Single Point Office.

Senior Singles Outing

A tour of Detroit's Eastern Market at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 21. Cost is \$25 and includes dinner and transportation.

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Join our E-mail list at www.mspsc.com for special events. Information (248) 544-6445. Office (248) 851-9919 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Euchre

Every Monday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.

MSP dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d' oeuvres (8-9:30 p.m.) and door prizes. Admission \$5/members, \$9/nonmembers, unless otherwise noted. Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) unless otherwise noted.

Barn Dance

Western Barn Dance on Saturday, May 21, at the Lazy J Ranch, 625 South Hickory Ridge Road at M-59.

\$18 members, \$20 non-members in advance. Casual (jeans). Directions only (248) 887-1551. Weekend Trips

■ White Water Rafting June 10-12 on the "New River" in West Virginia. Trip will include three days and two nights accommodations at the Comfort Inn, rafting on the "Lower New River" and four meals. Meals are Saturday breakfast, lunch on the river, dinner on Saturday night and Sunday breakfast at the Comfort Inn. Some other activities include tennis courts, pool and volleyball, DJ in the lounge Friday and Saturday night, rock climbing, rappeling, mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, or rent an ATV. Two person rafts and kayaking available. Cost is \$279. RSVP today by sending \$95 nonrefundable deposit and balance is due by May 16. RSVP to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022. Camping July 15-17 at Traverse City State Park "On Lake Michigan" ... which is a short drive from Sleeping Bear Dunes, several golf courses and two miles from downtown Traverse City. The cost of \$51 include three days, two nights at the camp grounds and food to prepare four meals. Pack your tent or camper campgrounds include modern facilities and electricity. State Park motor vehicle permit required. RSVP by sending a \$51non-refundable deposit to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022.

🔳 Camping Aug. 19-21 at Lake Michigan Sand Dunes Silver Lake State Park on Lake Michigan. Campgrounds include modern camping facilities with electricity. State Park motor vehicle permit required. Cost of \$51 includes three days, two nights at the camp grounds and food to prepare four meals (two breakfasts, lunch and dinner). Pack your tent or camper and RSVP by sending \$51 non-refundable deposit to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022.



Soloist David Pydyn performs Ferdinand David's Trombone Concerto No. 4 with the Redford Civic Symphony. Pydyn has been principal trombonist for the symphony for many years.

Symphony in the mood for spring

The Redford Civic Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Lewis, presents its spring concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Thurston High School.

Soloist David Pydyn performs Ferdinand David's Trombone Concerto No. 4. David was a renowned violinist who served as Felix Mendelssohn's concertmaster in the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra.

Pydyn has been principal trombonist for the Redford Civic Symphony for many years.

He is also first trombone player for the Dearborn Symphony.

The program opens with the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America"

followed by songs such as Glenn Miller's "In the Mood," selections from Showboat, and Johann Strauss' "Chit-Chat Polka," conducted by Ralph Stillwell.

The next Redford Civic Symphony concert takes place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at Capitol Park in Redford.

Laughs continue at Trinity House Theatre

Neil Simon's play The Good Doctor continues to May 22, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, east of Haggerty, Livonia. Presented by Trinity House in cooperation with Flanders Theater Company, the production runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15, \$14 for seniors and \$12 for theater members and groups of 10 or more. Seating is limited to 87 people so reserve tickets early. Call (313) 538-5739.

The Good Doctor is Simon's tribute to the whimsical side of Anton Chekhov, one of the greatest writers in Russian history. It is a string of vaudevillian sketches, sewn together by a character called the Writer, played by Charles

Van Hoose. Expect a wild ride through Simon's comic fancy. Watch as a slick man tries his hand at seducing a married woman (played by Maggie Patton) only to find that she's been in control of the interlude all along. Laugh at Simon's take on the classic Chekhov tale of the man who offers to drown himself for three rubles. Be on hand as a pain-a-phobic Sexton receives dental work from a fumbling student.

Award winning director Mary Bremmer leads the cast which also includes Ann Bleecker, Alan Madlane, Eli Magid, Kathryn Mayer and Peter Prouty.

"This is my favorite Neil Simon play and the actors are hysterically funny," said Bremmer.



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Guest Speaker, Danette Taylor, D.O. Tuesday, May 24, 2005 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm Refreshments and Tours 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Seminar

What You Need to Know When It's Alzheimer's: Medical and **Research** Update

 \rightarrow Dr. Danette Taylor is a board certified neurologist in practice for more than 10 years and a member of the Alzheimer's Association Speakers Bureau. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor in Neurology at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is also an Associate of Peter LeWitt, M.D., whose practice involves movement disorders, Parkinson Disease, dementias including Alzheimer's disease and research regarding these disorders. During this presentation, Dr. Taylor will discuss:

- Current medications for treating Alzheimer's and their possible side effects
- Research update including research protocol, human testing and clinical trials
- Depression and Alzheimer's disease
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- Information on the "Maintain Your Brain" campaign from the Alzheimer's Association

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AROUND TOWN

Crafters needed

Crafters needed for the 19th-annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m.-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

Cancer survivors' day Cancer survivors and their families are invited to a special "Celebrate Life and Hope" gathering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sunday, June 5, with a reception at 12:30 p.m. and the program starting at 1 p.m. There will be music and refreshments. The hospital is also hosting its Community Open House from 1-5 p.m. on the hospital grounds, north entrance. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan in Livonia. For more information, or to RSVP to the cancer survivors' event, call (734) 655-8800.

Genealogical Society

The Western Wayne Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 16 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Nancy Finlayson will speak on "Michigan Lighthouses: Towers of History." The 6:30 p.m. class will be on "Family Tree Maker 2005 video." Meetings and classes are offered free of charge and are open to the public. For more information, call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

Art Club sale

Three Cities Art Club hosts its Spring Art Exhibition and Sale May 21-23 at the Canton Township Library, 1200 S. Canton Center (between Cherry Hill and Palmer) in Canton. Works by local award-winning artists include watercolor, pottery, sculpture, oil, colored pencil and more will be on display from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 21 and May 23, and from noon-6 p.m. May 22. For more information, call Marilyn Meredith at (734) 397-2348.

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



Junior auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 of Plymouth Township is always looking for ways to get new members involved, and the group's new Junior Auxiliary is one way they've used. Members Sharon Messmer and Donna Demsky volunteered to start the Junior Auxiliary, featuring (front, from left) Crystal Demsky-Waldrip, Mariah Tesarz and Paige Messmer. That's Donna Demsky and Sharon Messmer in the back. The young girls have taken on worthwhile projects, including collecting small stuffed animals to be given by servicemen to Iraqi children.

Loyd - for interactive activities and two special shows at 1 and 3 pm. Also on Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the Ann Arbor Police Department and The Ann Arbor Fire Department will be holding a Block Party open house on a closed down section of 5th Ave., between Ann St and Huron St. Explore and enjoy the wonder of science, math and technology in an interactive environment that promotes science literacy. Hours Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m. For more information, call (734) 995-5439 or visit the Web site www.aahom.org

Diabetes prevention

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a diabetes presentation, "Your Game Plan for Preventing Type 2 Diabetes," from 10 a m -noon Friday, June 17. The program is designed to help people make appropriate lifestyle changes to help reduce the risk of developing diabetes. There is a \$15 fee. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8955 or (800) 494-1650

care of the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, email jplatt@provide.net or call (734) 995-1891.

Senior synergy

The Farmington Community Library and the Area Agency on Aging 1-B present another in their "Senior Synergy" series programs from 9:30 a.m.-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 rofessionals 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 5:30-9:30 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

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. 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

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 for further information 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 rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455-9565.

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 smallgroup 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

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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

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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 informa-

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 Krieman at (734) 459-1027. **Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club** Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service 4 4 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.

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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



tion. German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the

Bubble Festival

What better way to kick-off the summer than with a Bubble Festival and a block party? Join the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Ann Arbor Fire Department for a familyfun weekend on June 4-5. The fun festivities begin on Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Museum with Bubbleology - experiment and discover the science of bubbles with indoor and out door hands-on activities. Join the Bubble Man - Ron

Book fair

The 27th-annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 22 in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State St. There is a \$5 admission charge, proceeds of which benefit the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan. More than 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the midwest will offer fine used, rare and out-of-print books. For more information, contact Jay Platt in

Angela Hospice volunteers use

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"We've had some really pre-

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Home Care volunteer Sarah

Wolodkiewicz of Plymouth also

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enjoy her baking.

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a \$10 fee payable to AARP, and preregistration is required. Registration deadline is June 7. For more information or to register, call St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach, (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. **Doctor communications**

motorists age 50 and older. There is

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a "Let's Talk" presentation called "Communicating with your Doctor" from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 in the hospital's auditorium. The presentation focuses on tips for good

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Baker, who lives in Livonia.

volunteer, Baker spends time

talking with families who are

grieving, making funeral home

visits, helping with memorial

services and completing paper-

work. But she also visits hospice

patients in nursing homes and is

an active fund-raiser. She's even

gotten her husband to help with

one," said Baker. "You just have

to want to do something. If peo-

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Baker volunteers in many differ-

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GORDON G. ANDREWS

Age 75, of Pinckney, formerly of Plymouth, died May 11, 2005. He was born February 12, 1930, in River Rouge. He worked for Plastomer Corporation in Livonia for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Valerie; his children, Mark (Lori) Andrews and Amy (Jim) Xabran; his step-children, Aaron (Évelyn) Good and Dayna (Cory) Gipson, his grand-son, Bradley Andrews; four step-grandchildren; and his sister, Donna Batchelar. Memorial Service Saturday, May 21, 1:30pm at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Visitation 12:30pm until time of service. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



HELEN B. LETSCHER

Died May 13, 2005, age 92. Served as an officer of many local community, church and civic groups in Grosse Pointe, MI and San Diego, CA. She loved music, dancing, exotic travel, golf, art and writing poetry. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Dear mother of Richard (Mary), Joslen (William Moran) Letscher, Michael (Bonnie) & David (Katerine). Also survived by ten grandchildren and & eight great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass 11:15 AM Monday, May 16, 2005 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 16101 Rotunda Dr. Visitation at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave. 3-9 PM Sunday. Scripture Service 7pm Sunday. Memorials to Capuchin Ministries or Arbor Hospice.

LAVINA LEE McCOY

Age 83, May 11, 2005. Wife of the late William J. Beloved mother of Karen (Jack) Derouin, Nancy (Richard) Hannan, Janet Patton, Susan (Robert) Mize, Toni (Charles) McCoy and the late William Boyd McCoy. Loving grandmother of Cora Pollitt, 6 grandchildren, and many great and greatgreat grandchildren. Dear sister of Betty, Macie, Pete and the late Pat and Harold Services were held Saturday at the Fisher Funeral Home, Redford Twp. Final resting place will be Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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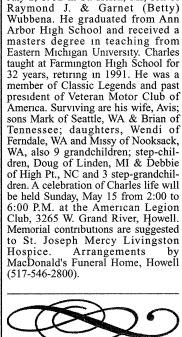
RICHARD (DICK) RAYMOND NEU

Age 70; of Traverse City, Michigan; May 12, 2005; born September 24, 1934 in Wellsville, NY. Entrepreneur and successful businessman, golfer, and boater. Loving husband of Shirley; dear father of Richard (Rick), Karen O'Connor, Sandra (Sandy) Raspbury, Robert (Rob), and James (J1m). Brother of Elaine Congdon, Edith Colligan, Gordon, and Stan. Also survived by 14 beautiful grandchildren Preceded in death by parents Grace and Raymond. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at the Leland United Methodist Church; 106 N. 4th St.; Leland, Michigan 49654. In lieu of floral arrangements, the family requests donations be made to the American Diabetes Association; 4500 Rockside Rd.; Suite 440 Independence, Ohio, 44131.

N. DONALD RINGSRED

Formerly a resident of

Bloomfield Hills. Don was born November 16, 1919, in Duluth, MN, and passed away May 8, 2005, in Colorado Springs. After an illustrious career with the Colorado College Tiger Hockey Team, Don graduated in 1942. He then became a B-17 pilot. After the war, Don assumed the duties of pilot for the Alexander Film Company and later, he became the company's President. He continued his advertising career in Michigan, but retired to Colorado Springs. Don was a member of: the Broadmoor Golf Club, the El Paso Club, the Colorado Springs Fly Casting Club, and, formerly, the Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham, MI Don was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Sally Barclay Ringsred; and his son, Alfred Donald Ringsred. He is survived by his wife Kay; daughters; Sally Miller of Lake Orion, MI and Margaret Ringsred of Colorado Springs; four grandsons; and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Pikes Peak Hospice.



CHARLES LESTER

WUBBENA

Age 72, of Howell, died at home

Thursday, May 12, 2005, after a 12 year battle with cancer. He was born

July 2, 1932 in St. Helen, MI, son of



Livonia's Angela Hospice is known for providing comprehensive, compassionate care to terminally ill children and adults. The individualized care given to each patient's needs are at the heart of the hospice philosophy. But Angela Hospice relies on its volunteers to go above and beyond. Over 450 volunteers support the hospice, making that extra effort to ensure each patient and family has a positive experience. Whether it's planning tea par-

ties, making flower arrangements or simply providing a listening ear, these volunteers give from their hearts, serving in ways much too numerable to list in entirety. Their many talents and the variety of tasks they take on attest to the vital role they play as part of Angela Hospice's caring team.

Canton resident Alberta Karll has been volunteering with Angela Hospice since 1994. While she certainly has a reputation as a volunteer valued by patients, families and staff alike, Most people don't know my name," she says. But they do know her as The Pie Lady. Karll has been responsible for the delicious smells wafting through the Care Center since the building opened in 1994. Her pies, brownies, and other desserts have made Tuesday the sweetest day of the week at the Care Center. In addition to her time in the kitchen, Karll also volunteers by visiting and playing

values the relationships she builds with patients and their families. "I have met the most wonderful people," said Wolodkiewicz. As a home care volunteer, she visits patients' homes, providing

relief for caretakers. "Mostly you're just someone who is there so they don't have to leave their loved one alone," said Wolodkiewicz, who is inspired by the loving care she sees families providing for loved ones. "It's just absolutely beautiful what they do."

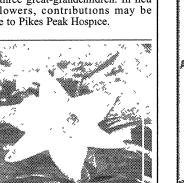
Bud Wilson of Livonia serves patients and families in a different way as a spiritual care volunteer.

"I think if there were one word to describe it, my activity here is really one of compassion for people as they continue on with their life's journey," said Wilson.

As a spiritual care volunteer, Wilson visits patients and family members, providing companionship, prayers and readings, according to their personal spiritual preferences.

"You're with people at a sacred time of their lives and you have a great responsibility," said Wilson

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Botsford invites seniors to fitness fair

Older adults in Oakland and Wayne counties are invited to take part in Botsford General Hospital's third annual celebration of National Senior Health and Fitness Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. They will join some 200,000 seniors across the country taking part in the nation's largest health promotion event for older adults.

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The theme for the free event is "Get Moving: A Step in the Right Direction." A variety of Fitness Fair activities are planned and participants will be introduced to the many specialized Botsford programs that are designed to meet the needs of seniors. The event will be held at Botsford Center for Health Improvement,

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Registration with coffee and bagels begins at 9 a.m. with the opportunity to warm up with a Fitness Fun Walk. Health screening stations and information booths will open at 9:30 a.m. Screenings will include bone density, blood pressure, fitness testing and cholesterol. There is a \$15 charge for the cholesterol screening. Booths will feature a pharmacist, diabetes representative, cardiology nurse, and dietician and fitness expert. At noon, participants can sample healthy treats and learn quick and easy recipes. Door prizes to be awarded include a gym membership, nutrition consultation, cook-

book, tee shirts and more. Participants can tour the Botsford Center for Health Improvement and test the fitness and exercise equipment.

Older adults at all levels of physical fitness are encouraged to participate in Senior Health and Fitness Day. The goals for the event include making exercise fun and increasing awareness of the benefits of a regular exercise program tailored to the needs of older adults. To help seniors stay motivated after Health and Fitness Day, Botsford offers an array of exercise programs developed with their needs in mind. These include Nice and Easy Chair Yoga, Bones in Motion, and a Beginner's Fitness Combination class.

LIBRARY PICKS

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> July 25-29, and Aug. 15-19. Kids (ages 5-14) learn lines, work on costuming, props and sets, \$110 members, \$125 nonmembers. Call (734) 416-4278. The PCAC also holds a visual arts camp featuring a variety of media (ages 7-14) July 18-22, and Aug. 8-12, \$125 members, \$140 nonmembers. The Youngest Artist Camp (ages 5-8) runs 9:30 a.m. to noon June 27-30, and includes visual and performing arts, \$60 members, \$70 nonmembers. Guitar camp returns for a second year June 20-24 (age 7 and up), Aug. 1-5 (ages 11 and up), \$125 members, \$140 nonmembers. Rental guitars available.

HISTORY

Kids step back in time to learn about everything from farming to automobiles (grade two-eight) beginning June 20, at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn. \$235 a week for members, \$270 nonmembers. Call (313) 982-6001.

SPORTS

Canton Leisure Services is running weeklong camps including swimming, gym, outdoor games, arts and crafts and field trips beginning June 27 for eight weeks. \$145 residents, \$188.50 nonresidents. Call (734) 394-5460, press 3, or visit www.canton-mi.org and click on Discover brochure. Canton also offers activities at 20-playground sites.

Camp Able, a therapeutic camp for children with disabilities (ages 8-15), \$28 a day for Monday, Wednesday and

Friday (field trips), \$30 for both Tuesday and Thursday. New this year is the Leisure Club for people with disabilities ages 15 and up (\$12 per day).

Livonia Community

Recreation Center's Camp Swoosh runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 20 to Aug. 19, for ages 6-11, \$150 per week members, \$175 resident, \$200 nonresident, and offers a choice of swimming, indoor and outdoor sports, academic and board games, rock climbing, relay races, obstacle course, arts and crafts. Call (734) 466 - 2900.

For those too old for camp or those who prefer not to attend every day, the rec center is offering an alternative to the day pass. A membership package is available through Aug. 26, and includes gym, track, pools, and skateboard park (\$50-\$65 resident, \$100-\$130).

Bailey Recreation Center begins basketball, soccer. lacrosse and dance camps June 20 for grades one-12. Costs vary from \$125 to \$225. The Rockers Soccer Camp (ages 4-14) runs July 25-29, \$140 with \$10 discounts for additional family members. Hoop Stars basketball (ages 7-15) July 18-22, Aug. 1-5, \$125 one week, or \$210 two weeks. Call (734) 722-7620.

Detroit Red Wings camp for hockey players ages 7-14, skate at The Joe and receive instruction from associate coach Barry Smith Aug. 6-8 (\$229 skaters, \$199 goalies). Includes instruction by Red Wings goal tender coach Jim Bedard and Michigan State University assistant coach Tom Newton. Call (313) 396-7575 or visit

www.detroitredwings.com. Camp Mirage, Oasis Golf

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Performing Company is seeking talented individuals who are passionate about performing.

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interview/audition with the

420-4655 or visit www.campmirage.com. Weeklong camps June 20 to Aug. 19, ages 8-14, horseback riding, arts and crafts, lacrosse, flag football, basketball, extreme sports camp, aviation, model rocket building, forensics, and girl program focusing on nurturing the mind, body and soul with everything from yoga and pilates to Tai Chi, overnight camps. Costs range from \$50 to \$310.

Center, Plymouth. Call (734)

Summer Safari at Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. Kids ages 4-13 explore the animal kingdom through zoo tours, hands-on activities during single-day, weeklong and overnight sessions. Costs range from \$30 for a single day for members, \$35 nonmembers to weeklong camps \$105 members, \$110 nonmembers. Overnight adventures allow campers to sleep at zoo. Costs run from \$115 for members to \$75 members. Register at www.detroitzoo.org or by calling (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3740.

VISUAL ARTS

Detroit Institute of Arts for ages 6-12, include half-day at DIA, half-day at Center for Creative Studies. Media ranges from clay to computer illustration, cost from \$96 to \$375 a week. Call (313) 833-4249 or visit www.dia.org.

D & M Studios camps at the studio and Cherry Hill School House in Canton, and Miller's Art Supply, Farmington Hills. Call (734) 453-3710. This year's theme is Around the World in 80 Days and explores art on seven continents June 20-24 to Aug. 22-26. Cost \$84 (ages 3-6), \$138 (6-10) and \$148 (11-16), 15 percent discount before May 31.

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Birmingham High School

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion will be Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Radisson Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646-0235 or nys1937@comcast.net.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1985 A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Novi Sheraton. For details contact Dean Lundberg at (734) 718-7720 or dlundberg@com-

(734) 718-2720 or dlundberg@comcast.net

Camp Nahelu

1940-1970 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.

Clawson High School

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information, call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or e-mail wiseppi@wideopenwest.com. Class of 1975

A 30-year reunion is planned for July 9, 2005, at San Marino Club in Troy. For more information, visit www.clawson1975.com or contact Bev Serre-Raine at (248) 689-3381 or e-mail bevraine@comcast.net.

Cody High School

Class of 1965-1966

A reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005, at the Italian-American Banquet Hall in Livonia. Cost is \$75/person, which includes dinner, open bar, dancing and memory Book. 1965 graduates contact Ed Kempisty, (810) 629-1542, Tom Mellos, (313) 884-5469, or www.geocities comcodycomets65. If you are a 1966 graduate, contact Greg Dobson, (248) 437-4649 or jmackie95@vahoo.com.

Cooley High School

Class of 1950/1951 A 55-year reunion is planned on the weekend of Sept 23-25, 2005 For information call Don Riehl at (734) 421-3150.

Class of 1955

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information, contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195.

Crestwood High School

Class of 1975 A 30-year reunion is planned for July 9, 2005. Contact Sandychs75@aol.com

or call (248) 551-6978.

Denby High School

Class of 1965 A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 22, 2005. For more information, call Nancy (Horn) Catalogna at (248) 332-7438 or e-mail: toBbytheC@msn.com. Class of 1955 An early fall reunion is planned for graduates of Denby High School-Detroit. ASAP (248) 349-6354.

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes January/June 1945 A 60-year reunion is planned for June 18, 2005. Other 40's also welcome. Contact Richard Saxby at (313) 837-0641.

Detroit Redford

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion is planned for the January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi. For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts Hartwig, 27851 Cranleigh, Farmington Hills 48336 or RHS1955Reunion@aol.com.

Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion will be Oct. 15, 2005, at the Greektown Casino in Detroit. Tickets are \$50. For more information call (810) 227-7167. **Edsel Ford**

Class of 1970

Dearborn Edsel Ford High School Is planning a 35-year reunion Saturday, July 16, 2005, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Patti Taylor at (313) 268-5877 after 5 p.m. or e-mail msredhead1952@comcast.net.

Fordson

Class of 1952 Dearborn Fordson High School is planning a 53-year reunion at Park Place In Dearborn on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005 Other weekend activities also planned. Contact (313) 562-4378 of orloffal@aol com or mmsmyth@juno.com.

Garden City High School

The Garden City West High School classes of 1974, 1975 and 1976 are holding a joint reunion Sept 3 at Roma's of Garden City. Class of 1974 graduates should call (734) 422-4899 or e-mail GCWestReunion@aol. com. For the class of 1975, call (248) 476-6234 or email dmurrayworley@yahoo com. And 1976 graduates should call (734) 844-3860 or karenagrace@yahoo.com. Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p m to midnight Oct 1 at Roma's in Garden City For tickets and more information, contact Sherry (Taylor) Mifsud at Sherilyn1967@aol com or call (734) 612-4193

Garden City Schools

The Garden City Schools Alumni Reunion 2005 is scheduled for Sept. 23-25 with a schedule of activities including visits to the Garden City Historical Museum, a tour of Garden City High School, a euchre tournament to raise money for the alumni scholarship fund and a dinner dance at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest.

For more information, contact Donna Bennett Ponte at (734) 427-0535 or email at odponte@wowway.com.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Highland Park

Class of 1950

Class of January/June 1950 is planning a 55-year reunion in September 2005. For more information, contact Dick McCrae at (586) 263-8179 or Fred Kashouty at (586) 294-7512. **Lincoln Park High School**

Class of 1955

A 50-year reunion is planned for Oct. 1, 2005. Please contact AI and Sally Sebastian at Aherc@aol.com or (734) 421-9076.

Livonia Churchill

Classes 1971-2005 Yearly Summer Bash is June 18, 2005, at Waterford Bend Park. For more information, go to www.ChurchillAlumni.com or e-mail SummerBash@ChurchillAlumni.com or call Chris or Gayle Nicholson at (734)

728-0393. Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at The Italian Epicure on Grand River Avenue in Novi. Call (734) 261-3264 or e-mail: celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Class of 1975

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at the Holiday Inn - West in Livonia. Details and registration can be found at www.stevensonclassof75 com or email the reunion committee at stevensonclassof75@yahoo.com.

Lowrey High School Classes of 1964-65

A reunion is planned for Aug. 5, 2005, at Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charlene Hackett at (734) 246-1110 or cihackettmi@mindspring.com.

Northville High School Classes of 1964, 1965 1966

A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005 Volunteers needed For details, contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 20, 2005, at the Iron Workers Union Hall, 25150 Trans X Drive, Novi at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40/person and include a full buffet dinner, drinks and music of the 80's. You must register in advance at nhsclassof85.com. For more information call (517) 552-6046.

Old Plymouth High School

REUNIONS

There will be an all-school reunion from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005, in the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Open to all graduates of the Plymouth High School on Main and Church in downtown Plymouth. A \$5 admission includes refreshments and a cash bar. Call Chuck VanVleck, (734) 453-7377, or e-mail: emermgnt@aol.com.

Plymouth High School

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, in the Hilton Gardens Inn, 14600 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Cocktail hour: 5-7 p.m. Dinner and reunion 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call Chuck VanVleck, (734) 453-7377 or e-mail: emermgnt@aol.com.

Pershing High School

Class of January/June 1960 A 45-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at the Northfield Hilton. Final date to order tickets is Aug. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 547-0664.

Redford High School, Detroit Class of 1965

A 40-year reunion is planned for June 25, 2005. Contact Emily Green Webster at (313) 937-3077 or Sue Bartling Lamb at (734) 427-6047.

Redford Thurston

Class of 1957 A reunion picnic will be held in Plymouth on July 15, 2005. For information contact Al Goscinski at (248) 349-1354 or agoscinski@comcast.net.

Seaholm High School

Class of 1965 A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 23, 2005, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. For more infor-

mation,

http://seaholmclassof65.reunionannouncements.com/. Or send information to Diane Peters-Morgan, 981 Treneer, Yakima, WA 98908 or call (760) 902-8855. E-mail

dianem111@aol.com. Southfield High School

Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 13, 2005, at the Dearborn Hyatt. Contact Cyndi Stone at (248) 661-8852.

South Lake High School Class of 1969

A reunion is planned for Oct. 1, 2005, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Cost is \$60 per person. RSVP by May 31. Call, Ronald Harris at (231) 894-6357 or email eengrn894@aol.com.

St. Cecilia High School

A 50-year reunion is planned for the Class of 1955 Sept. 24, 2005. Contact Janet Garvin Wright at (313) 383-7419.

St. Florian School

St. Florian in Hamtramck is seeking former students, teachers and staffers to join the new St. Florian Alumni Association. For information, call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or e-mail gkowalski@ameritech.net. Thurston High School

Class of 1975

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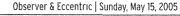
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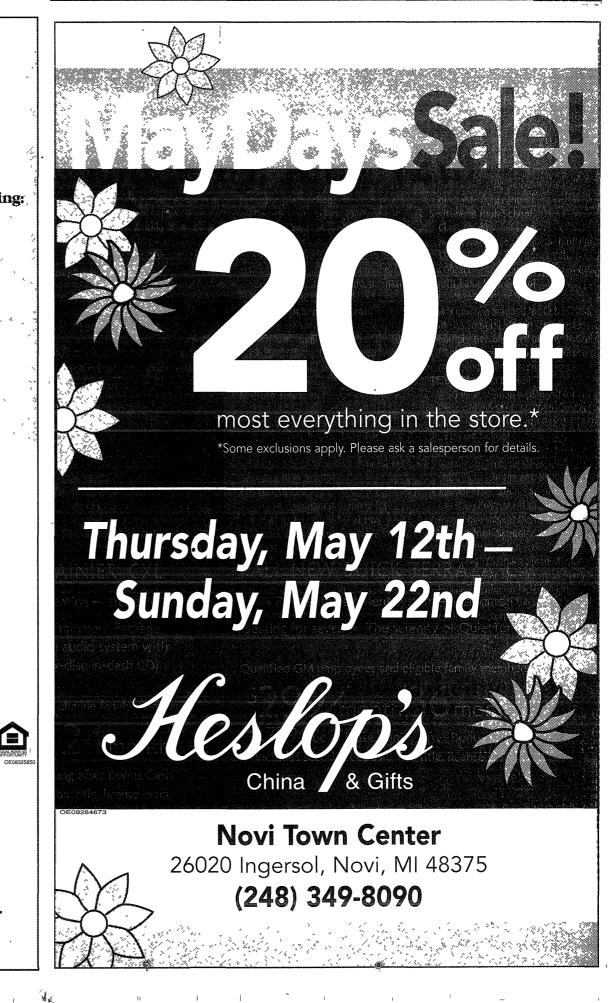
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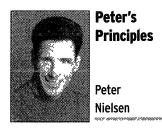
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Purchase weights made for walking. They should have special grips Begin with one-pound weights. Then work your way up to three pounds. Never go over three pounds because it can hurt your shoulders. Start by swinging your arms to chest level, while walking in a controlled motion. Or try wearing a weighted vest with additional weight as an alternative to hand weights. Never wear ankle weights while walking! They hurt your knees and end up forcing you to take a step backward as you walk toward your health goals.

Q: Jill from Lincoln Park is a big fan of vitamin C. She usually gets it from citrus fruit, but wants a healthy ingredient to add to her holiday cooking list.

A: Jill, you might want to take a walk on the vegetable side. Ounce for ounce green peppers have three times the vitamin C content of oranges and that's just half the equation. Red and yellow peppers pack twice as much vitamin C as green peppers. That's a whopping 170 milligrams in just three tasty ounces. It doesn't stop here. Green peppers supply large amounts of beta-carotene and the amount increases as they ripen into color. In fact, a red pepper has nine times the beta-carotene of the green pepper. It's a red hot addition to your diet.

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.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Robert Minshull isn't sure the classes he participates in six times a week will prevent him from falling, but regular strength training has increased his mobility.

Since October, residents of more than a dozen American House assisted living facilities have taken part in the fall prevention exercise program designed by Progressive Rehab Network, an outpatient physical therapy company with offices in Garden City, Warren and throughout Wayne County. Using a scale developed by Dr. Mary Tinetti, a researcher on aging at Yale University, residents' balance, strength, flexibility, gait and coordination were assessed by a licensed physical therapist to determine if they were at high, moderate or low risk of falling. At the end of May, they will be evaluated again. Staff and residents say they've already seen improvements, physically and mentally.

"When I came here I could hardly walk around," said Minshull, an 82year old American House resident in Rochester. "Now I walk two miles a day."

When one out of three seniors is falling down and suffering serious injuries every year, American House vice president Robert Gillette says it's essential to offer the program not only to residents but senior citizens in the community free of charge.

"We were noticing residents were mentally alert and independent and happy with their lifestyle but having to leave because of injuries from a fall," said Gillette of Beverly Hills. "We asked how do we strengthen seniors? How do we get them back home? They'd rather be at home than a nursing home."

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Preventing falls

MOVING RIGHT ALONG

Seniors exercise to gain stability

Beth Luttrell leads about 11 classes a week between three American House buildings in Rochester where Minshull exercises. Keith Jacobson, a certified personal trainer for Progressive Rehab Network, instructs seniors three days a week.

"Residents have come to me and said their doctors have seen improvement in their overall health," said Luttrell, activities director and a certified aerobics instructor. "We focus on the upper body and all the way down to the ankles. Some use hand weights, some don't. We work on strengthening the joints and abdominal muscles. If your core is strong, your balance is improved."

Shelly Denes designed the program not only to prevent falls in seniors, but to help retain their independ/ ence.

"A lot is done sitting so put people are at little risk of falling. If you keep people mobile and stimulated, they do better and research has shown this is the case," said Denes, physical therapy coordinator for the Network and a Farmington Hills resident.

"Posture is a big key also. If you have poor posture you're going to have problems getting in and out of the chair. If they're leaning forward they can even fall out of the chair. If muscles are looser they'll be able to catch their balance."

EVALUATION

While exercise programs build strength and flexibility to help balance, seniors prone to falling should be evaluated for underlying physical problems such as poor vision. Laura Benavides, a physical therapist at

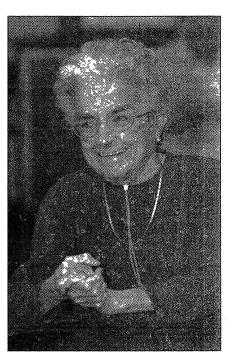
Vi Studnicki (right) enjoys the strength training program to help prevent falls.

Providence Hospital in Southfield, does just that in The Center for Balance and Dizziness Disorders, an outpatient physical therapy group. For information, call (248) 849-3907.

"It can be as simple as needing a cane or walker," said Benavides. "These are individuals and need to be evaluated individually to rule out cardiac and other disease processes before we know if we should send them on to a physical therapist or the hospital's fall prevention program.

"Inner ear problems can cause falls. The elderly are on a lot of medication with side effects like dizziness. You have to find out why they're falling."

The Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan recommends not only getting a physical checkup, but taking a walk around the home. According to the VNA, every hour one older adult dies and another 183 are treated in emergency rooms for fall-related injuries caused by dan-



Claire Nunez exercises in a class at the PLEASE SEE **FALLS, C9** American House in Rochester.

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Communicating with your doctor A lecture by Ginger Ramsay, an RN, 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the audito-

rium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-8950. **Conquer Food Cravings** 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 and 25,

at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. If you are a woman who craves chocolate or a man who couldn't live without steak, this class with biochemist Sandy Baumann will teach you simple nutritional strategies and dietary supplements to reduce cravings for chips, chocolate, sweet treats, ice cream, and steak. It will also help you uncover hidden food sensitivities that may trigger snack binges. Cost is \$74, seniors \$59.20, and includes workbook. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

Prenatal yoga

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a Prenatal Yoga class 5-6 p.m. Thursday, May 19 to June 23, in Classroom 1, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Through traditional yoga poses and postures, moms-to-be will strengthen mind and body to help adjust peacefully to the daily changes of pregnancy. This class also includes guided meditation and relaxation techniques that will increase expectant moms' awareness, confidence and focus. Expectant moms can experience a deeper connection with her baby while creating a safe and healthy

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environment to begin life. This program is safe for all trimesters. The fee is \$55. To register, call (734) 655-1145.

Feed Your Bones Naturally

9 a.m. to noon Friday, May 20 and 27, at the Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$64, seniors \$51.20. Call (313) 317-1500. Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann how to protect your bones by identifying bone robbers like nicotine, inactivity, caffeine, etc. then hire specific vitamins, minerals, and supplements as bone builders. Gather many non-prescription strategies to strengthen bones at any age.

Divorce support

Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

UPCOMING

Boost camp

A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at the Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Cost is \$50 per person, includes lunch and materials. Registration

required. For information, call (248) 465-5455. Presented by Providence Center for the Healing Arts, the event is open to the public.

Tai Chi classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering two fitness "Tai Chi for Arthritis" classes the eight-week evening class, held on Mondays to June 27, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (\$60), and the six-week daytime class, held on Fridays 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.

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 oneweek 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. Along with swimming, archery, kayaking and sports, campers enjoy horseback riding, a ropes course, and arts and crafts. All costs for camp include lodging, meals, snacks, activities and medical supplies like insulin, syringes, lancets, meters and strips. The ADA also is seeking volunteers and youth counselors for Camp Midicha. For information, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org.

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Nicole Pascaru of the American Diabetes Association brought some sobering statistics to a recent breakfast of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club.

Pascaru, program director for Michigan and Northwest Ohio, noted the 49 percent increase in diabetes diagnoses from 1990 to 2000. Type 2 diabetes, in the past associated primarily with adult onset, is showing up increasingly in children

"Currently, there is no cure for diabetes," Pascaru told Rotarians and guests at an April 26 meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

According to the ADA, 18.2 million Americans have diabetes, with some 2,740 diagnosed daily. Some 5.2 million Americans don't know they have diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease in which glucose (sugar) levels are too high in blood. In Type 1, usually beginning in childhood, the body does not make insulin.

Employees?

In addition to Type 2, there's gestational diabetes found in pregnant women, along with a pre-diabetes condition that's common. Blindness can be associated with diabetes, and some diabetics require kidney dialysis or even transplant.

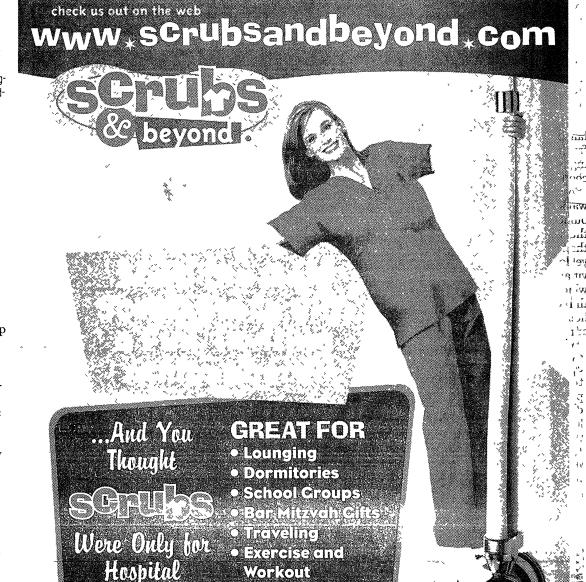
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Increasing obesity and lack of physical activity are associated with the greater prevalence of diabetes, Pascaru said. She added that one of every 10 health care dollars is spent on diabetes, الم

The ADA, founded in 1940, offers research, advocacy and patient support services. It will sponsor a Diabetes Expo 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. hen Saturday, May 21, at the Ford Community and any Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. in ULSO Dearborn. The event, to include speakers, cooking demonstrations and more, is free.

For information, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org on the Web.

Tim Phillips, Rotary Club vice president, worked in pharmaceuticals during his career. "I saw some pretty nasty things resulting from diabetes," he said.



Program to focus on healthy lifestyle

In 1977, Joe Piscatella had an emergency open-heart bypass surgery. He was 32. Fortunately, he took his situation to heart and was able to turn his life around and now lectures extensively and consults on wellness.

On Wednesday, May 18, Piscatella will talk about Living Healthy in a

Doubleburger.com World at a community conference hosted by Oakwood Annapolis Hospital from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 for two. The event includes dinner and heart health

screenings. Piscatella will have books available for purchase and signing. To register, visit www.oakwood.org or call (800) 543-WELL.

"I want audience members to walk away knowing things they can do to shape a healthy lifestyle," Piscatella said. "I want them to understand that people with heart disease have it because of the way they live and the lifestyle decisions they make."

Piscatella added that he plans to spend a lot of time discussing stress management, because it's the key to dietary and non-exercise compliance.

"Daily chronic stress gets in the way - people don't exercise and eat right because they are out of time," he said.

Piscatella makes sure to keep the audience involved and engaged, using methods like self-scoring tests. He said the conference is for anyone - cardiac patients, and those who don't ever want to be a cardiac patient.

Attendees will learn how to institute and maintain healthy lifestyle habits, once and for all. Emphasis is on the practical: how to eat healthy in a restaurant, how to stick with an exercise program, how to cope with daily stress at work and at home, how to achieve a balanced lifestyle - and still live in the real world.

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gers in the home. VNA is offering a free Falls Prevention Tip Card by calling (248) 967-8374.

"Look for electrical cords across hallways, throw rugs on the floor that people could catch their toe and fall. We recommend no throw rugs," said VNA physical therapy program manager Charles Kammann of Rochester Hills. "Older folks, their vision is not like it was when they were younger. Lighting is another problem, during the day and night. We recommend night lights that follow them through from the bedroom to the bathroom."

Using handrails on stairs and in shower stalls, wearing shoes that fit well with rubber soles, placing tape on the edges of stairs, are a few of the ways to prevent injuries that can require months of recovery.

'We encourage them to keep active exercising," said Kammann. "It's a downward spiral. They don't feel well and don't get up and exercise. They move less and less. Even taking short walks are so good to help a person maintain their strength. The weather's finally turning nice. It's time to get your walking shoes out and start on an exercise program." Amy Park suggests giving

the Chinese art of Tai Chi a chance. She instructs people of all ages at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA in Royal Oak. Seniors especially enjoy its gentle movements.

There are quite a few studies using Taoist Tai Chi for health improvement of the entire body," said Park. "The slow movements of Tai Chi help one work on strengthening the body, improving circulation and flexibility. It helps to secure your body, use your body in a more balanced fashion. As we age muscles tighten or we sustain an injury or have arthritis and compensate and our balance is thrown off. Tai Chi brings the body back to using it in a way that's healthier, keeps the body in proper alignment."

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No medical study to date has matched drug combinations to evaluate if one combination is best Instead, over time physicians have developed habits of therapy based or

What the medical community has established is that methotrexate, up to 25 mg/week is the initial therapy of choice If this drug used alone will not suffice then adding either Arava, or one of the biologicals is the next step Arava is less expensive, but the physician quickly learns the effect of the biologicals such as Enbrel, and soon knows if the drug is worth its great cost. As for the non-steroidal drugs, no one medication has come forward as best However, new studies or new drugs, could cause a major change at any time in ou present therapeutic approact

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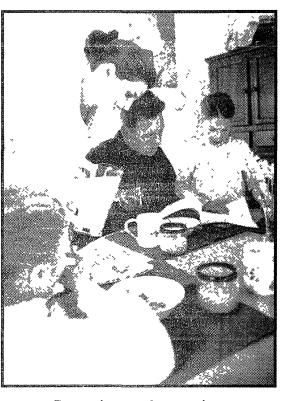
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Meredith Baxter ties into beauty

N BY WENSDY WHITE

Meredith Baxter is perhaps best known as the liberal mom on Family Ties, but lately the actress has added another role to her resumé. Baxter (formerly Baxter Birney) recently > launched a line of reasonably-priced skin



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care products called "Simple Works." Each of the glycerin and aloe-based products are composed of 14 natural botanical extracts and micronized vitamins A, B, C, D and E. Baxter recently visited Metro Detroit to attend the International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center, where she greeted fans and passed out sam-

ples of Simple Works (PINK especially enjoyed her Revitalizing Foot Treatment). Baxter called PINK when she returned to Santa Monica to give us a recap.

How did the Expo go?

It's an amazing, amazing event and we got an amazing response. I didn't think we'd have that many people coming up who wanted to get pictures. There were at least 50 people in line almost the whole time to say hello and try the product. I was stunned.

How did you get started in skin care?

I developed my line in 1997 and I have now just been reworking it for the mass market. Meijer is one of the first chains to



carry it. I was coming from having dry skin. My goal was moist, juicy skin and in that I have been successful.

What are the products in your line?

There are seven different items, three of them are available at Meijer — the hand therapy, facial moisturizer with SPF 15 and an undereye cream that's phenomenal. There's also a body lotion, foot cream,

bath and shower gel, and a firming and lifting serum. Those are available on meredithbaxterskincare.com.

Is your line cruelty-free?

I'm not cruel to the people I work with, and we don't try it on animals because we couldn't figure out how to get them to use it!

Do you still have a lot of fans from 'Family Ties'?

Judging from the people who came by the booth (at the Women's Show), yes, but I've also done 50 movies for television ... I just finished three independent features: On the Rocks, The Onion Movie which is a series of little skits - all politically incorrect, designed to offend people and enormously funny - and The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green.

You look great ... what's your secret?

I guess I have good genes. That helps a lot. I take care of my skin, I keep it clean. I drink a lot of water ... and I use my products. Also, I have been a vegetarian for 23 years. As for exercise, basically I fast walk. I used to be a marathoner.

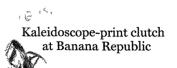
How old are you?

I'd rather not say. There was a time when I was happy to tell everyone how old I was but it comes back to haunt you. It's a youth enraptured industry I'm in.



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Tips on making interview work in your favor

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The reality is quite the opposite; it only takes five seconds for potential employers to size you up, say career experts. According to a recent survey by CareerExposure.com, 95 percent of employers related a job-seeker's personal appearance with his or her potential suitability for the position.

The bottom line? Your looks can make or break any job interview.

Follow these tips and increase your employment opportunities:

Smile with confidence. A sincere smile makes you appear capable and personable.

Tame your hair. Breezy beach hair might be fun, but falls short for a job interview. The answer? Slick back your stray locks with hair gel or pull it back in a sophisticated French twist or low ponytail.

Steam your suit. Your "lucky" suit has seen better days. Postpone its retire-

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ment and, instead, rejuvenate it with a fabric steamer. It can quickly smooth out wrinkles for that "just dry cleaned" look.

Look rested. Even if you stayed out late the night before, let it be your little

secret. Reduce the red and freshen your eyes with a few eye drops. Or, if undereye circles have you hiding behind shades, minimize them with small dabs of concealer.

Be relaxed. Calm your nerves with music, meditation or simply a few deep breaths. Relaxation can help ensure poise and confidence when it's time for your interview.



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Pulte debuts new Lake Orion community

The north Oakland County luxury home market just got a little more crowded with the opening of The Hills of Indianwood.

The official grand opening for the Bloomfield Hills-based Pulte Homes community is set for noon on May 21. The public is welcome to come and check out the various models and floor plans.

The Hills of Indianwood features 108 single-family homes in a variety of executive-style floor plans from 2,500 to more than 3,300 square feet. Priced from the low \$400s, these homes include Pella windows, hardwood floors, custom trim and side entry garages among a host of other luxury features.

Children in The Hills of Indianwood will attend the Lake Orion School District, featuring several Blue Ribbon award-winning schools.

With convenient access to I-75 and M-59, The Hills of Indianwood is located on Baldwin Road just north of Clarkston Road. Surrounded by a park-like setting, The Hills of Indianwood is just minutes from Great Lakes Crossing mall. Major employment centers and recreational opportunities such as cross-country and downhill skiing, hiking, biking, boating, and fishing are also nearby.

During the grand opening weekend, homeowners who

purchase a home in The Hills of Indianwood will receive preconstruction pricing and other special incentives available during the grand opening weekend.

"With a prestigious Oakland County address, picturesque setting, city water and sewer, and excellent schools, The Hills of Indianwood is the ideal place to call home. We have had an overwhelming amount of interest in this neighborhood and look forward to it being a gem among the Pulte Homes communities," said Sean Strickler, vice president for Pulte Homes.

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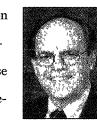
Among the homes available at The HIIIs of Indianwood is the Prescott, featuring 3,410 square feet incorporating four bedrooms, three full bathrooms and two half baths. The Pulte home is priced in the low-\$400,000s.

What active adults want in their homes

n 2006, more than 21 million Americans will be 55 or older. Included in this growing population is a group known as "active adults." These lifestyle-oriented adults are often empty-nesters and are reentering the home market.

Active adult home buyers are not that different from most buyers looking for value, comfort and quality. They do have a variety of distinct needs, based on the desire for a casual, relaxed environment and amenities that serve their active lifestyle in Michigan year-round. Convenient locations with access to shopping, hospitals, churches and the grandchildren, if possible, is important.

A general understanding of retirement lifestyle is key to formulating a home design. Usually, there are only two people living in the active adult home, a husband and wife. They are retired or semiretired, with a flexible sched-



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The primary living areas are planned so they open to the rear of the house to allow the outdoors to flow in and the homeowner to enjoy the view or take easy advantage of amenities. Many active adults prefer the master bedroom in the rear to be away from traffic and provide additional privacy.

A home office, ample storage space and large rooms are important to the active adult. A home office provides an area where the semi-retired active adult can continue to work or simply manage household and communication needs. Ample

storage space holds the treasured collections and possessions accumulated over their lifetime and large rooms with good wall space accommodate their furniture. Popular storage options include floored attics with pulldown stairs, full or partial basements, extra utility room cabinets and expanded garages.

A larger master bedroom allows a variety of bedroom arrangements, two dressers, and living space such as a reading nook or sitting area. The second bedroom is also larger since it may have to accommodate the kids and the grandchildren. Single level ranch homes and story and a half homes with first floor master bedrooms are preferred.

A home that is easy, convenient and comfortable to live in is a requirement for the active retiree's new lifestyle. Good circulation patterns through the house and good transportation between the garage, kitchen,

and the rest of the house are key elements. The active adult is still wed to the automobile (or golf cart), and therefore, the garage is the primary entrance.

In today's open and casual home, hallways are still important. With the use of low walls, windows and wide archways, those halls can become part of the adjacent room and still function in the manner the mature market desires, providing open, bright access throughout the home as well as privacy.

Making a comeback in the active adult home is the entry foyer, a feature seemingly lost in recent years. A well-designed foyer can enhance the open and casual floorplan by setting the stage for the rest of the house. Finally, a convenient route from the kitchen to the outdoor living area or patio also is important. Keeping in mind our Michigan weather, accessways in the home are multi-seasonal and provide shelter from the

elements when necessary. A well-designed plan can

accommodate aging and make the home easier to live in. A cardinal rule is to keep the home on one level. The American Association of Retired People also suggests some simple design changes: use door handles, faucet levers, high wattage light bulbs and grab bars in the bathroom, plus wider door entries. Adding a short ramp in the garage will accommodate wheelchairs with assistance and wheel large objects in and out. The new active adult home allows retirees to age in comfort and security with the use of conventional features.

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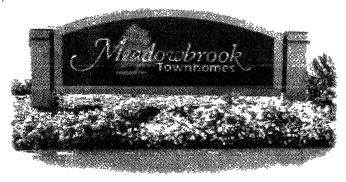
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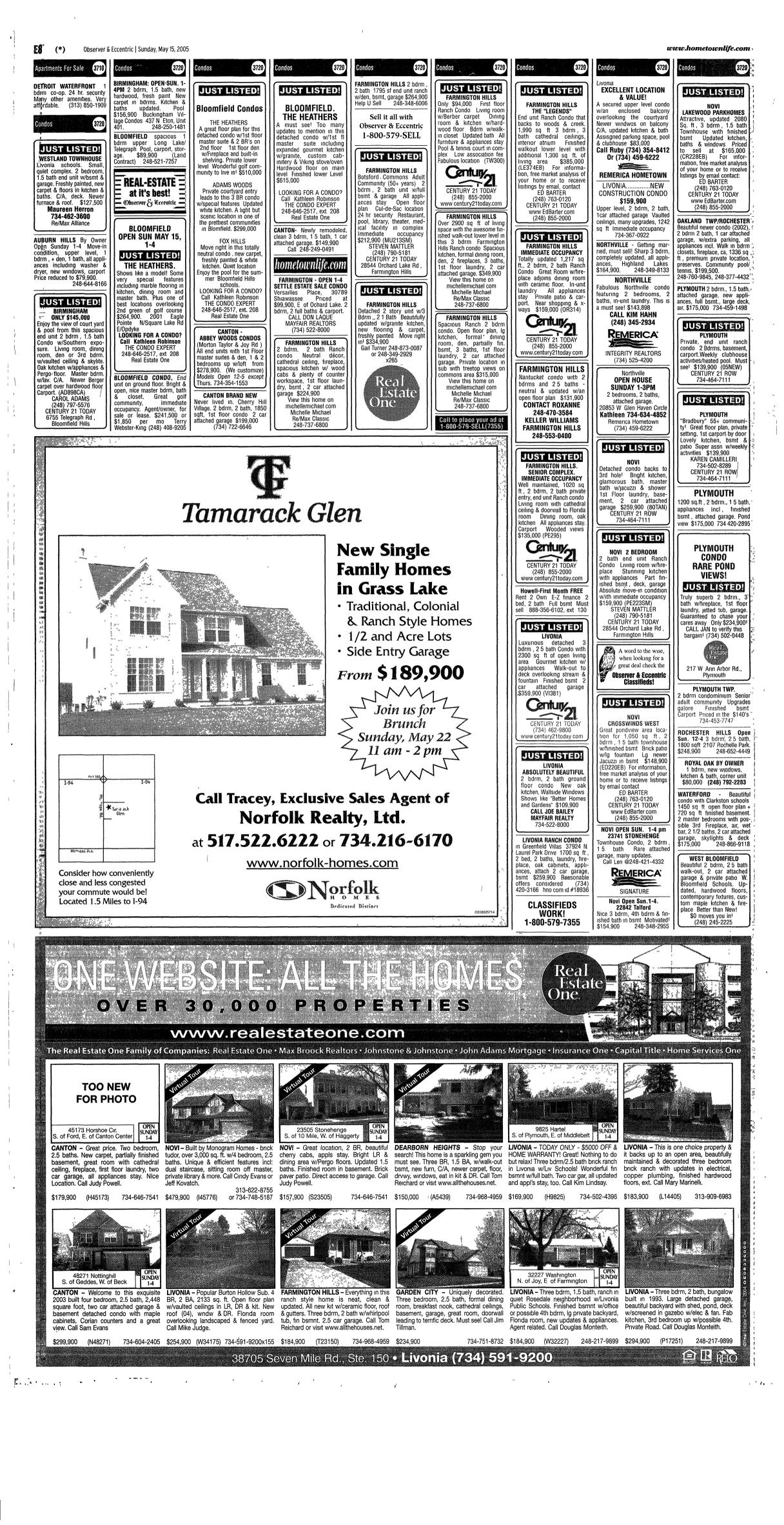


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