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Bird questions revolve around economics

Is it the busing, or a status thing for parents opposed to move?

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education and school administrators back off a plan to redistrict several dozen Bird Elementary students to Farrand amid protests by parents, the question has arisen: Was the uproar based on the safety factor of a longer bus ride across railroad tracks, or a perception that Farrand is on the wrong side of

the tracks?

Parents of students in Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions have been careful to say all the right things at school board and housing committee meetings, arguing they are already part of the Bird school community and transferring their children to Farrand will mean longer bus rides and a trip across always-dangerous railroad tracks.

However, others - including housing committee member David

Coleman of Canton Township - say the safety issues mask the underlying fear many parents have of sending their kids to Farrand, where the Oak Haven and Plymouth Hills "trailer kids" go to school.

"As I was walking through the hallways, I overheard that it was about going to school with the trailer kids," said Coleman, who since November worked on the redistricting plan and subsequent recommendation to the Board of Education. It's a case of Plymouth-Canton's wealthiest homeowners not really wanting their kids to be in an environment with Plymouth-Canton's lowest economic residents."

Coleman said he heard the grum-

blings while walking through West Middle School before a housing committee meeting, where nearly 50 parents presented facts and figures as to why their children should not be bused to Farrand.

"It's a socioeconomic thing," said Coleman. "If there were no trailer kids in that school, the result would be different."

As a result of the pressures put on school board members at meetings, as well as in telephone calls and e-mails, Superintendent Jim Ryan put aside the housing committee's recommendation and asked for Bird parents to voluntarily transfer 52 kindergarten students to Hulsing Elementary for next year only, in his effort to relieve

overcrowding at Bird.

According to Frank Ruggirello, communications director for Plymouth-Canton Schools, only 10 parents volunteered for the transfer to Hulsing. Five of those were from a list of about 15 eligible kindergartners from Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills.

Last week, at a meeting with concerned parents, Ryan said if he didn't get the 52 volunteers, he will deal with the overcrowding at Bird for one more year, and take the issue back to the housing committee.

Gary Winkler, a parent of three who helped lead the charge to keep Bird students from being transferred to Farrand, said the subdivision com-

PLEASE SEE BIRD, A5

Break dumps sewage in Rouge

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Municipal Services Department workers found a broken sanitary sewer pipe Friday, which caused an undetermined amount of raw sewage to be dumped into the Rouge River along Plymouth Road, near the Hines Drive bridge.

City Manager Paul Sincock said he was notified by Wayne County officials shortly before noon Thursday about a sanitary sewer overflow into the river, along Plymouth Road near Hines Drive. He said crews made the necessary repairs within hours of finding out about the situation.

"We had a clogged eight-inch pipe, and we used the Vactor truck to clear out the sewage and open the pipe," Sincock said.

However, it was Friday afternoon before MSD employees were able to determine the exact cause of the sewage discharge.

"There was a broken pipe discovered in one of the sanitary sewer leads from one of the buildings along Plymouth Road," said Sincock. "When it was originally installed, it was done through the county storm drain. That section of pipe in the storm drain was broken, and dumped raw sewage into the storm sewer."

Sincock said no basements in the area had any sewage as a result. He said city engineer Sean Keough of Wade Trim was completing the necessary documents to the state of Michigan.

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Safety first

Maranda McMaster and Christina Atkins were all smiles after taking part in the Bike Safety Rally sponsored by the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club recently in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. Safety for bicycles, rollerblades and skateboards was discussed with the Modern Skate and Surf Team. Fire and emergency safety were also topics, with Canton and Plymouth Township fire departments and EMS street safety promoted by the Plymouth Police Department. Door prizes and bicycle safety checks were done.

CSX changes tracks, agrees to fix crossings

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears CSX Railroad officials have switched tracks, and will now make repairs to at least two of the 11 railroad crossings in the Plymouth community.

Last month, City Manager Paul Sincock was told by CSX Regional Vice President Tom Drake it was unlikely CSX would do any earlier promised repairs this summer.

"I've gotten initial response that there is no program work planned for Plymouth area this year," said Drake in a May 6 e-mail.

Sincock wasn't happy with the response. "The crossing on Ann Arbor Trail is horrific," Sincock said. "The crossings on Main Street and Farmer Street are still waiting to be repaired, again, from the fall of 2003."

"At that time, we indicated those crossing repairs were not satisfactory to the city, and they agreed to come back in the spring of 2004," he said. "Here we are in the spring of 2005, and we're

PLEASE SEE CROSSINGS, A4

Residents hope to save Miller Woods

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Marcie Foster enjoys the view along her Deer Creek subdivision back yard, which touches Miller Woods. Among the animals she's seen in the nature preserve are deer, coyote, a fox squirrel, Baltimore oriole, great horned owl, hawks and mallard ducks.

"It's like a United Nations of wildlife," said Foster. "You can look out and see a duck, rabbit, possum and raccoon all eating together. It's like a playground with all the animals."

Foster was among several people who met with Plymouth Township officials Wednesday afternoon, urging trustees to purchase a 40-acre parcel from Plymouth-Canton Schools to keep the 10-acre Miller Woods nature preserve from being developed.

PLEASE SEE MILLER WOODS, A4

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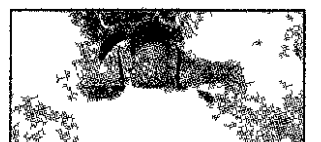


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Coming Thursday in Filter

Surf's Up: The Great Lakes State is home to a growing number of water parks. Get in on the fun!



Charity softball

Plymouth firefighters are going to bat with a team of former Detroit Lions football players in a benefit softball game to be played Wednesday July 27, at Don Massey Field to help raise funds for the University of Michigan Trauma and Burn Center.

Special Olympics and youth sports programs also will share in the proceeds raised in the benefit game, said Rick Abraham, treasurer of the Plymouth Township Professional Firefighters Local 1496.

The game starts at 7 p.m., and is an opportunity for fans to see the former football stars display their softball skills and get their autographs on program books. Massey Field is located next to the 35th District Court building on Plymouth Road west of Haggerty.

Tickets can be obtained by calling (734) 453-7476.

Choir boosters

The PCEP Choir Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, in the choir room at Salem High School. All parents of current and incoming choir students are encouraged to attend this final meeting of the school year, during which the group will plan for 2005-06.

The mission of the PCEP Choir Boosters is to support the students and the teacher through volunteerism, fund raising and advocacy.

Medieval Fair

Officials at the Plymouth District Library are inviting all area teens to attend a medieval

fair noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday June 12.

This free program will include medieval fun and food with the Society of Creative Anachronism broadsword fighting in the parking lot, juggling, calligraphy and crafts to make and take. Teens are encouraged to take a break from studying for finals and come to the library for the afternoon.

For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

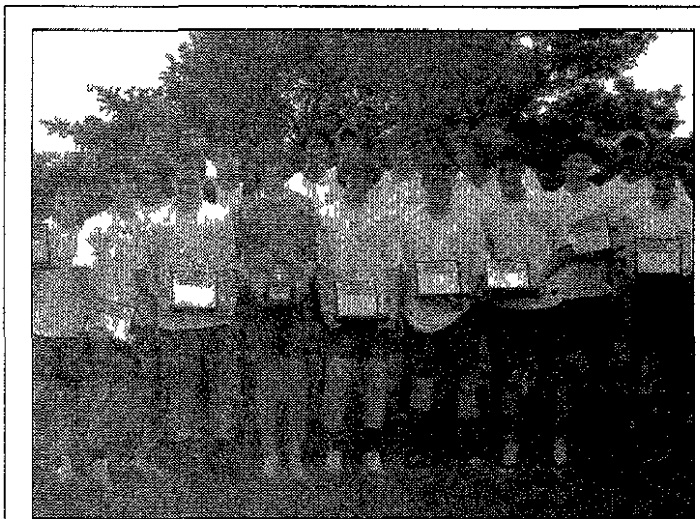
Gown display

A new exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum opens June 8 and features Four Centuries of Wedding Dresses. Gowns from the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries are on exhibit.

The first wedding recorded in the Plymouth area was in 1827 when Lucinda Starkweather, age 16, who married Ebenezer Jones age 17. It is often hard to trace wedding history as marriage licenses were not mandatory until 1889 and although most weddings today occur on a Saturday historically, Saturday was considered unlucky for a wedding.

Wedding dresses on exhibit at the museum also feature a set of four generations of dresses from the McLaren family in Plymouth. The first gown was from 1870 and the last from 1950. Also featured are several gowns from historical costume expert Pam Yockey of Canton. The 21st century gown on exhibit is on loan from I Do Too Bridal Salon in Plymouth.

Hours for the museum are 1-



Canton Cup champs

The Plymouth Kicks Under 16 team defeated Fusion 89-3-2 at the Canton Cup soccer tournament last weekend. The Kicks overcame a 2-0 deficit to become the only Plymouth team to win a division title at the event. Players on the team include Matt Collins, Mark Edwards, Billy Etienne, Tom Etienne, Ryan Hayes, Willie Noetzel, Matt Revers, Anthony Sasimowski, Steve Schaeffler, Jeff Selasky, Brad Smith, Dan Smith, Jon Somerick, Brent Vella, Nick Vella, Jason Williams and Nick Mfessen.

4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, \$7 for family.

For more information, visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.

Fishing derby

Plymouth Township hosts the 2005 Fishing Derby from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at Plymouth Township Park.

The event will feature prizes and snacks and township police and fire department vehicles will be on display. The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Township Police Department and the Plymouth Community Fire Department. For more information, call (734) 453-3869.

Fife fund-raiser

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps conducts its annual car wash 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Rite Aid, 2249 N. Canton Center Road (at Ford Road) in Canton.

The corps is asking for a \$5 donation per wash. The money raised will go toward the purchase of new uniforms and equipment.

For further information or to make a donation, go to the corps' Web site at www.pfdc.us.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville, hosts a sandwich luncheon at noon June 20 at Greenmead Hill House in Livonia.

The program features plants and crafts, white elephant auction. It's the final meeting of the school year. All DAR members and potential members are welcome.

For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

Youth soccer

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will take fall youth soccer registration the entire month of June at the recreation office, during business hours, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The fee for Under 6 through Under 8 is \$60 for residents, \$85 for non-residents. Fee for Under-9 and older divisions is \$65 for city residents, \$95 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304.

Evening of spirits

CHaSeD Productions and Monthly Magic & Mind Reading presents a special engagement with An Evening of Spirits. Seance at 8 p.m. Friday, June 17, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts.

George Tait will direct the show, and participants will each receive a bound booklet outlining seance rules and history, a protective vial that will aid in the journey, and an actual artifact used during the seance.

Tickets are \$20, and seating is limited to 65 participants. Visit the Web site at www.monthmagic-magic-by-george.com to buy tickets or for more information. The Hulce center is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

YMCA run

Runners looking for a way to celebrate Father's Day get an excellent opportunity from the Plymouth YMCA. The YMCA hosts its annual Father's Day Run Sunday, June 19, in downtown Plymouth. All proceeds will be used to help the Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign.

Awards go to the top three finishers in all age categories, overall male and female winner in each race and all kid participants. All registered runners get a T-shirt. Age groups and start times include Diaper Dash (0-12 months), 9 a.m., Wee Walkers (12 months-2 years), 9 a.m., Kid Trot (3-4 years), 7:30 a.m., Kid Jog (5-8 years), 7:45 a.m., one-mile walk/run, 8 a.m., 5K walk/run, 8:15 a.m., 10K walk/run, 8:45 a.m. and the MDG (Morse Dental Group) Triple at 8:45 a.m.

Packet pickup will be at the YMCA office, 248 Union, from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18, and at 6:30 a.m. on race day. Register online at www.gaultracemanagement.com or call the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904. Pictures by Dr. Andrew Rubenstein will be available at www.plymouthpictures.com.

Band recruiting

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band is recruiting new members for its Fall 2005 season, which includes state and regional competitions and culminates with participation in the Bands of America Grand National Championship Finals in Indianapolis. Auditions are not required for this award-winning extracurricular activity which promotes lasting friendships and allows students to earn a varsity letter and obtain physical education credit.

All students who play a musical instrument and who will be attending the Park in the fall are invited to attend workshops in the Plymouth High School band room and on the band practice field in front of the high school.

Monday, June 6, 5:30-8 p.m.
Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mim Camp, Monday through Friday, June 20-24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An orientation meeting for students and their parents will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 8 in the Plymouth High Band Room. Information may be obtained through the Web site at www.pcepbands.net or by contacting Marc Whitlock via e-mail at pcepbandman@aol.com or by calling (734) 582-5666.

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Fall season comes early for marchers

Band starts with practices, camps spanning the summer months

BY ADELE ARMBRUSTER
CORRESPONDENT

Bands of America Grand National Championship Finalist Michigan Competing Band Association State Champion

As these and similar announcements were made in fall 2004 and in other years past, feelings of pride, accomplishment, and joy swept over the members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. Through hours of practice, rehearsals, football half-time performances, and competitions they had become a family, had developed friendships which would last a lifetime, and had learned the importance of working together as a team.

What goes into the making of the P-CEP Marching Band, comprised of woodwinds, brass, percussion, and color guard? How do these individ-

uals become a family during the course of a few months?

The band, an extracurricular activity which accepts musicians without audition, requires only that its members be students at the Park or in the district's public or private middle schools during the fall semester.

Enrollment in the high school band curriculum is not required, and students may rent large instruments from the P-CEP band program. Marching band is truly a sport and students may earn a varsity letter as well as obtain physical education credit.

The P-CEP Marching Band's fall season actually begins in April with the complex process of selecting music and designing a marching program which visually enhances the music. When fully developed and executed, the show will be judged on individual and group musical and visual performance as

P-CEP Director of Bands Marc Whitlock and his staff require two months to develop the show.

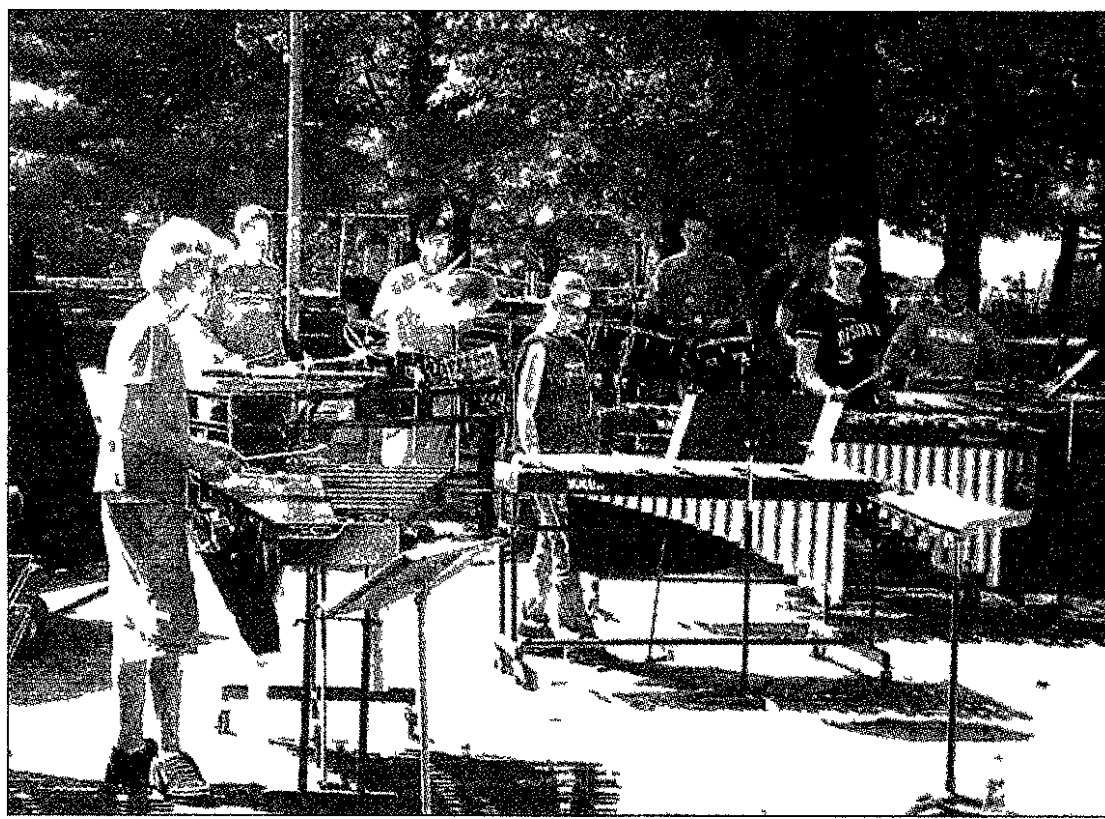
well as the effectiveness of the musical and visual repertoire and performance.

P-CEP Director of Bands Marc Whitlock and his staff require two months to develop the show which is announced in May.

April, May, and June are months devoted to identifying the marching band members for the upcoming fall season. New student and parent orientation meetings and recruiting workshops are held for eighth-grade middle school students who will be attending the Park in the fall, as well as any interested high school students.

Practices are conducted for returning members as well as new students. Each Memorial Day, the band including graduating seniors and incoming freshmen proudly participates in the annual downtown Plymouth parade.

Three weeks later, the fall P-CEP Marching Band members — woodwinds, brass, percussion, color guard — and staff join together for the first of three summer mini-camps held at Plymouth High School. Marching basics are emphasized as individuals begin to meld into a team. Their first of many performances to come is to family and friends at the end of mini-camp. Afterward,



The Plymouth Canton Marching Band has built its reputation with a strong work ethic, getting an early start with summer camps and practices.

there's time for social fun as members join together for an outing at the Summit in Canton.

Practices are scheduled throughout the summer and two additional mini-camps are held — one in July and another in August. The schedule is flexible so families and staff can take vacations as well. Students begin to coordinate the playing of music with the drill of marching and play in the Fourth of July Parade in downtown Plymouth.

The end of summer arrives and the marching band is off to Lake Ann Baptist Camp near Traverse City for seven days. This camp is required for all members and provides the staff and students with the opportunity to prepare for the competitions that begin in just three weeks. Musical, visual,

and general effect are equally important and influence modifications to performance. Friendships abound during camp week and the barriers between freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors fade. They have become a family — each with a responsibility toward the other family members.

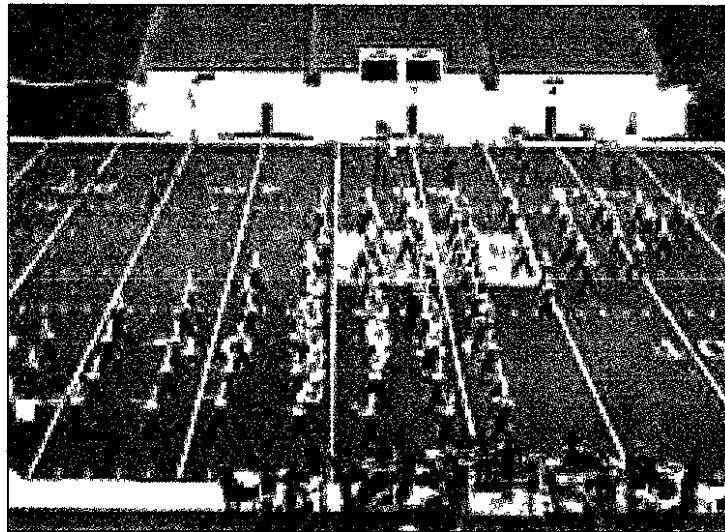
School begins two days after the end of camp, and the P-CEP Marching Band practices after school. Saturdays are comprised of morning practices, afternoon travel and evening competitions. The music and marching program announced in May has been modified many times and suddenly the season's first competition arrives with the announcement and now from Canton, Michigan, the Plymouth Canton Educational

Park Marching Band!

Any P-CEP high school student or Plymouth-Canton Community School district public or private middle school student who is interested in joining the marching band can contact Marc Whitlock at 734-582-5666 or via e-mail at pcepbandman@aol.com.

A New Student and Parent Orientation Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, in the band room located in Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck.

Workshops will be held in the band room and in the practice field on Monday, June 6, between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Saturday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The mini-camp will be held in the same location Monday through Friday, June 20-24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.



Practice makes perfect as the P-CEP Marching Band has earned championships in both state and national competitions.

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Students hold tobacco advertisements they collected. After studying the ads, they helped strike out tobacco by throwing a ball at the banner.

Students pledge not to light up

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Trevor Coates says he will never smoke cigarettes because he knows the dangers involved. And, besides, they're just plain awful.

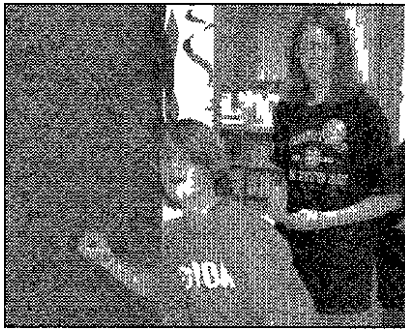
I don't like tobacco because it makes your teeth yellow and you get bad breath," said Coates, a seventh-grader at Discovery Middle School. It smells bad, and I don't like being around the smoke.

And if he were ever approached by someone trying to exert peer pressure in getting him to light up, Trevor said he's prepared with his answer.

"When somebody asks me, I will say No way, Jose," he said.

Trevor and his classmates in teacher Angie Lipford's class at Discovery recently took part in the national Kick Butts Day, signing pledges that proclaimed "I will commit my life to be tobacco free."

Lipford's class set up a graffiti wall in the hallway which students could



Trevor Coates signs the Kick Butts graffiti wall pledging to be tobacco free as student Jessica Hammy tries to get others to sign as well.

sign, a commitment not to light up. They showed their commitment by wearing a sticker or tattoo they received for their efforts.

The class also took cardboard rolls that looked like cigarette butts and kicked them down the hall to promote Kick Butts Day.

I wanted to spend extra time talking about the importance of not smoking, especially at this age,

because middle school is so crucial," said Lipford. "They go from here to high school where there is more peer pressure. If I can instill in them not to smoke here, then maybe they won't do it later."

Awss Saied, 14, from Canton Township, signed the graffiti wall.

I want to be tobacco free because I don't want to get sick, Awss said. "You can get lung cancer or a hole in your throat and you can die."

I've never smoked, and I don't plan to, he said. If someone asks me, I will just walk away.

Even Principal Roche LaVictor showed his support by signing the graffiti wall. LaVictor said there have been very few instances of students caught smoking during his 10 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Smoking in school is almost non-existent, he said. If we have a few a year, that's a lot.

LaVictor said the school policy for someone caught smoking is suspension.

MILLER WOODS

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There are so few areas left in Michigan where have virgin timber, the land as it was when the white man first came here," said Ken Holmes of Plymouth Township. What we don't want to see is what we saw on Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

Holmes was referring to the hundreds of trees that were felled at the corner to make way for a shopping center and the new Plymouth Township hall.

Miller Woods is a beech-maple climax forest located on Powell Road, between North Territorial and Ridge roads. Nearly 180 years ago, the federal government awarded title to 80 acres, containing the present Miller Woods, to Peter Teeple. In 1902, Norman Miller purchased the farm and eventually operated 120 acres until he died in 1958.

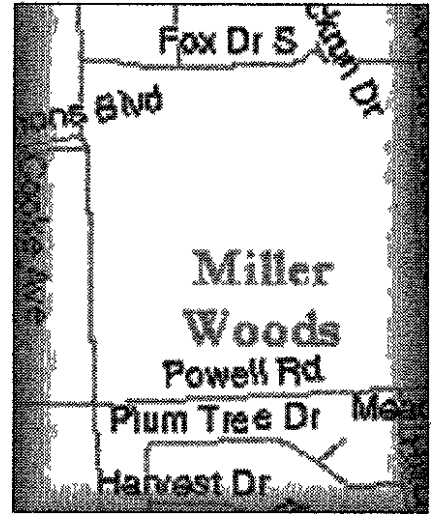
A decade later, the school district purchased 40 acres of the farm, which included the Miller Woods plot. And, in 1991, a deed restriction was put on the 10 acres of woods - to keep it from being developed - but not the remaining 30 acres.

"The ultimate goal is to keep the whole property a nature preserve," said Marcia Fowler, who lives in the Fox Pointe subdivision. "If the township purchased it from the school district, we would like to see nothing done with it. Leave it just the way it is - no swimming pool, no soccer fields, no houses."

Nearly 200 petition signatures were presented to township officials to save Miller Woods and the surrounding meadows and wetlands from development.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan said the district is considering selling two pieces of property, the 40-acre Miller Woods site and another parcel at Joy and Beck roads.

"I'm reasonably sure that neither will ever be used for school sites," said Ryan. That information, com-



Homeowners in the area around Miller Woods hope someone will purchase the 40-acre site from Plymouth-Canton schools in order to maintain it as a nature preserve.

bined with our financial challenges, has forced us to take a look at selling property to break even financially."

Ryan said Great Northern Consulting Group of Ann Arbor has completed title work, and is expected to present final survey information to the district soon. He said an original appraisal put Miller Woods at nearly \$2.5 million.

Supervisor Richard Reaume said the township would like to purchase the property as part of its recreation plan, however, there's no money in the budget.

"We'd always like to have more recreation space in the township, but right now we don't have any extra funds in the checkbook," said Reaume. "We'd have to have money from another source to help purchase it."

"Maybe we could court a potential developer to turn the 10 acres over to the township, allowing that portion to remain in the public trust," he said.

Joyce Holmes, of Friends of Miller Woods, says her group is looking into possible grants to put toward the purchase of the property.

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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period May 25-31:

■ Tuesday, May 31 - Commercial run on Polaris, residential rescue runs on Turkey Run on Crabtree and on Timbercrest, special run on westbound M-14 west of Sheldon.

■ Monday, May 30 - Residential rescue runs on River Oaks on A, on Thornridge, on Franklin, on Northville Road, on Shadywood and on Albert, vehicle accident at Wilcox and Schoolcraft, wash down on Sheldon.

■ Sunday, May 29 - Rescue runs to a public

building/school on Sheldon, investigation on Halvard, rescue runs on Sheldon.

■ Saturday, May 28 - Residential rescue runs on 5 Mile and on Simpson investigation on eastbound M-14 west of Sheldon, special run at N Territorial and Hidden Creek, vehicle accidents on Hines at M-14 and on Ann Arbor Road (with wash-down), commercial rescue run on Plymouth Road, rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Friday, May 27 - Commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, special run on Concept, residential rescue runs on Mill, on Ann Arbor Road, on Thornridge, on Northview and on Lakewood,

vehicle accident with extrication and wash-down on eastbound M-14 west of I-275, vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 west of Beck and on 5 Mile west of Haggerty, vehicle accident with wash down on westbound I-96 east of I-275.

■ Thursday, May 26 - Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Roe, on Haggerty and on Greenview.

■ Wednesday, May 25 - Commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Academy and on N Territorial, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Beck, investigation on Halvard.

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

B
William Barnett 76 of Plymouth died May 29.

James E. Blake 68 of Pontiac died May 19.
Mary E. Boswell 87 died May 26.
Stella M. Bovee 84 of Rochester Hills died May 25.

D
Lewis A. Deamer, of Westland died May 28.

E
Sydney England 80, of Rochester died May 25.

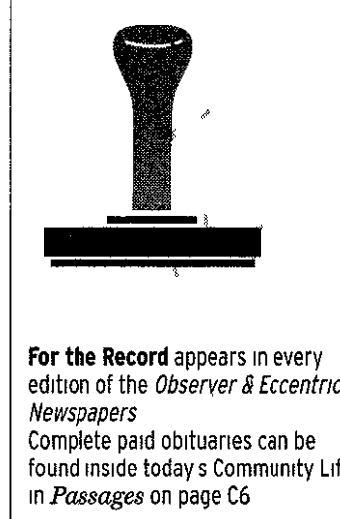
H
Robert W. Hackett, 89, of Bloomfield Hills died May 30.
Lynda A. Hainsworth, 99, of Rochester Hills, died May 31.
Gerald J. Henry, 89, of Dearborn, died May 26.
Marie J. Hixon, formerly of Birmingham died May 27.

J
Janet Heldt Jopke 62, of Troy, died June 1.

N
Cimmie C. Nordhagen, 84 of Clarkston died May 28.

P
Elizabeth (Libby) Kingsbury Phillips 88, formerly of Plymouth, died June 1.

R



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Community Life in Passages on page C6.

E
Edward H. Rofe, 92, died May 23.
Margaret "Peggy" Ryan, 80 of Lapeer formerly of Rochester Hills, died May 28.

S
Sarah Silver, 95 died May 24.
Norbert E. Smitley 77, died June 2.

T
Donald A. Thomson of Garden City, died May 30.

W
William M. Wilson 72 of Westland died May 29.

CROSSINGS

FROM PAGE A1

still waiting for them to make those repairs properly. There's really nothing we can do."

As of Thursday, Sincock said nothing had changed. However, after an inquiry by the Plymouth Observer, it seems CSX has yielded.

We are working with city officials on the two most difficult crossings, the one on Ann Arbor Trail and one on Mill Street," said CSX spokeswoman Kim Skorniak. "We're hoping to do them within the next month. Our engineering team says they've been waiting until school is out."

"The other crossings are going to be evaluated during the rest of the year to determine if they need to be repaired," she said.

Sincock, who hadn't heard the news, was pleased to hear of the plans by CSX.

"That's great news," he said. "We look forward to having those crossings smoothed out."

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BIRD

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mittee that presented its defense never considered socioeconomic issues in battling the proposed move. "We have never said that," said Winkler, who admitted to hearing the rumblings. "We focused on the busing issues, the time involved in getting over to Farrand."

"I don't think it's valid," added Winkler, whose daughter once attended Farrand until she was redistricted to Bird several years ago. "We weren't treated any differently at Farrand than we are at Bird. I think it's unfair to Farrand."

Mark Blaufuss, another Rolling Oaks homeowner, said parents came together and submitted data which showed the move wasn't feasible, which had nothing to do with perceived factors at Farrand.

'OFF BASE'

"I've heard the argument, but I think that's coming from emotions of some parents, and is off base," said "If you look at the results of what the school district does it's administration and teachers that make the whole district the success that it is."

Stephanie Socha has lived in Plymouth Township's Lakepointe subdivision for more than five years, and will have three of her five children at Farrand next year. She's heard the complaints about the disparity between Bird and Farrand, and it upsets her.

"It bothers me that Farrand is looked at being such a poor school, both monetarily and educationally," said Socha. "It disturbs me there are people in the community who believe that if you live in a trailer park you're not entitled to the same education."

"I think it's humorous that Lakepointe and Farrand are looked at as the 'slums,'" she said. "Whoever thought that living in \$250,000 homes

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would be considered the 'slums'?"

Matthew Otto of Plymouth Township has a third-grader and kindergartner who walk to Bird. Otto said he believes there's an elitist attitude permeating those who live in Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills, and their attitudes "are discriminatory."

"I feel badly for the Farrand Elementary family when unreasonable citizens say they will refuse to send their students to that school," said Otto. They are not lesser human beings because their MEAP scores are not as high as other schools, or because their building is two miles farther down the road.

"We must believe that a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools education is equal for every child, no matter which building they have the opportunity to attend," he said. "My friends in Canton ride on buses a lot longer than an additional mile or two."

Farrand Principal Ann Kuhn knows well of the talk about her school and its lower MEAP scores, saying "it's hurtful, but it's best to move on."

DIVERSE SCHOOL

"We have a very mixed culture over here, and economically it's very diverse," said

Kuhn. "I think it's a rich culture and a great school with a phenomenal staff."

According to Barbara Church, assistant superintendent for instruction, the disparities in MEAP scores between Bird and Farrand may be much more perception than reality.

"In the reading and math scores we just got back, Bird and Farrand are just one level apart," Church said. "Farrand's MEAP scores are not far from Bird's, but the perception of parents is they are further apart."

There were also whispers that home values in Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills - which sell for nearly \$400,000 - would go down if the two subdivisions were transferred to Farrand.

"I absolutely disagree with that statement," said Mark Slavens, Board of Education president. "This is the Plymouth-Canton school district, all our schools are excellent."

"If you move from one school to the other, I don't believe that in any way affects your home value," he said.

Coleman said he's disappointed with the district's decision to squash the housing committee's recommendation, and wonders what will happen the next time the committee convenes to consider boundary changes.

"The decision we made was best for students, and to create something that was fiscally responsible," said Coleman. "The fact that they (Bird parents) are going to get away with it sends a message to young people that if you have enough money you can fix it, and if you don't, you can't."

"A big part of leadership is explaining why you make a tough call," he said. "The school board and Dr. Ryan have fallen down on that."

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Sheldon Place back on block after sale falls through

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Sheldon Place is back on the auction block, set to be sold at the end of this month.

The six-story building at Sheldon and Ford roads was the home to some 52 senior citizens until August 2001, when it was evacuated for structural deficiencies.

Late in March, a buyer from Wyandotte, Stan Micura, won the bid to purchase the building, but it's again for sale. Micura had bid \$770,000, and had put up \$50,000 up front, as required by the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Demolition costs are estimated at \$400,000, and there has been no formal estimate of what it would cost to make the repairs to make the building habitable.

The building is owned by National Church Residences of Ohio, but was constructed in 1996 through HUD, at a cost of \$3.4 million.

National Church Residences, HUD and Micura have not returned calls to the *Observer*, and it is not yet known why the sale fell through.

According to Canton building official John Weyer, HUD is being more proactive during this bidding cycle.

"From what I understand, (Micura) was never able to get past the fence. He was never given keys and couldn't get in, right up until the bank was supposed to finalize financing," Weyer said. "What he told me is that he never had the opportunity to go through it. He couldn't get keys. He never got beyond the fence."

HUD will host a walk through of the building June 8, before the June 29 sale in Detroit. Word of the sale has spread fast, and potential bidders have been calling township offices looking for information on the building, Weyer said.

In its state of limbo, the vacant building is not making neighbors too happy, and the building department has received several complaints about growing weeds which have not been cut. The 56-unit building will be sold through an auction. A \$100,000 letter of credit is required to ensure completion of repairs or demolition of the property within a 12-month period, according to the HUD Web site. Bids will be accepted orally at 10 a.m. on the ground floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center at 2 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

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MISS DIG helps prevent gas line mishaps

The early summer months in Michigan are always a welcome relief after a harsh winter. The nights are pleasantly cool, the days are bright and warm, and the landscape everywhere blooms with - little colored flags? From a distance, those dots of color gently swaying in the breeze could be mistaken for tulips, but they serve a much more serious and important purpose.

They are staking flags placed there by utility companies to mark the location of underground utility lines. Every hour, someone in Michigan damages a buried utility line through careless digging, causing service interruptions and sometimes even injury or death. Those markers are there

to keep that from happening and should never be tampered with or moved.

Costly and potentially dangerous incidents can be avoided with a simple phone call to the MISS DIG System, a free service that coordinates with Michigan utilities to mark the approximate locations of underground lines and pipes. Unfortunately, this news still has not reached many home gardening and landscaping enthusiasts.

According to industry sources, an increasing percentage of dig-in damages come from landscaping projects. Most damage prevention experts agree that part of the problem is the mistaken assumption by many homeowners that utility lines are buried far below the surface.

"We are noticing a rise in the number of damages due to landscaping projects," said Darryl Ellington, damage prevention process manager for DTE Energy. "Many people might think 'I'm not going that deep,' but they can misjudge very easily."

Michigan law requires that an area be staked and lines exposed by hand before any digging with power equipment occurs. The law applies to everyone, from large construction companies putting up high rises to homeowners involved in do-it-yourself projects.

Cutting through service lines can be dangerous. "It's not very hard to ignite that gas - a metal shovel head hitting a rock can spark," explained John Roberts, a damage prevention leader for Consumers Energy. "All new residential services now have plastic lines, he added. 'If cut by accident,



Professional landscaper Cliff Both, owner of Authentic Lawn & Tree in Cedar, Michigan, had a close encounter with a buried gas line early in his career that convinced him of the dangers of unsafe digging. He now calls MISS DIG to request staking before starting any job.

the static electricity in the plastic can also ignite the gas."

Captain Doug Van Wormer of the Bridgeport Township Fire Department in Saginaw County is familiar with broken gas lines. The most recent incident took place last summer when a homeowner attempted to remove a tree stump from his property by pulling it out with a chain attached to his pick-up truck. The homeowner severed an inch-wide natural gas line as he dislodged the

stump because the roots of the tree had become entangled with the pipe.

According to Van Wormer, Bridgeport Township firefighters had to evacuate nearby homes and close off an adjacent road for 90 minutes until Consumers Energy workers were able to fix the leak. The homeowner had not called MISS DIG to have his lines located before starting the project.

Cutting through service lines

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From utility providers to emergency response teams to professional landscapers, the message is the same: Better safe than sorry. Call MISS DIG before you dig. "Our goal is to work with the public and educate them on what they need to do for their own safety and the safety of others," explained Kathleen Fournier, CEO and executive director of MISS DIG. "The call is free, the service is free and, in the end, it will save you time, money and maybe even your life."

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UPDATE ON FIBROMYALGIA

Many physicians feel that fibromyalgia has several components. One aspect of the condition is muscle pain, another is depression. Recent research in fibromyalgia indicates that physicians must continue to focus on the muscle and tendon aspects of the disease.

The study found that the presence of depression had little effect on the pain associated with fibromyalgia. The corollary was that treating depression did little to decrease the muscle and tendon discomfort associated with fibromyalgia.

This finding is a two edged sword for physicians. On the one hand, treatment using antidepressants is not likely to help so physicians have lost a possible therapy. On the other hand, a doctor will not need to undertake the careful titration of dosage needed when treating someone with fibromyalgia. It is well known that the sensitivity to stimuli in fibromyalgia goes beyond heat, cold, air conditioning, etc. and extends to medication. For that reason, doctors need to use small amounts of medications such as Elavil and Flexeril that otherwise seem inadequate when compared with recommendations in therapy manuals.

Where this recent research leaves physicians is that we must depend on what we used in the past to treat fibromyalgia: activity and rest. Early morning exercise sufficient to bring up a sweat combined with short periods of rest not more than 20 minutes during the day remains the treatment of choice for fibromyalgia. Given findings of side effects of familiar medications, this therapy may be a model for the future, not a residual from the old days.

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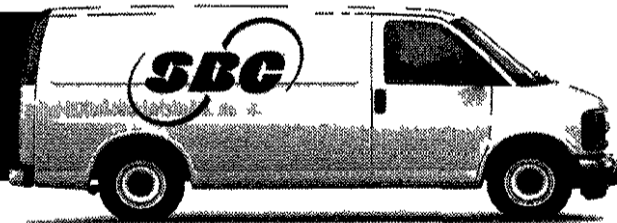
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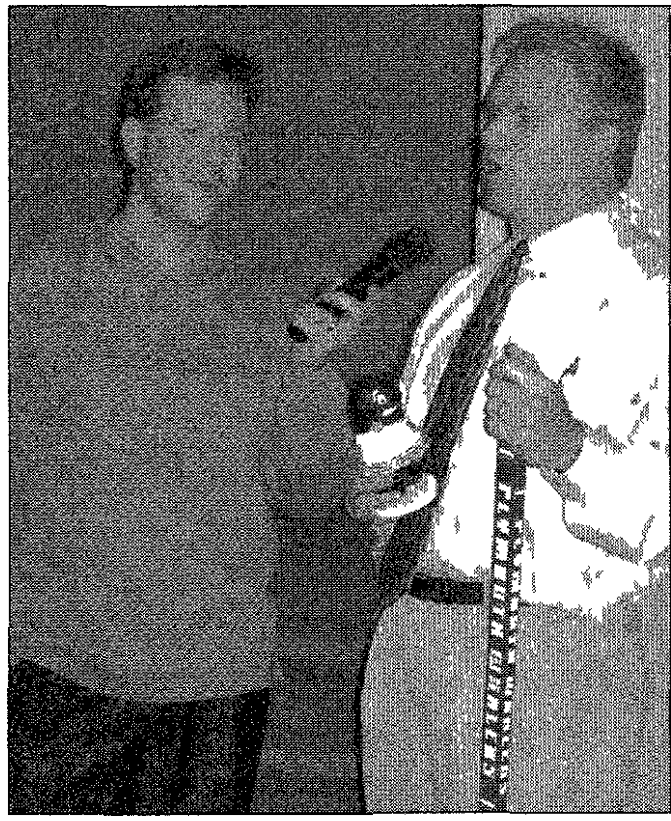
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Laughter for a cause

Local 4 meteorologist Eric Wilson chats with Plymouth Whalers director of corporate sales and marketing Rob Murphy during a comedy show to benefit the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. The show, which raised nearly \$8,000, was held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The Whalers contributed a suite for 20 people as part of the center's live auction. That item alone brought \$350. Wilson served as emcee and auctioneer.

The Plymouth District Library offers the following programs during June:

■ **LIVING BETTER WITH LOW VISION**, Tuesday, June 7, 1 p.m. — This free program will be presented by Cheryl Terpening Frueh, occupational therapist and owner of Mobil Eyes. She will provide valuable information on common eye problems and available services. High and low tech devices will be available for attendees to try and purchase. Library staff will introduce the many services and resources available to assist low vision patrons. Advance registration is suggested for this program — call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **LISTEN UP!** How to download audio books, Thursday, June 9, 7 p.m. — You can now download audio books from the library's homepage to your computer or MP3 player. Find out how you can access over 700 books available through the library and how easy it is to use at this informational demonstration. Registration is suggested — call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, June 7, at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, June 21, at 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.

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, June 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com.

■ **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP**, Monday, June 21, 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@comcast.net

■ **PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m. — The topic for June is rain gardens and bog gardens. This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and plans for the upcoming season. All gardeners are invited, no registration is required.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, June 22, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org.

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Holy Fools* by Joanne Harris. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org.

■ **GREAT BOOKS** — This discussion group does not meet during the summer months — details of the fall meeting schedule can be found in the next library newsletter or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet Web site: <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

Youth Programs

The Library announces its popular summer reading program — Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds — Books, reading, prizes and fun.

Starting on June 20, all children are encouraged to come to the library, sign up for the program and start reading. This program is designed for students aged 6-12. It has been developed to promote a love of books and libraries encourage summer reading, and help maintain reading skills. A visit to the library once each week will help reach these goals. A wide variety of programs are planned throughout the summer. June programs include:

■ **SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PROGRAM**

■ **BAFFLING BILL**, Tuesday, June 28, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. — Enjoy Baffling Bill's astounding magic, audience participation, balloon sculpted and non-stop

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The weekly library activities of the summer reading program begin July 1.

■ **LAPSPIT STORYTIME**, Monday, June 13, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute song and rhyme time is for babies ages six to 24 months and their care-givers. No siblings, please.

■ **BABY PLAY** — Monday, June 27, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to the Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. This month, there will be no Saturday repeat program as it is the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Teen Programs

■ **TEEN BOOK QUEST**, June 20-Aug 5 — Signup begins on June 17. Participants are encouraged to read, attend cool programs and win prizes. Program details:

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Get a free paperback — Read six books and do two activities.

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Each reading log you turn in gets you another chance for the grand prize and weekly drawing. Grand prizes include an iPod Shuffle, \$100 gift certificate to Twelve Oaks.

For more details, come on in to the library or go to the teen Web page, plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm

■ **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, June 11, 3-4:30 p.m. — TAB provides opportunities for teens to volunteer and to provide feedback regarding library services for young adults, including making recommendations about the library Web site's Teen Zone, suggesting books, CDs, DVDs and other materials for the collection and teen programs.

■ **MEDIAEVAL FAIR**, Sunday, June 12, noon to 4:30 p.m. — Come join those wacky Society for Creative Anachronism folks and relive Medieval Times. Check out the broadsword fighting (in the parking lot), crafts to make and take like chainmail bracelets, heraldry, and calligraphy. Enjoy feasting on all sorts of medieval food, juggling, music and more. Take a break from studying and stop by. You can sign up for Teen Summer Reading while you're here. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **MANDRAKE'S MISSING**, Monday, June 20, 6 p.m. — Come solve the mystery. Then enjoy pizza, pop and ice cream. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BOOKS & BAGELS II** for EIGHTH GRADE and UP, Tuesday, June 21, 3 p.m. — Read *Speak* by Laurie R. King. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **MOVIE & POPCORN**, Wednesday, June 22, 2 p.m. — 'A Knight's Tale' Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BOOKS & BAGELS I** for SIXTH-EIGHTH GRADE, Tuesday, June 28, 3 p.m. — *The Squire's Tale* by Gerald Morris. If you like things about kings and knights, you'll like this goofy medieval, Arthurian comedy. Pick up your copy of the book and register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **MOVIE & POPCORN**, Wednesday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. — Don't miss this classic, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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■ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS SUMMER** — Trimming session Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m. — If you're interested in helping out at the library and receiving community service hours, come by for one of these trimming sessions. It will cover craft assistance for children's programs and/or shelving children's nonfiction books.

■ **BOOKS & BAGELS**, Monday, June 14, 3:30 p.m. — Snack on bagels and juice and discuss this month's book *Ties that Bind, Ties that Break* by Lensey Namioka. Advance registration is required, and attendance is limited to the first 12 teens who register. Pick up books at the circulation desk. Come to the discussion, and you'll get to keep the book for FREE! For more good books to read, visit plymouthlibrary.org/yab.htm

■ **MORE BOOKS AND BAGELS**, Tuesday, June 22, 3:30 p.m. — There's an extra Books and Bagels this month. Read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.

■ **DIY CRAFTS**, Monday, June 13, 3 p.m. — Make your own wearable art. Bring plain t-shirts, flip-flops, caps, sunglasses and whatever else you'd like to decorate. All decorating materials provided at no charge. Registration is required at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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Mass transit in the suburbs might seem like an oxymoron

Empty buses
Nothing clogs the arteries of suburban taxpayers like the sight of empty buses — gas-guzzling empty buses, buses going back and forth to places nobody wants to go with nobody on them

So is it any wonder that Livonia officials are contemplating a ballot proposal that would lead to ending the city's participation in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation — SMART? To many of the city's political leaders and many residents, participation in the system is anything but smart. They argue, and SMART figures confirm, that less than 1 percent of Livonia's residents even use the buses.



Hugh Gallagher

The proposal would substitute some of the money that now goes to SMART for a local transportation program for the elderly and disabled and still leave money for city programs and a tiny tax break. This would probably be, in lieu of a Headlee Amendment override, a — gasp! — tax increase.

In a cliché of the moment, the issue seems like a no-brainer. Ditch it, tell SMART to take a hike, Livonia doesn't need your stunkin' buses.

But, of course, these things are never simple. In a time when local governments are stressed to the limit and revenues are hard to come by, this proposal seems attractive. Taxpayers are right to be suspicious of paying for a service that few people in the community use, especially when those few local residents can be served by a cheaper, local system.

Mass transit is always a contentious issue in the greater Detroit area. The Motor City had every reason to promote road building and the use of the private automobile over bus, streetcar and train systems. At one time a vigorous interurban system linked towns as far west as Ann Arbor and as far north as Flint to the city. Streetcars served the near suburbs and the city until the last cars ground to a halt in Highland Park in the late 1950s. Detroit never developed the elevated train systems and subways of New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago and Toronto.

As the city of Detroit became less and less a focal point for the region and activity spread in many directions, it became harder and harder to design a bus system that served a coherent pattern. Two separate bus services developed, one to serve the city, the other to serve the suburbs. When Michael Duggan was placed in charge of SMART, he empha-

sized its role in taking city workers to their jobs in the suburbs and that is still seen as SMART's primary function. It also takes city residents to the kind of shopping that isn't available to them in the city.

Many proponents of the plan to end Livonia's participation in SMART point to the demise of Wonderland as another reason why SMART doesn't serve enough people to be worthwhile.

As in almost all discussions of Detroit issues, some people see a racial component to all of this. The buses bring black residents of the city to the predominantly white suburbs and that, some say, is what's really behind the proposal. That conveniently dismisses all the logical, non-racial arguments that have been put forward without answering them.

But those kind of racial tensions still fester. Adolf Mongo, a consultant to the beleaguered Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, made some disparaging remarks about Livonia on Frank Beckman's WJR radio show. He said Livonia police officers shoot at African-Americans and that's why they don't feel safe in the suburbs. Livonia Mayor Jack Engbretson leaped to his city's defense, saying officers had fired their weapons only twice in 20 years, only once involving an African-American.

Mongo's comments were misplaced, politically motivated and in Beckman's words "way over the top." But they show how race can be used and abused to cloud every issue.

A better argument for mass transit is that we all need to look to the future. We need to decide now what kind of urban area we want. Do we want cleaner air, do we want lively urban centers, do we want a master plan that makes sense? Other major cities, cities that still have lively downtowns and interesting and vital neighborhoods, also have intelligent mass transit systems.

Detroit mayoral candidate Freman Hendrix has been touting a light rail system for Woodward and others have suggested a light rail link from downtown to the airport. Other plans have called for articulated buses with express lanes and improved tram service linking Ann Arbor, Lansing, Flint, Grand Rapids and Detroit.

It's not just transportation, it's transportation in the overall planning for our future as an urban center.

As one of the largest suburbs with vital, intelligent, active residents, Livonia shouldn't be backing out, it should be taking a leadership role toward that better future for all of us.

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I'm positive that cynicism can be overcome with time

Hello, everybody. My name is Bill.

And — I'm a cynic. There I've admitted it. In public. That's always the first step in trying to overcome these types of obsessions, right?

I haven't always been cynical. I didn't wake up one morning with a scowl on my face and an attitude. Like most any kind of personality trait, it developed over time, slowly through the years, until all the evidence pointed to one inescapable fact: I sound just like my father.



Bill Emerick

There's an old saying that a pessimist sees the glass as half-empty, while an optimist sees the same glass as half-full.

A cynic will point out that the water is lukewarm.

Look at it another way. A pessimist sees things and asks, "Why?" An optimist sees things and asks, "Why not?"

A cynic sees things and blurts out, "What the —?!"

Now don't get me wrong. I still like to think of myself as a

fun-loving guy. My wife and kids love me (I hope), my friends enjoy my company (I think) and my co-workers couldn't imagine life without me (I wish). I still greet each sunrise with the thought that, no matter how bad the day might turn out, it beats the alternative.

But it seems I've reached a point in life where virtually any situation or circumstance can elicit nothing but cynicism from me in response. As the Four Tops once famously put it: "I can't help myself."

Of course, nothing in this world happens in a vacuum. If my persona has reached the tipping point in relation to cynicism, it hasn't been without good reason. For example:

It's easy to be cynical when, despite the fact every auto insurance policy written in the state carries a surcharge from the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association to cover under- and uninsured motorists (scheduled to be \$141.70 for fiscal year 2005-06), I was never asked for my proof of insurance when renewing my license tabs earlier this month.

It's not too hard to be cynical when you discover that the idiot charged in the May 2 traffic accident in Farmington Hills that left a mother and her two sons dead is getting credit for jail time served while he's recovering from his injuries in Beaumont Hospital — simply because he's under round-the-clock guard by Oakland County Sheriff's deputies (at taxpayer expense, of course).

And it's difficult not to be cynical while reading every day of the carnage in Iraq, the budget morass in Lansing and the impending school system collapse in Detroit and realize that still barely half the people in this country care enough to vote in any given election.

Being an admitted cynic does have its advan-

However, today is a new day. I've taken the first step in beating my problem by admitting I have one. From here on out, I will try to look at the world in a more positive light and not simply see the worst that human nature has to offer.

For instance, I never allow myself to get sucked into the fervor surrounding the Detroit Lions at the beginning of every new season. Nope, I say to myself: "Don't buy the hype. They haven't disappointed me yet."

Likewise, it didn't take an "investigative report" for me to believe that — gasp! — the voting on *American Idol* might not be on the up and up. A hardened cynic like me saw that one from the start.

However, today is a new day. I've taken the first step in beating my problem by admitting I have one. From here on out, I will try to look at the world in a more positive light and not simply see the worst that human nature has to offer.

With that in mind, I'm hoping in the coming weeks and months to use this space to examine the issues that matter to readers like you. Because, despite my battle with cynicism, I suspect we share more in common than we have differences.

I'm a lifelong metro Detroiter, actually born in the city. As I mentioned, I have a wife and two children, attend church on (most) Sundays and have refinanced three times in the last five years to try to take advantage of whatever meager savings I can.

We go out to eat far too often, spend most of our weekends in fall and spring at various soccer fields and can't quite figure out just where in the hell those ants are getting in the house.

I can name the presidents in order, can fit all my tools in one (small) toolbox and think Guinness should be part of the food pyramid. See what I mean?

So if you'll bear with me, I'm going to take this new outlook on life one day at a time. I can't promise it'll be a smooth journey — certain things just leave me shaking my head (cell phones in cars, *Star Wars*, NHL owners and players). All I can do is my best and hope that it's enough for all you cynics out there.

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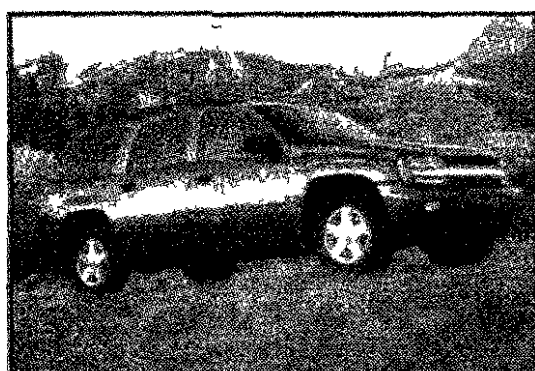
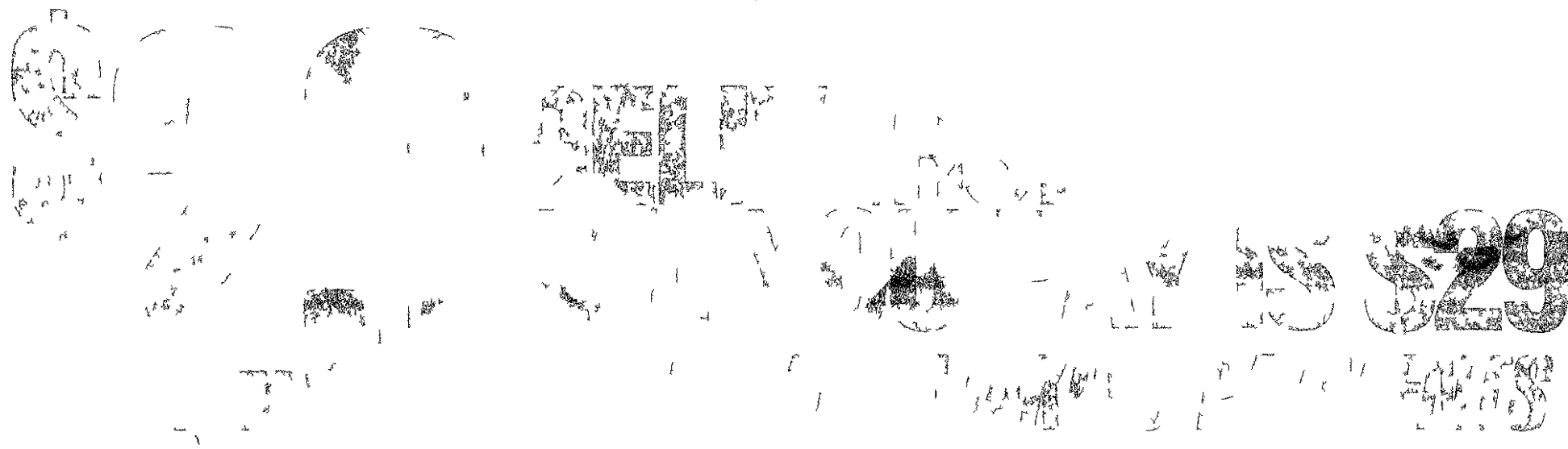
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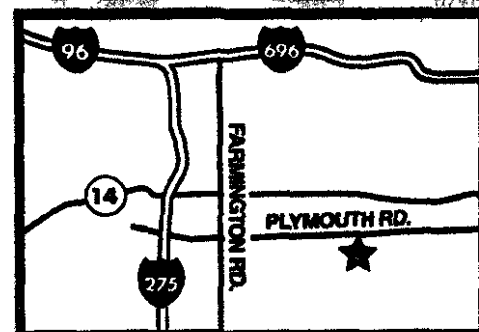
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Salem's Tara Duncan rips a shot past Westland John Glenn defender Jessika Williams during Thursday night's Division 1 district semi-final game at the P-CEP soccer field. The Rocks won, 10-0, to advance to Saturday's district final game against Canton. The results of Saturday's title match will appear in Thursday's Observer.

Sidelines

Wrestling camp

The Canton High School wrestling camp will be held June 27-30 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. There will be two sessions per day.

The camp is designed for kids between the ages of 8 and 18 and no previous wrestling experience is required to participate. Campers will be split into groups based on their experience level. The cost for the camp is \$50. To register, contact Canton Coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083, or e-mail Randolph at c_randolph44@yahoo.com.

Strength camp

The Plymouth High School athletic department will be hosting a strength-and-conditioning camp for all current seventh- and eighth-grade students from 7-8 p.m. June 6-9 and 7-8 p.m. June 13-16. The camp, which costs \$45, will be held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Participants must wear athletic clothing and athletic shoes. Contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

PCEP hockey news

A meeting for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Hockey Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of present and future players are encouraged to attend.

The hockey booster club will be holding its annual golf outing Saturday, Aug. 27, at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton. The cost is \$110 for individual golfers and \$400 for foursomes. The fee includes greens fees, cart, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner. Individuals can attend the dinner only for \$35. Contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802, Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332, or Noreen Deslets at (734) 397-5691.

Junior Olympics

High Velocity Sports in Canton will host the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics regional soccer qualifier June 24-26. First- and second-place teams earn a berth in the AAU Junior Olympic National Tournament set for late-July in New Orleans, La. The age groups run from U9 to U18 for both boys and girls teams. The entry fee is \$250 per team. For further information, contact HVS at (734) HV-SPORT.

Cheer tryouts

Cheerleading tryouts for Plymouth High School will be held beginning Monday in the school's gymnasium. There will be workout and learning sessions from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday with tryouts scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday morning. For more information, call (734) 582-5700.

Rocks blast Rockets 10-0 in district semis



Salem's Ashley Stoychoff (right) battles for possession of the ball with Westland John Glenn's Megan Johnson during Thursday night's Division 1 district semi-final game.

Canton thumps Churchill Page B5

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As soon as the Salem girls soccer team found its rhythm Thursday night, it gave Westland John Glenn the blues.

Playing less than 48 hours after an exhausting, double-overtime shoot-out victory over Ann Arbor Huron, the Rocks blasted the Rockets, 10-0, in a Division 1 district semifinal match played at the P-CEP soccer field. The lopsided triumph earned the Rocks a berth in Saturday's district final against familiar foe Canton. (Due to deadline restrictions, the results of Saturday's final will appear in Thursday's edition of the Observer.)

"It seemed like we were knocking the

ball around without any purpose the first 10 minutes of the game," said Salem coach Joe Nora, whose team took a 9-7-4 record into Saturday's cross-campus showdown. But we seemed to find our rhythm after that and we played a lot better.

"It was a good game for us because we expended a lot of energy against Huron on Tuesday. We had a light practice on Wednesday, and we got to play a lot of girls tonight, especially in the second half. I thought the whole team played well."

The season-ending loss dropped the Rockets to 4-14-1.

Eight different Rocks tallied goals Thursday. The scoring parade was started by senior forward Megan McCarthy, who sprinted 20 yards down the right sideline with the ball and past the Rockets' defense before rifling a shot past diving John Glenn goalie Melissa Frederick with 29:19 remaining in the first half.

Salem enjoyed a 3-0 halftime cushion thanks to goals from Laura Boothroyd and Kristin March. Both tallies were assisted by Kristin March.

Adsit, McCarthy, March, Kathryn Wheatley, Rachel Gzicka, Colleen Burke and Miranda Evers scored second-half goals for the Rocks. Adsit, Wheatley, Burke, March and Kelly Lepper were credited with assists. Frederick was sensational in goal for the Rockets until she picked up a red card midway through the second half following a collision with March. The junior net-minder made 12 saves, many of the eye-opening variety. "It was a typical game for Missy," said Nora. "She stopped break-aways and she made several saves from point-blank range. That's why she was voted to the All-Conference team. I don't think she really deserved the red card. She was just playing hard."

Dynamic duo

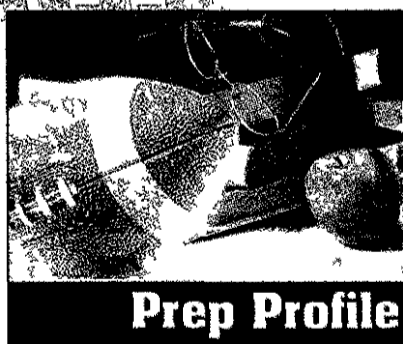
Salem's Siedlaczek and Smith make a formidable pair on links

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you lined up the buckets of driving-range balls Salem golfers Jamie Siedlaczek and Ashley Smith have gone through over the past few years, the line would probably stretch from the Salem parking lot to Ypsilanti's Eagle Crest Golf Course, the site of this weekend's Division 1 state meet.

The line would also be long and straight — just like most of the two standout golfers' tee shots. "Probably thousands," Siedlaczek said, when asked how many driving-range buckets she has filled and emptied since she first picked up a club at the age of 10. "Practicing on the driving range can get pretty repetitive, but I realize it's something I have to do if I want to play well. The most important thing is to stay focused when you're hitting ball after ball. The mental part of the game is so important."

Led by Siedlaczek and Smith, the Rocks earned a berth in the state meet for the second consecutive season on May 19 when they were the runners-up at their regional tournament held at Giant Oaks Golf Course in Temperance.



Prep Profile

Smith earned medallist honors and Siedlaczek wasn't far off her teammate's front-running pace.

"Arguably, Jamie and Ashley form the best one-two combination in the area," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "I'd stack them up against any other team's top two players. They always play in the same foursome in the meets and tournaments, and they feed off each other. They're competitive with each other. They both want to win, but it's a healthy thing between the two of them. There's never any animosity."

SETTING THE TONE

Siedlaczek, a four-year letter-winner, is the team's lone captain.

PLEASE SEE DUO, B3



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Salem golfers Jamie Siedlaczek (left) and Ashley Smith have formed one of the state's top one-two combinations the past two years. Siedlaczek, a senior, and Smith, a junior, competed this weekend along with their Salem teammates in the Division 1 state meet in Ypsilanti.

Canton wrestler wins two titles in one day

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER



Phillips

Phillips' gold medal performances earned him a berth in the Junior Freestyle and Greco-Roman National Championship in Fargo, North Dakota July 25-31.

Corey Phillips was one of the youngest competitors in the 140-pound Junior Division at the Michigan Wrestling Federation championship meet held May 21-22 in Battle Creek.

The 16-year-old Canton sophomore proved he was also the most talented as he earned first-place trophies in both the Freestyle and Greco-Roman competitions. Phillips was wrestling against 17- and 18-year-old athletes.

"This is just another feather in Corey's cap," said Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph. "It was a big step for him moving up from the Cadet Division. He'll be in the Junior Division another two years, so the future is bright for him."

"This is a great opportunity for Corey, too, because he'll get to wrestle with Team Michigan all summer before the national tournament in July."

Phillips' gold medal performances earned him a berth in the Junior Freestyle and Greco-Roman National Championships in Fargo, North Dakota July 25-31.

In the Freestyle tournament, Phillips breezed through the first three rounds, pinning Middleville's Justin Lewis, winning 10-0 over Cody Ingle in his second match before capturing a technical-fall triumph over West Ottawa's Kareem

PLEASE SEE WRESTLER, B4

Rocks tune up for districts with win

Salem's softball team finished its regular season Wednesday afternoon with an impressive 3-2 victory over Allen Park. The win lifted the Rocks' to 20-13 heading into Saturday's Division I district showdown against Canton. The Jaguars dropped to 23-8.

"It was a nice win for us going into the district tournament," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Plus, the girls hit the 20-win mark, which shows they can play with the best of them."

Salem's winning run scored when Ali Proodian led off with a double before being replaced by pinch-runner Liz Thomas.

a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame to grab a 2-1 advantage. Both teams scored single runs in the sixth to close out the scoring.

Salem's winning run scored when Ali Proodian led off with a double before being replaced by pinch-runner Liz Thomas. The next batter, Kat McKinley, laid down a bunt single. Thomas came home when the throw to first was bobbled. The complete-game victory improved Leach's record to 9-4. Proodian, Tina Smegowski, McKinley and Kelly Behr all had hits for the Rocks.

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK LISTINGS

SHOT PUT

Jon Smart (Catholic Central) 53.4
 Jake Maloney (Catholic Central) 52.3
 Nick Barrett (Catholic Central) 50.7
 Brian Nakonecny (Stevenson) 50.0
 Jon Whaley (Franklin) 49.4
 Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 48.10
 Matt Shilekis (Redford Union) 48.3
 Greg Copeland (John Glenn) 47.55
 John Franchi (Catholic Central) 46.75
 Pat Higgins (Luth. Westland) 45.11

DISCUS

Nick Barrett (Catholic Central) 161.8
 Brian Nakonecny (Stevenson) 153.7
 Nick Moores (Catholic Central) 149.0
 Jon Marsh (Salem) 148.3
 Brian Henley (John Glenn) 139.3
 Kris Bollerud (John Glenn) 136.3
 Steve Paye (Canton) 136.0
 Joe Zagaj (Canton) 135.0
 David Johnson III (Redford Union) 134.10
 Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 133.10

HIGH JUMP

Chris Brown (Redford Union) 6.3
 Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 6.1
 Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6.1
 Andrew Rossow (Canton) 6.0
 Cameron Scharchburg (Plymouth) 6.0
 Alante Whiting (John Glenn) 6.0
 Steve Rimmer (Franklin) 6.0
 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 5.11
 Matt McClellan (Canton) 5.10
 Joe Gonzalez (Stevenson) 5.10
 Andre Thornton (John Glenn) 5.10
 Dan Chynoweth (Franklin) 5.10
 Chuck Elstone (Churchill) 5.10

LONG JUMP

Brian Rumao (Salem) 21.85
 Trevor Hearnis (Stevenson) 21.1
 Doug Persondek (Garden City) 20.95
 John Mitchell (Stevenson) 20.95
 D.J. Coleman (Plymouth) 20.35
 Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 20.3

BOYS TRACK LEADERS

Donnie Carson (Cville) 20.0
 Aaron Anselment (Stevenson) 19.9
 Eric Prowar (Canton) 19.750
 George Easter (John Glenn) 19.7

POLE VAULT

Ryan Santa (Churchill) 15.15
 Bill Breslin (Churchill) 13.6
 Derek Reeves (Canton) 13.0
 Joe Papp (Stevenson) 12.0
 Dennis Tullio (Franklin) 11.10
 Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 11.9
 Andrew Cutshall (Stevenson) 11.6
 Kurt Bonser (Churchill) 11.6
 Nate Sherwood (Plymouth) 11.6
 Josh Paika (Luth. Westland) 11.0
 Jeremy Peer (Franklin) 11.0

110 METER HURDLES

Rodney Preston (Canton) 14.6
 Brad Zygmuntowicz (Catholic Central) 15.3
 Aaron Anselment (Stevenson) 15.5
 Andrew Reinel (Catholic Central) 15.5
 Alan Culbertson (Franklin) 15.5
 Lorne Bowles (Thurston) 15.6
 Baze Efermov (Salem) 15.7
 Bill Breslin (Churchill) 15.7
 Paul Rosin (Luth. Westland) 15.7
 Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 15.8

300 HURDLES

Rodney Preston (Canton) 40.4
 Andrew Reinel (Catholic Central) 41.0
 Alan Culbertson (Franklin) 41.4
 Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 41.4
 Michael Duffield (Churchill) 41.6
 Brad Zygmuntowicz (Catholic Central) 42.0
 Paul Rosin (Luth. Westland) 42.1
 Alan Culbertson (Franklin) 42.1
 John Mitchell (Stevenson) 42.7
 Steve Brown (Redford Union) 42.9

100 DASH

Darrian Miller (Wayne) 10.6
 Donnie Carson (Cville) 10.8
 Jared Owens (Thurston) 10.9
 Darius Williams (Franklin) 10.9
 Nana Adomako (Stevenson) 10.9
 Eric Prowar (Canton) 11.0

Michael Palombo (Catholic Central) 11.0
 D.J. Coleman (Plymouth) 11.1
 Dan Daves (John Glenn) 11.1
 Eddie Brown (Thurston) 11.2
 Brian Chandler (Stevenson) 11.2
 Kevin Bartos (Luth. Westland) 11.2
 Rodney Preston (Canton) 11.2
 Eric Prowar (Canton) 11.2
 Andre Thornton (John Glenn) 11.2

200

Michael Palombo (Catholic Central) 22.3
 Cyrus Azzi (Canton) 22.6
 Arrian Miller (Wayne) 22.6
 Dave Calile (Canton) 22.6
 Jared Owens (Thurston) 22.6
 Donnie Carson (Cville) 22.7
 Eddie Brown (Thurston) 22.7
 Brian Chandler (Stevenson) 22.8
 D.J. Coleman (Plymouth) 22.9
 Eric Prowar (Canton) 23.0
 Nana Adomako (Plymouth) 23.0

400

Cyrus Azzi (Canton) 49.4
 David Dilon (Churchill) 50.6
 David Calile (Canton) 51.1
 John Stewart (Cville) 51.2
 Trevor Hearnis (Stevenson) 51.8
 Andrew Rossow (Canton) 52.0
 Pat Brown (Thurston) 52.3
 Sean Dillon (Plymouth) 52.9
 Brad Sokolowski (Salem) 53.0
 Billy Kahler (Luth. Westland) 53.2

800

Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 1:58.3
 Jason Morad (Catholic Central) 1:59.3
 Sean Dillon (Plymouth) 2:00.2
 Joe Horka (Churchill) 2:00.3
 Stephan Maxe (Churchill) 2:01.2
 Eric Kehoe (Luth. Westland) 2:02.7
 Maxwell Working (Catholic Central) 2:03.0
 Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 2:03.0
 Antoine Anderson (Redford Union) 2:03.9
 Derek Parsons (Thurston) 2:04.6
 Tim Francisco (Churchill) 2:04.6

1600

Joe Horka (Churchill) 4:30.4
 Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 4:30.9
 Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 4:34.2
 Tim Howse (Churchill) 4:35.6
 Tim Francisco (Churchill) 4:36.0
 Alex Lumley (Salem) 4:37.3
 Maxwell Working (Catholic Central) 4:38.0
 Connor Schuitz (Churchill) 4:39.1
 A.J. Huber (Catholic Central) 4:42.6
 Eric Zech (Canton) 4:43.7

3200

Tim Howse (Churchill) 9:52.1
 Connor Schuitz (Churchill) 9:55.2
 Dan Kapadia (Salem) 10:04.3
 Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 10:09.3
 Maxwell Working (Catholic Central) 10:10.0
 James Walsh (Salem) 10:13.7
 Dan Wilson (Stevenson) 10:24.4
 Joe Horka (Churchill) 10:24.8
 Jim Walsh (Salem) 10:31.0
 Zach Oleski (Catholic Central) 10:31.0

400 RELAY

Canton 43.6
 Livonia Stevenson 43.8
 Redford Thurston 44.2
 Livonia Franklin 44.6
 Livonia Clearanceville 44.8

800 RELAY

Canton 1:29.6
 Livonia Stevenson 1:30.9
 Lutheran Westland 1:33.1
 Livonia Churchill 1:33.6
 Livonia Franklin 1:34.2

1600 RELAY

Canton 3:25.8
 Livonia Stevenson 3:32.9
 Lutheran Westland 3:33.2
 Livonia Stevenson 3:35.0
 Salem 3:35.0

3200 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 8:12.7
 Catholic Central 8:18.30
 Redford Thurston 8:23.8
 Livonia Stevenson 8:28.4
 Salem 8:29.4

PREP SOFTBALL

"I'm glad we got to play Allen Park to help us prepare for the tournament. Allen Park has a good team and they have a good pitcher. We needed to face someone fast."

Melissa Leach earned the win on the mound for the Rocks, yielding six hits and one walk while striking out four. The Jaguars jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the third, but the Rocks responded with

Spartans edge Rock hitters

Ben Schroeder and Kyle Thom each knocked in pair of runs Wednesday as Livonia Stevenson wrapped up the regular season with a 5-2 baseball win over visiting Salem. Stevenson enters state tournament play with a 14-17 record, while Salem falls to 16-15.

Luke Knochel also had an RBI for the Spartans, while Clayton Pack scored two runs. Schroeder, Sam Hoyt and Tony Pounders also scored runs for Stevenson. Schroeder, who went two innings and faced just seven batters, was the winning pitcher.

French scores six in PCS lacrosse win

Mitch French scored six goals Tuesday night to lead the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team to a 10-8 victory in an opening-round game of the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs played at Novi High School. The victory propelled the Warriors into a Friday night Regional semi-final showdown against No. 1 ranked and unbeaten Birmingham Brother Rice. Results were not available at presstime and will appear in Thursday's edition of the *Observer*.

The Mustangs led 5-4 at the half, but PCS's defense solidified in the third quarter, allow-

ing the Warriors to secure a 7-5 advantage. PCS then hung on for the win in the thrilling final 10 minutes.

Jared Ruark (two), Mike Bahrou and Nick Cote joined French in the goal-scoring column. Cote added two assists to give him a team-high total of 15 helpers. Nick Saa, French and Jeff Rork were also credited with assists.

The Warriors controlled the play by winning 14-of-20 face-offs. John Savino was 6-for-6 in that department and Curtis Rose got the upper-hand in 6-of-7 face-offs.

The win improved PCS to 9-9.

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Salem golf team is 10th after 1 round

Livonia Stevenson's Rachel McHenry, shooting a 74, was the first-round co-leader in Friday's Division I state girls golf tournament being held at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest Golf Course.

McHenry and Grand Blanc's Ashley Bauer shared the top spot followed by Michelle Bowles of Davison, 75, Caitlin Bennett of Grosse Pointe North, 76, and Ashley Smith of Salem, 77.

In the team standings, Grand Blanc (333), Rochester (338) and Stevenson (347) led after the first day.

Northville (350), led by Susan Snyder's 80 and Therese Juthage's 82, sat in fourth place at the first round.

Farmington Hills Mercy, eighth in the team standings with a 366, was led by Alanna Stefan's 81 (tied for 10th).

Other Stevenson scorers included Jenny Kubert, 82 (tied for 12th), Abbey Wolfe, 93, Chrissy McHenry, 98, and Chelsea Bathurst, 109.

Livonia Churchill freshman Shannon Warner, the Western Lakes Activities Association medalist and an individual state qualifier, was tied for 12th with an 82.

Salem, 10th in the team standings, also got an 82 from Jamie Siedlaczek (tied for 12th).

In the Division II tourney held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course), the top five teams included Dexter (329), Birmingham Seaholm (333), East Lansing (352), Caledonia (361) and Livonia Ladywood (364).

Camille Gardner of East Lansing was the first-round leader with a 75.

Sophomore Andrea Warzyniec led Ladywood with an 88 followed by Angela Jamrog (90), Kelly Thomas (91), Lauren Doroghazi (95) and Karen Efimetz (107).

Final-round results for both Division I and II will appear in Thursday's Observer.

DUO

FROM PAGE B1

this season. The senior's leadership qualities are as solid as her back-swing, Wilson said. "Jamie is a great captain," Wilson said. "She sets a good example for the younger girls with her work ethic. Plus she's good at organizing team functions and building team chemistry, which is very important."

"As far as her golf ability goes, she has a very athletic, powerful swing. She hits it long off the tee and, with hard work, she has really improved her short game over the past couple of years."

Siedlaczek's impressive golf game has been honed the past few years at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course, where she works in the pro shop a couple days a week during the summer. One of the job's perks is being able to use the driving range during her free time.

PRACTICE PAYS OFF

The thousands of practice swings she's taken have earned her a full-ride athletic scholarship at Lewis University, a Division II college located in Romeoville, Ill.

"The coach, Skip Steffey, told me I should be No. 2 or No. 3 my freshman year," Siedlaczek said. "I'm looking forward to it."

Siedlaczek's grade-point average at Salem — 3.97 — is as impressive as her golf handicap.

"I've always tried to have a good work ethic when it comes to my schoolwork, she said. "School has always come before sports for me."

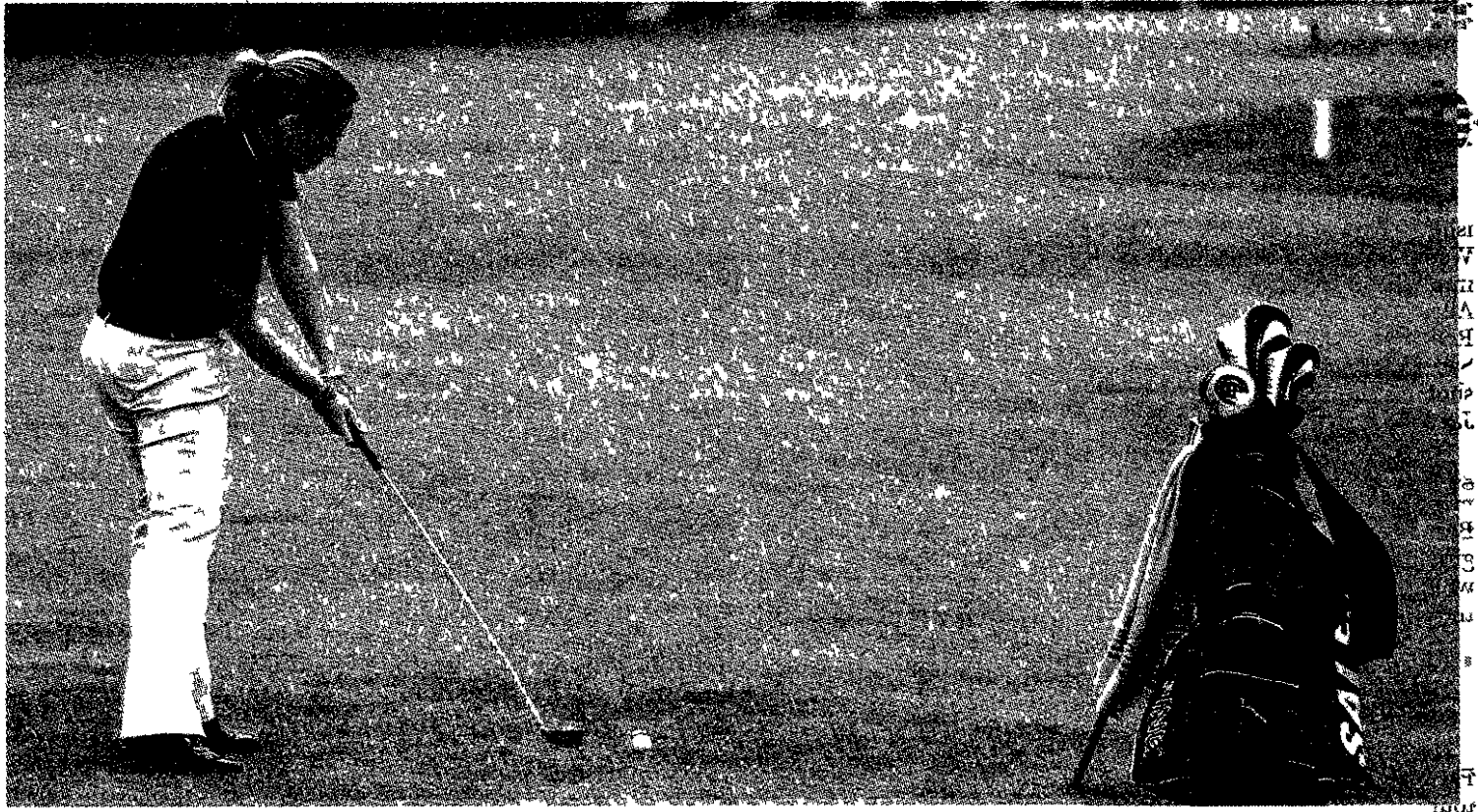
What was the one thing that separated Siedlaczek from a perfect 4.0 GPA — the academic equivalent of a hole-in-one?

"It's called chemistry," she said, chuckling.

NETS TO CLUBS

Smith was steered from the soccer fields to the fairways when she was 10 by her older brother, Jay, who played golf for Salem and Schoolcraft College.

"He would give me tips here and there when he would see



Ashley Smith displays her swing in a match earlier this year at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

something wrong with my swing," she said. "People told me I had a pretty good swing when I was younger. I think the key for me was I played to have fun. I didn't get mad when I hit a bad shot."

Smith didn't hit many bad shots in her first competitive tournament, a nine-hole event at the Kensington Park Golf Course she played in when she was 12.

"It was one of the Metro Parks tournaments, and I ended up winning," she said. "I was pretty surprised when I won."

Nothing Smith has done on the links the past three years has surprised Wilson.

"Ashley's game is very solid from tee to green," he said. "It's so solid, I don't even like to tinker with it. But she is very coachable. When I do make a suggestion, she listens to what I have to say."

"Ashley is not only a great player, but her course-management skills are fantastic. She knows when to play aggressively and when not to."

GOLF SMARTS

Smith credits her ability to pull the reins back on her

powerful swing and her calm demeanor as the two primary reasons she has been able to win all four sudden-death playoffs she's played in at Salem.

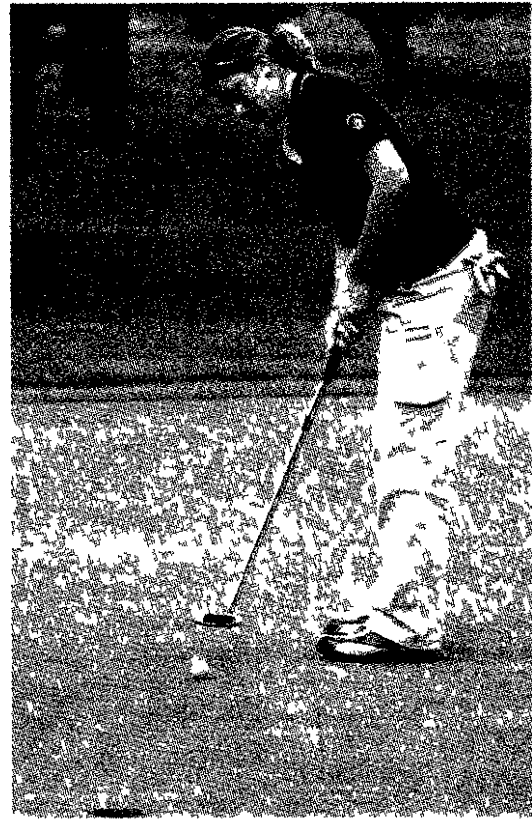
"I think the key to winning the playoffs is not trying to be a hero on the first hole," she said. "I've won all four playoffs with pars. It's just a matter of hitting the drive on the fairway, getting on the green in two and two-putting."

"I don't get nervous either, which helps. Some girls' hands are shaking when they're teeing their ball up on the first playoff hole. I may get a few butterflies in my stomach (before a playoff), but I'm not nervous."

Smith said playing alongside Siedlaczek the past three years has had a positive effect on her game.

"It's cool being able to play every day with someone whose ability is the same or better than mine," she said. "We push each other and we want to see each other do well."

Smith said her long-term goals include playing colle



Jamie Siedlaczek has made more than her share of clutch putts during her four-year varsity career at Salem.

gate golf

"Michigan and Michigan State have shown some interest in me," she said. "But I think it would be neat to even

play for a smaller, Division II school like Grand Valley."

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WRESTLER

FROM PAGE B1
Nagus, 17-6
Phillips edged Sparta's Rob Yahmarkt, 7-6, to reach the fifth round, where he won on a bye
Phillips opened the Greco-Roman competition with a 13-12 win over Lewis. He then ousted Yahmarkt, 13-3, before dispatching Matt Fakhour, 14-0, and Lance Bice, 10-0 in the title match
Bice, from Addison, finished second in the state at this year's Division IV MHSAA state meet
Last year, Phillips fared well at the national meet, finishing 4-2. He missed gaining All-American status by just one win
He is currently ranked in the Top 30 in the country at 130 pounds by a respected national high school wrestling publication
Phillips finished fifth at 130 in this year's state meet. He finished with an overall record of 51-7
Canton's Marwan Faraj placed fifth in his weight class in the Greco-Roman junior division



Canton's Corey Phillips (left) won the 140 pound Michigan Wrestling Federation State Freestyle and Greco-Roman championships at the state tournament held May 21-22 at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek

CC netters struggle on day 1 of D1 state meet

Redford Catholic Central, ranked as high as No. 2 this season, sat in seventh place after first day of the Division I boys tennis finals held at the Midland Community Center
Ann Arbor Pioneer (24 points) led the team standings followed by Ann Arbor Huron (19), Birmingham Brother Rice (16), Grosse Pointe South (14), West Bloomfield and Troy (13 each) and Catholic Central (12)
CC remained alive in only two of the eight flights
Nick Carroll, the Shamrocks No. 3 singles player, earned a spot in Saturday's semifinal after defeating Miles Boren of West Bloomfield, 6-3, 6-0, and Brent Parshall of Grosse Pointe South, 6-0, 6-0
At No. 3 doubles, CC's tandem of Matt Rutkowski and Joe Trupiano also reached the semifinals by defeating Rob Jurewicz and Mike Lewis of West Bloomfield, 6-4, 6-2, and Matt Cannavo and Matt Hurches of University of Detroit-Jesuit, 6-1, 6-1
CC's No. 1 singles player, Britton Steele, was a quarterfinal casualty against Matt Parks of Troy, 6-4, 6-1. Steele opened with a three-set win over Zach Huber of Holland West Ottawa, 6-7 (5-7), 6-0, 6-1
Livonia Churchill's regional runner-up, Trevor Kogut, fell to West Bloomfield's Adam Williams, 6-1, 6-1, in his opening-round singles match
Kogut, a senior, finished 11-7 on the year
At No. 2 singles, CC's Kevin Bender was upended in his first match from Cohn Mark-Griffin of Pioneer, 6-0, 6-0
At No. 4 singles, CC's Chris Atallah was ousted in the quarterfinals by Joe Grant of Port Huron Northern, 6-4, 6-2, after beating Rutwik Khare of Troy, 6-7 (6-8), 6-2, 6-0
Brother Rice's Brad Thomasma and Hunter Dzierbicki eliminated CC's No. 1 doubles team of Ryan Snyder and Victor Ansara in the second round, 6-1, 5-7, 6-0
Snyder and Ansara won their first-round match against Adam Meehle and Robbie Nelson of Grand Blanc, 6-2, 7-6
CC's No. 2 doubles team of Kevin Murphy and Andrew Nadhir lost to Midland's Tom Bell and Alex Fontaine in their opener, 6-3, 6-2
At No. 4 doubles, CC's Samir DaCosta and Ryan Bourjaily were ousted by West Bloomfield's Dustin Goldenberg and Alex Simmons, 7-5, 7-5, in the quarterfinals after defeating Justin Jellis and James Jones of L'Anse Creuse North, 6-1, 6-2

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Chief kickers advance to district final with 5-0 win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls soccer team resembled the "Big Red Machine" Thursday night in its 5-0 Division 1 district semifinal victory over Livonia Churchill.

The convincing victory catapulted the Chiefs (13-4-2) into Saturday's district final against Salem, which knocked off Westland John Glenn in Thursday's second semi-final game at the P-CEP soccer field. (Due to deadline restrictions, results from Saturday's game will appear in Thursday's edition of the *Observer*.)

The setback dropped the Chargers' season-ending record to 9-9-2.

"To tell you the truth, I didn't feel comfortable until we scored our fourth goal (with 19:13 remaining), admitted Canton coach George Tomasso. "Churchill has a good team, so you never know what could happen. The first time we played them (a 2-0 Canton victory) it was a very competitive game. I was cautious about making any (line-up) changes until we went up 4-0."

"I thought the entire team played very well tonight. We were possessing and combining as well as we have all year. We had a good flow going tonight."

Churchill interim coach Matt Grodzicki's discomfort level arrived long before Tomasso found his comfort level.

"I knew we were going to have to come out in the first 10 minutes and play well to beat Canton tonight, but that didn't happen," Grodzicki said. "I think once they went up 2-0 early, we had a letdown and never got back into it. Canton did a nice job. George has a solid team over there."

The Chiefs scored first less than three minutes into the game when sophomore forward Becca Houdek took a pass from Molly Priebe approximately 30 yards from the net, dribbled to within 15 yards and fired the ball past Charger net-minder Megan Allen. Two minutes later, Canton's Lisa Ealy scored off a Kelsy Zemanski assist to make it 2-0.

Canton carried a 3-0 advantage into the half thanks to an Ali Perry goal, which was assisted by Jenna Dreher.

The Chiefs cemented the win with second-half goals from Jenn Krajovic, who was assisted by Houdek, and Hannah Mills.

Five different players scored, which was nice to see, said Tomasso.

Canton senior sweeper Andrea Johnson didn't figure in the scoring, but she made her presence felt on the defensive end of the field.

One of the lone bright spots for the Chargers was the play of Allen, who finished her prep career with a stellar effort.

"Megan was outstanding, just like she's been all year," said Grodzicki. "She left it all on the field tonight. I thought all six of our seniors did."

Churchill's leading scorer, Katrin Omarsdottir, played for the first time in two weeks Thursday, but she was noticeably slowed by a leg injury she sustained in practice in mid-May. "She scored half of our goals this season, so when she's not 100 percent, we struggle offensively," Grodzicki said. "But that's no excuse. Canton did a nice job tonight."

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The annual Canton and Salem girls basketball camps will be held the weeks of June 20-24 and June 27 to July 1.

The first camp will be for girls entering eighth and ninth grades and run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Salem and Canton coaches, as well as varsity team members, will serve as instructors at the camps.

The second camp is designed for girls entering fourth through seventh grades.

The cost of each camp is \$70. Each camper will receive a basketball and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact either Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746, Brian Samulski at (734) 673-2555, or the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department at (734) 416-2937.

MADONNA CAMP

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The girls camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, July 20-24 (cost \$170).

Hot lunch meal plans are available for full-day camps (\$25 per week or \$5 per day). For more information, contact Chuck Henry at (734) 398-5975 (day or evening) or call Madonna University at (734) 432-5591.

SOLSTICE RUN

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

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

Entry fees are \$25 (10K run), \$20 (5K walk/run) and \$9 (kids run).

Shirts will go to all entrants (if registered by June 20). Free entertainment with a live band will be provided at the finish line, along with music on the course.

Medals will go to the top three finishers in each

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

You can register online at www.SolsticeRun.org.

SOCCER CAMPS

For the 13th consecutive year, Bryan "Goose" Finnery will be hosting Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps in the metropolitan Detroit area. Joining Finnery are former Detroit Rocker teammates Droe Callahan, the camps director, Rodrigo Gonzalez, Marty Caves, Jim Lemley, Amy Knechtly, Emily Jackson, Gary Bell, Billy Joker and Brian Vanderziel. All the coaches are licensed and serve as trainers for local soccer clubs year-round. The instructor-to-camper ratio is 1-to-10.

"My staff and I look forward to another exciting camp season," said Finnery. "Being able to give back to our local communities is a highlight and an honor. The friendships we've built with the kids over the years make it like a reunion every week. It's great to catch up on how they did in school and what new achievements were conquered both on and off the soccer field."

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

The fee for the regular camp is \$139 per player, while the advanced striker/goalkeeper camp runs \$179. Interested players can register at www.goose22.com. For more information on Gooses All-Star Soccer Camps, visit www.goose22.com, or call (734) GOOSE-22. There will be camps in Canton June 20-24 and July 18-22, both at Independence Park.

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.

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 Dept., located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Weekday office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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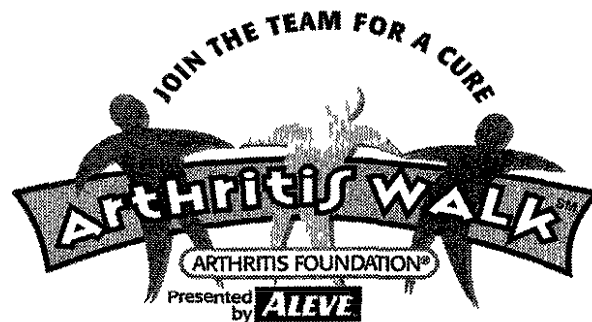
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Cup champions

The Livonia Soccer Club Wings, an under-14 Premier team captured their four straight tournament at the Canton Cup held Memorial Day weekend. The Wings also won the Novi Jaguars Invitational, the Kick in the Bluegrass Tournament in Kentucky and the Romeo Peach Fest last fall. Members of the Wings who have held seven straight tourney opponents scoreless, include (front row, from left) coach Shaun Shollack, Bob Smith (Livonia), Chad Dorton (Livonia), Garrett Gregg (Livonia), Justin Collins (Livonia), Brian Nimmo (Livonia), Jared Edwards (Northville), coach Bob Abernethy, (back row, from left) assistant coach Steve Abernethy, Steven Hoelscher (Northville), Skyler Lewandowski (Livonia), Zahn Boussi (Dearborn), Kendal Snow (Livonia), Tyler Caponey (Livonia), Brett Abernethy (Livonia), David Bladdecki (Livonia), Chad Kelterborn (Northville) and Dan Cyburt (Livonia). Not pictured is Craig Willbanks (Livonia).

Sport remains strong despite declining league membership

There are approximately 70 million people in the U.S. who participate in the sport of bowling at least once a year, according to some industry figures.

Paradoxically, as bowling's popularity remains strong, there has been a steady decline in the numbers of organized league bowlers since those numbers peaked in the late 1970s.

In the Greater Detroit Bowling Association alone, there were 3,633 leagues and 151,097 members in 1979-80 compared to 1,357 leagues and 53,364 members in 2003-4.

three or four leagues a week like they used to.

As for league membership figures, it seems that a lot of folks are reluctant to make commitments, the numbers are way down in such as fraternal organizations, clubs, civic groups, etc.

There is only a certain amount of time in each day and we are in a different era when it comes to how we utilize our time.

The associations, proprietors and promoters have tried various innovations, such as every-other-week mixed leagues, sports fans leagues, along with the growth of high school varsity bowling, sport condition bowling, tournaments (with added prize money) and added coaching.

The advent of the U.S. Bowling Congress this year

looks very promising for the future, as there is now a better structure in place to create a totally better bowling environment.

The sport of bowling is alive and well, it just has to compete for our time with so many activities brought about by our high-tech life styles like how many hours a week do you spend on the internet?

Bowling has to do something to attract a significant part of the 70 million people who do bowl, but not regularly.

I have the answer and look for it soon in the Ten Pin Alley column.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a life member of the U.S. Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Is something wrong with the sport of bowling, one may wonder?

The figures don't lie, and the Detroit area numbers are a reflection of the same thing on a nationwide basis.

The reasons for the decline in membership numbers are complex.

In the '70s, few people had home-based computers.

There was no internet, movie rental outlets like Blockbuster were just coming up in numbers and video games were only found in arcades, not in the homes. Cruises were only for the very wealthy and more people are now enjoying other toys such as boats, snowmobiles, jet skis.

NASCAR has grown in popularity, still another way to occupy our "prime time."

There was more bowling on TV with Chris Schenkel on Saturday and Beat the Champ, Bowling for Dollars and others.

Most companies, organizations, churches, schools formed their own leagues and usually had a waiting list if someone wanted to join.

Some say the declining numbers are a result of the high costs of bowling. That is simply not the case, as the bowling fees themselves have stayed relatively low, well below the rate of inflation.

It is more costly for those bowlers who get in all the optional jackpot, brackets, card games, mystery games, high over-average and more that can run up the cost of a fun night out.

Throw in a few beers or mixed drinks and a night of bowling could add up quite a lot.

With a slower economy, fewer jobs and higher costs for gas and other items, many bowlers can no longer afford

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Linda Chomin

Nature's cruel lesson

The circle of life is painful to watch. A couple of weeks ago I buried six wild bunnies in my backyard. I don't ever want to do that again. It was a thrill to watch them wriggle out of the nest in search of milk from their mother, but that joy quickly turned to sadness when my sister and I discovered them huddled together and lifeless.

We aren't sure if the mother was run over by a car - or if she was feeding them and they drowned during a downpour in the middle of the night. Either way, the experts say not to interfere with nature. I didn't. That's what makes it so painful. I can't help but feel that maybe if I had taken them into the house and fed them with an eye dropper, they might have survived.

"We get calls in spring and fall about people finding babies," said Tim Patino, a Plymouth resident who serves on the board of the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary in Whittaker. "A man recently called about two bunnies that had fallen through a grate over a window well. I told him to pull them out of there and release them in the morning or night not during the day when they could be attacked."

Patino would never bring them into the home he shares with two domestic rabbits adopted through the Rabbit Sanctuary. Although the non-profit doesn't take in wild rabbits, they're available to answer questions at (734) 461-1726.

"I'd contact the wildlife rehabilitators," said Patino. "Bringing them in is not a good option because wild animals carry disease. If any animal is hurt, contact a veterinarian. A lot of them will take care of them, but then you have to get them back into the wild."

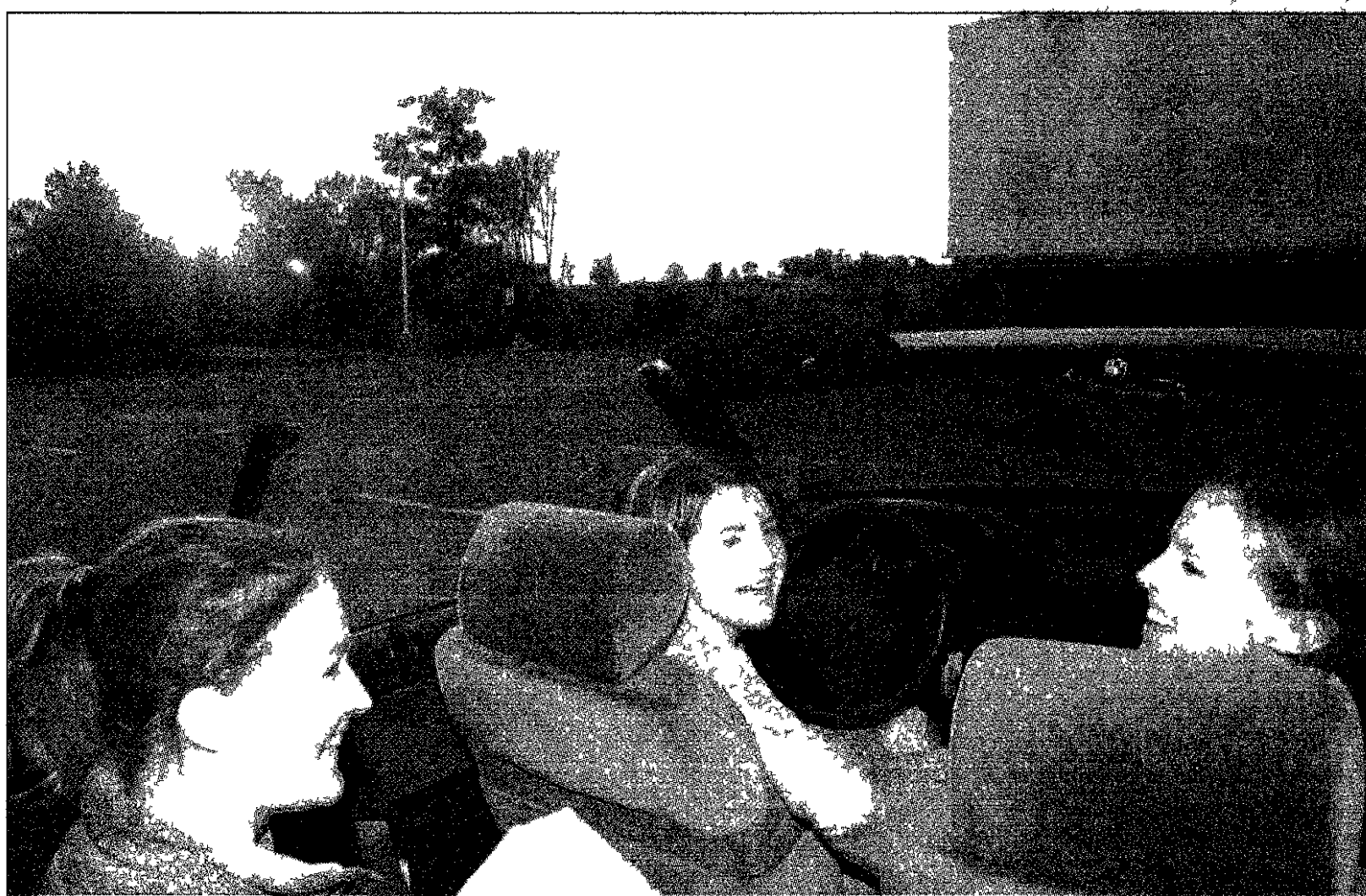
Anita McCranie suggests waiting to see if the mother returns. One of the pieces of advice she gives when answering the Friends of Wildlife helpline for cottontail rabbits is to place twigs on a nest in a tic tac toe pattern to see if it's disturbed. For more information, call (734) 670-1407. For squirrels, possums, raccoons, woodchuck, deer, fox, turtles and snakes, call (734) 913-9843. The help lines receive about 500 phone calls a year. The rabbit birthing season runs from April 1 until October. Friends of Wildlife is licensed through the Department of Natural Resources to rehabilitate and release animals into the wild whenever possible. Even with the training volunteers receive every spring, only 10 percent of orphaned baby bunnies survive.

"A mother rabbit does not stay with her nest and visits twice a day to feed. If you find a baby and it can hop it does not need rehabbing," said McCranie. "Only if we really think that mom has been killed do we recommend rehabilitation. Almost every cat caught rabbit will die. That's why they have five litters a year. Life expectancy is only about one year in the wild. They're a prey animal."

If you do find baby bunnies in your back yard as I did, McCranie's advice is to tie up your dog. My Irish Wolfhound, Shamrock, never realized the bunnies were there even though he's a sight hound. Squirrels frequently run right by him without a worry.

"Lots of times a mother will have a nest in the middle of a yard where it's safer. Lots choose yards with dogs to keep prey away," said McCranie.

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(From front left) Stacy Burger, a senior at Stevenson High School in Livonia, and Churchill High School seniors Ashley May and Jenny Howard enjoy conversation and music in Ashley's 1993 Chrysler LeBaron while they wait for 'Monster-in-Law' to start on the back screen at the Compuware Arena drive-in theater.

New movies in old-fashioned style

Drive-in makes a comeback in Compuware parking lot

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
CORRESPONDENT

A nearly full moon illuminating the cab of their Chevy pickup, Kris and Jim McAllister get cozy with a pizza and sodas.

They were so excited to see a drive-in movie they were first to arrive at the Compuware Sports Arena parking lot. They paid \$8 apiece to see *Monster-in-Law* and *The Upside of Anger*.

"You can't see one movie today for that price," Jim McAllister said.

Usually the couple frequents Dearborn's Ford Wyoming Drive In Movie Complex, a place they used to take their children and their parents took them.

On this clear Saturday night, the couple decided to try something different. They were nicely surprised by how much they enjoyed the experience.

"On a nice night, I don't think you could ask for anything more," Kris McAllister said. "You're not on top of each other here. It's just comfortable. It's just good fun."

And it's close to their Plymouth home.

Through mid-September, the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theater will feature first-run family movies. Currently it's open Friday-Sunday, but hours are tentatively expected to stretch to seven nights a week around June 10. Films are brought to the arena through a partnership with Movies at the Drive-in, LLC. Formed in 2003, the Southfield-based company provides drive-in movies at the Pontiac Silverdome parking lot as well.

And, rather than those old, static-filled speakers, movie-goers can now tune to one of three designated FM radio stations to hear the movies.



Plymouth residents Dan Smith and his 10-year old daughter, Alyssa, enjoy their first time at the drive-in theater. Alyssa made sure she had all her homework done.

ON SCREEN

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'GREAT CONCEPT'

"It's a great concept," said Matt Blasy, general manager of Compuware Sports Arena. "You don't have to get a baby sitter to come out and enjoy a movie. We're giving families a new entertainment option."

It's also a way to bring paying patrons to the ice arena during the off-season.

Poor weather and operational issues delayed this season's opening a week. For the May 20 opener they used two screens and sold 70 tickets. A third screen is scheduled to open later this month.



Kate Pakula of Northville and her boyfriend, Dru Dunham of Livonia, get snacks at the concession stand to enjoy during the movies.



Josh Larsen, 9, munches on popcorn while watching 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' with his mother and father, Laurie and Ed Larsen.

When they're fully operational, they expect to sell upwards of 200 tickets a night.

Opening weekend was successful despite some technical issues. One screen went blank three times, ironically, during *The Upside of Anger*. Patrons were surprisingly patient. Only one irritated moviegoer blasted a horn.

"That was a little frustrating," Jim McAllister admitted. "They're probably still getting their stuff together."

Blasy said they're working out some kinks, a common exercise for new business ventures.

Some may complain about the lengthy walk to restrooms and concessions, but patrons agree it's a safe, family-friendly environment.

"We've never had any type of safety issue here or at the Silverdome," said Ken Stocker, manager of Movies at the Drive-in. "Not many movie theaters can say that. We just need to figure out how to get the kids here. They don't know what a drive-in is."

Apparently at least three of them do.

HANGING OUT

Ashley May of Livonia and her two teenage girlfriends raced into the parking lot on a recent 70-degree Saturday. Styling in a convertible LeBaron, they were stocked with homemade brownies, microwave popcorn, orange pop and a knit afghan - the type grandmas are known to make. May found the drive-in advertised online.

"We're here because it's a drive-in and we thought it would be cool," May said. "I'm excited. It's gonna be fun."

For those who don't arrive so well-prepared, a carnival-style concession trailer offers an array of snacks like popcorn, nachos, soft drinks and candy. The \$4 popcorn alone will make you wish you'd popped some at home.

For something more substantial, moviegoers can order takeout from the Ginopolis On The Ice restaurant inside the arena. Servers will even deliver. Call them up, leave your credit card and license plate numbers and you can enjoy their famous Montgomery Inn ribs or a lamb shank. Be sure to request extra napkins.

Ginopolis doesn't charge a delivery fee, but "I'm sure they expect a tip," joked Ginopolis' assistant manager, Susan Zuerlein.

A baby boomer, she's nostalgic to see drive-ins coming back. "All that's missing is the swing set," she said as she surveyed the filling parking lot through a restaurant window. "People used to drive their station wagons to the drive-in. Now it's the SUV. You just open the hatch, grab a blanket, some pillows and order some food from here and you're all set."

"This year, we're hoping it will go out with a bang."



Watt-Conley

Carla A. Conley of Webberville and Brandon W.C. Watt of Gregory formerly of Canton and Redford, were married Sept. 12, 2004 in Fowlerville United Brethren in Christ Church. A reception was held at the Mason Community Building.

Attending the bride were Meggen Baize, Judith Conley, Catrina Watt and Tina Conley. Her flower girls were Shauna Conley and Caylee Watt.

Attending the groom were Kevin Bodner, Ryan Watt, Billy Watt, and Carlos Conley Jr.

Carla is the daughter of Carlos and Kathy Conley of Webberville. She is a graduate of Baker College and is employed in the human services field.

Brandon is the son of William and Cathey Watt of Gregory. He is a graduate of Kettering University. He is an electrical engineer.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Watt spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls, Canada, and are making their new home in Fowlerville.



McDonald-Gollan

John McDonald of Plymouth and Sandra McDonald of Dexter, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary E., to Kory J. Gollan, of Ferndale.

Mary is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in psychology from Michigan State University in 1996, and her Master's Degree in labor relations and human resources from MSU in 2000. She is employed as a human resources associate with Ford Motor Company.

Her fiancé, Kory, is the son of Eckhard and Michelle Gollan of Fenton. He is a 1992 graduate of Lake Fenton High School. He is a 2000 graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute with a Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering. He is pursuing his MBA from Oakland University and will graduate in 2006. He is employed as an electrical engineer at Superior Controls, Inc.

Kory and Mary are planning a September wedding and reception at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

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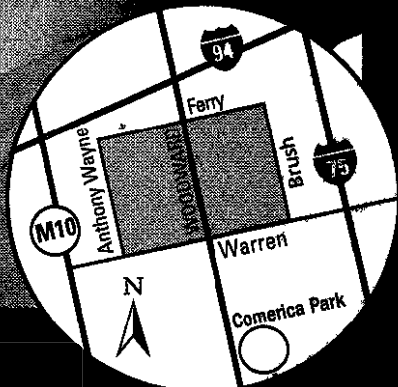
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Gretchen May Wilkins and Captain John Irwin Faunce were married May 29, 2005, at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor.

Gretchen is the daughter of John and Karen Wilkins of Ann Arbor. She is a graduate of Michigan State University.

John is the son of William and V. Faunce of Plymouth. He is a graduate of West Point-USMA. He is a Captain in the Army 82nd Airborne Division.



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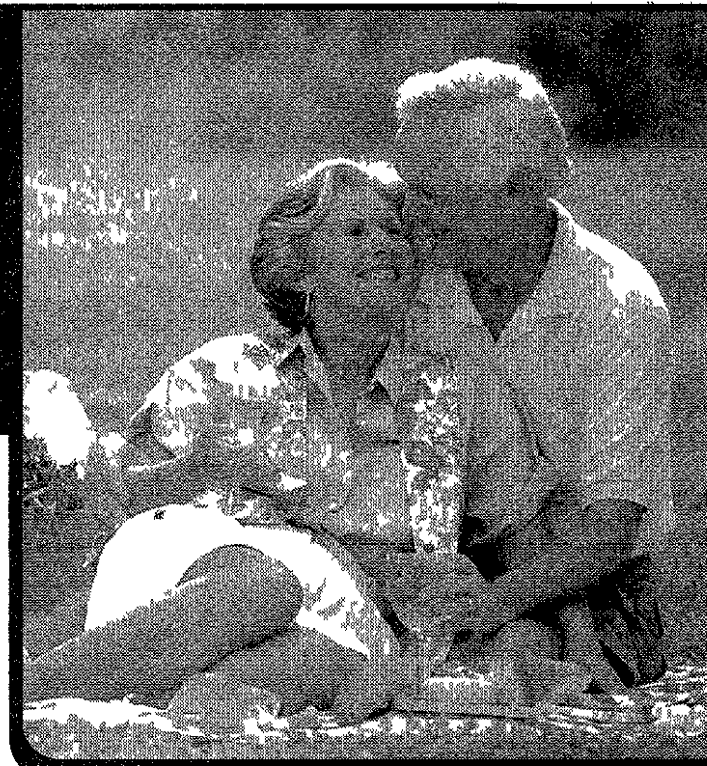
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Study finds teens like, admire their parents

When you have "about had it" with your adolescent in the coming summer months, put a big "X" on this column and place it where you can read it often

Child Trends, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan research center dedicated to improving the lives of children and families, summarized in a recent research brief studies related to the relationship and interaction of parents and teens. The full report can be accessed at www.childtrends.org

The authors of the Child Research Brief "Parent-Teen Relationships and Interactions Far More Positive Than Not indicate that high-quality parent youth relationships are defined in various ways including the amount of trust, the closeness, the amount of mutual respect, and the amount of communication within the relationship. There are 44 citations at the end of this seven-page Research Brief. Perhaps the brief date included here will encourage you to continue or to seek deep involvement in the life of your teen and will quiet your anxiety about that relationship.

For space considerations this column contains only highlights from one study, the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, known as the "Add Health" study.

The Add Health study was designed to provide a broad understanding of the health and well-being of a nationally representative sample of adolescents in grades seven through 12 in the United States. The survey collected data in two rounds between 1994 and in 2001 and 2002.

Each year between 1997 and 2001, adolescents who were between the ages of 12



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

and 14 in 1997 (and who were approximately 16 to 18 at the time of the 2001 interview) were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with several statements about their mother and their father.

I think highly of him/her. She/he is a person I want to be like, and

I really enjoy spending time with him/her.

Results from the adolescents' responses about their residential parents (i.e., those who lived with, not apart from, their children) in 1999 when they were between the ages of 14 and 17 showed:

■ More than four in five adolescents (84 percent) agreed or strongly agreed that they think highly of their mother,

■ More than one-half (57 percent) agreed or strongly agreed that they wanted to be like their mother, and

■ More than three-quarters (79 percent) reported that they really enjoy spending time with their mother.

Similar proportions were reported about residential fathers, namely:

■ More than four in five adolescents (81 percent) agreed or strongly agreed that they think highly of their father,

■ Slightly under two-thirds (61 percent) agreed or strongly agreed that they wanted to be like their father, and

■ More than three-quarters (76 percent) reported that they really enjoy spending time with their father.

There is evidence from numerous research studies that show positive parent-child relationships enhance the development of adolescents.

In addition, close relationships with parents during childhood and adolescence have been associated with adult children's self-esteem, happiness, and life satisfaction.

Research reveals that parents and their adult children are frequently and enjoyably in contact. I know that's true with your correspondent and her five children. After 30 years of active parenting my greatest joy is to hear their voices at the end of the telephone line. Seek a close relationship with your teen. You, too, will experience that pleasure!

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice 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 "Web sites offer useful information for parents."

All of her columns for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will be available shortly on www.bridge-comm.com.

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- 1 "The Closers," Michael Connelly
- 2 "4th of July," James Patterson
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- 1 "Freakonomics," Steven D. Levitt
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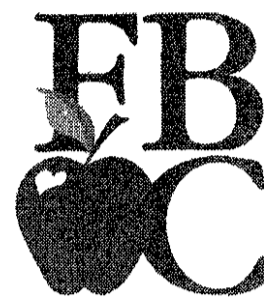
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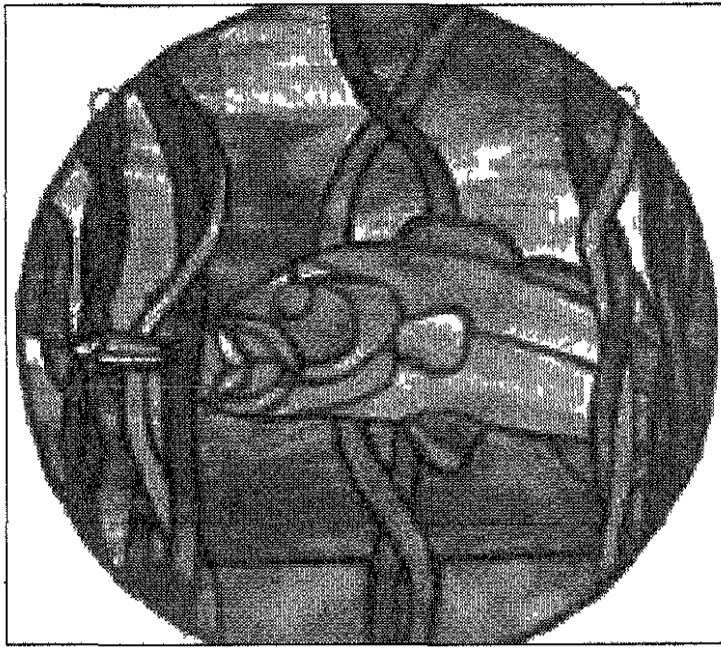
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Carrie Spurling is making sure everyone, especially children, have a good time at Arts & Crafts in the Village 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. For the last several weeks the Livonia arts commissioner has been collecting tiles and materials for youngsters to craft into trivets, sun catchers and coasters just in time for Father's Day gift giving. All hands on art activities are free except for the T-shirts that children as well as adults are sure to enjoy designing.

Spurling's daughters Samantha, 12, Brittany, 14, and Jessica, 22, all plan to help out at the children's area located in the center of the village.

What I found in the past as a mother and going to these things is when you bring children they're bored, said Spurling who received donations of materials from Virginia Tile in Farmington Hills where she works. "We're trying to bring art to children and for them to experience creativity of their own. We'll give them a bag that says My Art Work on it. We've had families come back and say that's what the kids look forward to."

While parents might want to create a T-shirt, most visit the arts and craft fair to shop. This year the Livonia Arts Commission has lined up a variety of items from whimsical



Greg Floyd crafts window panels, lamps, sun catchers, night lights, and vases from stained glass. Above is the Garden City resident's Bass Strike.

cal pots and purses by Robin DeWilde of Port Huron plus photography, fiber, fine art, ceramics and pottery, glass, jewelry, metal, wood, sculpture, garden art, antiques including restored brass and copper fire hydrants by Doug Purtee of Indiana, candles, holiday ornaments, calligraphy, hand-painted coons from around the world by Carl Dingwell of Grand Ledge, and acrylics by Tom Legault of Plymouth. Along with 106 artists from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Georgia and Arizona, two local art clubs display work in the 29th annual show - the Visual Arts

Association of Livonia and Michigan Plein Air Painters. For a second year in a row the show offers a package pick-up service that allows people to shop until they drop and not just until their arms are full. I'm excited about the show as a whole, said Debbie Dufour, liaison to the arts commission. The village is the ideal location to hold a summer show. Personally my favorite color is green and there's so many shades of green in the village. Regardless of where you are you see colorful booths, the wonderful historic homes surrounded by trees and gardens.

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Aleta and Elaine Lockhart bring jewelry (pictured here) and hand-painted gazing balls to Arts & Crafts in the Village.

Elaine Lockhart and her 17-year-old daughter Aleta can't wait to see the reactions of visitors to their hand-painted gazing balls, and beaded and crystal jewelry. This is the first show of the season for the Livonia duo.

Lockhart's 12-inch gazing balls take over a month to create after she paints fairies and flowers on the commercial glass. Lockhart is relatively new at the process. It was only three months ago she decided to learn the art at a craft store near the family's Higgins Lake cottage.

Aleta began creating beaded and crystal jewelry after reading books and purchasing materials from Pams Bead Garden in Plymouth. She is multi-talented when it comes to the arts. A CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) student at Churchill High School, Aleta

also sings opera and acts. All of the art work from their Aletas Bead Weaving business (www.aletasbeadweaving.com) is on display at Town Peddler in Livonia.

We tend to use small beads and spend a lot of time sewing them into intricate patterns, said Elaine Lockhart. I'm allergic to metal so there's no metal in most of the jewelry except for earrings and rings.

Stained glass is all that Greg Floyd uses to craft window panels, lamps, sun catchers, night lights, and vases in contemporary and traditional styles. The Garden City resident began working with the solder and foil method 3 years ago after taking a class at Linden Art Glass in Plymouth. He currently is in the process of installing eight windows in a Plymouth home and has already been completed com-

missions for panels at Primo's Pizza and a doctor's office in Livonia. Examples of his work can be found at www.stainedglassbyfogg.com.

My big sellers are the sun catchers of flowers, birds, Groucho, The Three Stooges, and fish, said Floyd who grew up in Livonia. I'm local so I can custom make you anything.

Glass is creative and I like it. It's addicting. If I'm not sleeping I'm doing glass.

Children's art activities run from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. For information, call (734) 466-2536.

Admission, parking and shuttles are free. Off-site parking is available at Valassis Communications, 19975 Victor Parkway, between Seven and Eight Mile.

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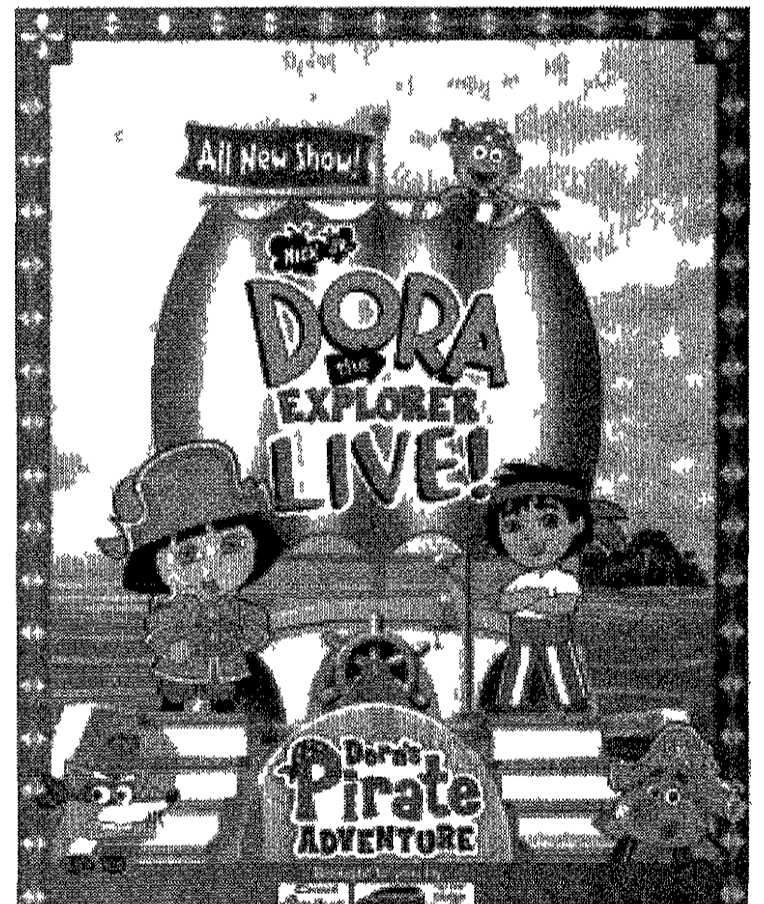
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Greyhound owners get together for fund-raiser

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

One by one, the vans and SUVs pull up to Jenny Heater's home in Garden City and two to three greyhounds jump out. Before long, nine of the ex-racers are sniffing each other as their owners exchange the latest news like mothers on a playground.

The event is a mini meet and greet before the Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan (GEM) major fund-raiser 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville.

Imagine 300 to 400 greyhounds romping in the middle of a field and getting along with each other. These longtime greyhound lovers say that's not unusual. The dogs' docile temperament is one of the reasons they're so adoptable.

"You have never seen dogs like this. You don't hear barking or growling," said Merrie West, who lives in Livonia with Peg, Artie and Boo. "It's

a fun day. We've had people register from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania. The majority have already been adopted, but about one dozen will be available. We're very committed to finding them homes."

West can't say enough good things about the breed as Heater welcomes everyone to her zoo and begins introducing Starlight and Gate, a brindle beauty. Starlight is busily digging under the tree, highly unusual for a greyhound, quips Heater.

"I like older dogs. They're calm and quiet," said West, who adopted her first greyhound in 1993. "I wanted a dog to walk with, a dog that didn't shed or bark, a sofa spud. After going to the AKC dog show at Cobo Hall, I saw them race and it took my breath away. They can reach speeds up to 45 mph."

A Wayne County Sheriff will be on hand with a radar gun to clock the dogs during the Blur of Fur (10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), one of the activities at the GEM event where dogs can receive microchipping ID or a nail clipping for \$5. In addition to a live auction and raffles, vendors will be selling doggie baked goods, regal-looking collars and custom coats, artwork, and greyhound theme apparel and jewelry for humans, and snapping pooches pictures. Dogs can enjoy a massage or compete in a hot dog bobbing contest. All proceeds go for medical care of the ex-racers prior to placing them in permanent loving



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Sue Clynick with Captain and Cathy of Westland (left). Merrie West with Boo, Artie and Peg of Livonia. Allison Carey with Clue and Simon of Waterford and Jennifer Heater with Gate and Starlight of Garden City.

homes. "It's a way for all of us to get together," said West. "They're like our kids whether we have children or not."

GEM owners like each other and it shows by the way they share stories about their canine friends.

Our group found each other through greyhounds, but remain friends because we like each other," said Sue Clynick, who lives in Westland with Captain, 4, and Cathy, 9. "A lot of us have skin (human) kids, but we're unlike any other adoptive group. Our group is close because these are unique dogs. They're chip dogs. No one can have

just one."

All are betting that Allison Carey will keep Clue, the 4-1/2-year-old greyhound she's fostering at her Waterford home. Carey has already adopted his brother Simon. Clue is an athlete who would like someone to run with him.

"We travel with the dogs to promote adoption whether it's the Howell Melon Festival or Lilac Festival on Mackinac Island," said Clynick. "Meet and greets spread the word. Three years ago I met them at the Westland Rummage Sale. I had a fire at my house and my two dogs died. I had a hole in my heart and

always loved greyhounds."

Clynick's greyhounds get along with her two cats, but not all ex-racers do. The June 11 event gives prospective parents the opportunity to learn about retired racing greyhounds.

Advanced registration for the Greyhound Event of Michigan is free. Call (877) GEM-DOGS or visit www.GEMgreyhounds.org.

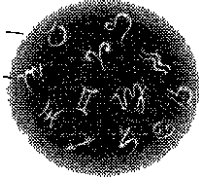
A catered lunch including beverage and dessert is available for \$10 adults (age 13 and older), \$5 ages 3 and under, toddlers free.

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Star Struck

(June 5-June 8)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The decidedly odd behavior of partners or close companions must be putting your patience and loyalty to the test now, Ram. However, it is more important to uncover what's going on behind the scenes and that you are not being used as a scapegoat or patsy kiddo!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You deserve an explanation concerning a family or business commitment and Monday's New Moon should ensure that you receive one. You have shown yourself to be more than understanding; now others need to know that there are limits to your patience and generosity, Bull.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Twins don't normally like emotional confrontations. However, it's time to alter the ground rules of things that are becoming increasingly demanding. First, you must determine its rightful place in your universe. Then share your feelings - you may learn some thing about yourself in the process.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You appear to be setting goals for yourself that are far too tough, and then branding yourself a failure when your efforts fall short. Remember, MoonKid, success and failure are relative terms, and what you achieve tomorrow depends entirely on the decisions you make today, kid.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Although recent failure may have put a dent in your ego, don't waste time wondering what might have been. Leo, you still have much to look forward to. June's aspects signify that what you once feared the most can no longer hurt you. Get goin' now. This is destined to be a terrific summer!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Partners or close companions ought to turn up trumps in the days ahead - in fact, they are about to be unusually supportive and understanding. Virgo, but in the final analysis, only you can decide if one particular involvement is worth all the sweat and aggravation.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Don't be surprised if colleagues or loved ones start behaving out of char-

acter this month. Balancer. They are simply trying to alert you to the changes occurring in their lives. Play along for the time being - you can always react more assertively and precisely later. Got it?

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

This week's planetary activity may well set your teeth on edge and bring some kind of conflict to a head. However, if you take your mind back to early year, you will realize that what you're now experiencing is just the final round in a long battle to be accepted on your own terms. Scorpio, you must fight for your freedom this week, kiddo!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You shouldn't need reminding that you're free to make your own decisions. Sadge, and while others may try to persuade you, they mustn't be allowed to coerce you. Some things shouldn't be bargained away. Archer, you must fight for your freedom this week, kiddo!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You have nothing to prove, either to yourself or to the world at large, so don't be tempted to take silly risks simply to show what a big bad SeaGoat you are. Others are likely to be impressed if you show the caring, concerned, sharing side of your astro nature now.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

It will be easy to get overexcited about something financial that happens in the days ahead, but if you do, you may make the kind of silly mistake that WaterBearers usually manage to avoid. Don't take anything too seriously. And that includes yourself.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Financial affairs will take up an increasing amount of your time over the coming weeks, and it will be a rare Fish indeed who doesn't get an opportunity to boost their earning power. Seize the chance immediately and don't give others time to change their minds.

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

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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

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.

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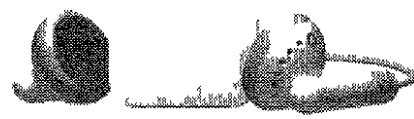
Sundays at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. Also on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. and noon respectively.

TIO

Talk It Over is 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 10 in Knox Hall. Dick Bont, SPM administrator, will discuss Finding Real and Lasting Contentment. Free child care.

Women's Fellowship

A picnic potluck will be Sunday, June 12 in room E515. Bring your favorite summer dish to pass. Call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.



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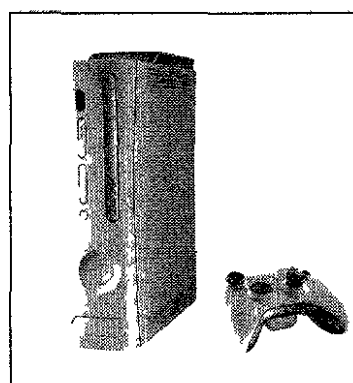
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school. Pre registration \$15/person. At the gate \$20/person. Mail pre registration (checks payable to CHHS Alumni Association) with your name year of graduation and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Debbie Troyer Stone 1412 W River Park Dr Inkster MI 48141 dbal1824@aol.com

What you need to know about all the new game consoles



Game Savvy
Rick Broida



Microsoft's elegant-looking Xbox 360 promises to usher in the next generation of game consoles, followed closely by the Nintendo Revolution and Sony PlayStation 3

The Big Three console makers took the wraps off their next-gen systems at last month's E3 trade show, also known as Game-Geek Mecca.

The Microsoft Xbox 360, Nintendo Revolution, and Sony PlayStation 3 promise advancements ranging from HDTV support to wireless controllers, to say nothing of seriously souped-up graphics and built-in networking.

Like you, I'm desperately reaching my arms out and crying, "Gimme, gimme, gimme!" Alas, we'll have to wait a while before we can get our hands on all this gaming goodness. In the meantime, allow me to answer some of your inevitable questions.

What's the big deal about the new consoles? For starters, all three will have wireless controllers. That may not mean much to you, but it'll be a huge selling point for parents tired of cables snaking all over the family room.

Speaking of wireless, the Revolution and PlayStation 3 promise built-in Wi-Fi for instant wireless networking. You'll need an optional adapter to add Wi-Fi to the Xbox 360. Boo on you, Microsoft!

The PlayStation 3 and Xbox will support HDTV resolutions of up to 1080. It's likely the Revolution will as well, but Nintendo has yet to confirm the system's video specs.

Will they work on my current TV? They will, but now's the time to start saving for an

HDTV. Standard-def TVs lack the resolution to display next-gen games in all their HD glory.

Will they be able to play my old games? Yes, yes, and maybe. Sony and Nintendo have promised full backwards-compatibility with older titles. So has Microsoft, but recent reports suggest that only some games will work, and those will have to be recompiled to support the new hardware.

Translation: You could end up buying your games again. **How much will they cost?** No clue, but you can bet the new consoles won't come cheap. I predict \$499 price tags - \$399 if we're lucky - for all three systems, with games selling in the usual \$40-60 range.

When can I get them? Only the Xbox 360 will hit store shelves this year - sometime in the 4th quarter, according to Microsoft.

The Revolution and PlayStation 3 are slated for 2006, which gives the Xbox 360 a pretty good head start. It's possible Nintendo and Sony will bow to this pressure and push up their launch dates, but it's equally possible the Xbox 360 will be delayed.

Time will tell. Which console rocks hardest? For my money, it's the Xbox 360. It'll be first out of the starting gate, and it's built for more than just games.

Indeed, Microsoft is positioning it as a home-entertainment hub, suitable for everything from ripping CDs to streaming video from your media-center PC. On the other hand, I'm disappointed it doesn't have built-in Wi-Fi, and the backwards-compatibility issue is definitely a concern.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Musicmatch and 101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com

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JANET HELDT JOPKE, Ed.D.

Troy, Michigan

Dr. Jopke, age 62 years, passed away peacefully June 1, 2005 at the University of Michigan Medical Center Ann Arbor after a month-long heart-related illness. She was born in Bay City, MI on October 4, 1942 to the late Jerome H. and Florence E. (Weber) Jopke. She was a member of the Bay City Central High School Class of 1961 and was inducted into the Bay City Central Hall of Fame. Her college degrees include a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University, a Master of Arts from Oakland University, an Education Specialist and Doctorate from Wayne State University. Dr. Jopke taught in public schools in Bay City, MI, Norwalk, CA, and West Bloomfield, MI. She served as a Reading Consultant, Principal, Coordinator of Primary Programs, and Assistant to the Superintendent in Uca, MI. She was the former Superintendent of Schools in St. Clair Shores, MI. In its 50 years history, Dr. Jopke was the Troy School District's longest serving superintendent, having begun her career there in 1993. Under her leadership, Troy gained a national reputation as a premier school district. Honors awarded to her include leadership in Michigan Exemplary schools accredited by North Central Association and both Athens and Troy high schools being named one of the 98 top high schools by the U.S. News and World Report. Her professional activities include Executive Board Member of the Metropolitan Bureau of School Studies, Executive Board Member of the Tri County Alliance, Past National Delegate of the American Association of School Administrators, a member of the Dean's Advisory Board and Alumni Association Board Member for the College of Education at Michigan State University, member of the Dean's Advisory Board at Oakland University, and a Past Officer of Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Educator's Sorority. Dr. Jopke's community involvement includes Past Member of the Board of Directors of Henry Ford Hospital, Northeast Past Chairperson of the Downtown Development Authority in Troy, MI, and Past Member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club. She was selected for the Michigan State University College of Education Alumni Award for Outstanding K-12 Administrator and was given the "Distinguished Educator" award by Wayne State University College of Education Alumni Association in May 2005. She is survived by her brother Jerry Jopke, a Goddaughter Mrs. Brian (Stacie) Santhany and a Godson Geoffrey Schwartz, all of Bay City, as well as several cousins. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Troy Athletes High School Auditorium in Troy, MI. A private service will be held at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Bay City at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, the Troy Foundation of Educational Excellence, or the Uca School Foundation for Educational Excellence. Arrangements by Penzance Steele Funeral Home, 608 N. Madison Ave., Bay City, MI 48708.

GERALD J. HENRY

Mr. Gerald J. Henry, resident at the Henry Ford Village Dearborn, Michigan, passed away May 26, 2005 after a short illness from cancer. Gerald Jesse Henry was born July 13, 1914 to Jesse and Almeda (Lamborn) Henry in Hamburg Twp., Livingston County, Michigan. He retired in 1977 after 40 years of teaching. He last taught secondary mathematics at Detroit Cooley High and Mackenzie High Schools. On July 17, 1976 Mr. Henry married Miss Alta Rasmussen and resided in Birmingham, Michigan for 25 years. For 23 years he volunteered income tax counseling for the elderly of Birmingham. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Birmingham. His beloved wife, Alta, survives him. He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Gwendolyn, and two brothers, James and Lambart (Bonnie). He is also survived by 11 nieces and 5 nephews. Arrangements by Howe Peterson Funeral Home, Dearborn Memorial Service at Henry Ford Village Chapel, May 17th, 11:00 a.m. Memorial can be given to Henry Ford Village Benevolent Fund. Interment was at the Pinckney Village Cemetery, Pinckney.

WILLIAM M. WILSON

Age 72, made his home in Westland for 44 years. He is survived by his wife Joanne and six children: William Jr. of Lewiston, Joseph (Pitchanun) of Fort Lewis, Washington David (Sheryl) of Grand Ledge, Kasia (Craig Mullett) of Marquette, John (Janice) of Macomb Township, and Bob of Westland. He was a proud grandfather of Mike Billy and Kayce Mullett and Christine Robert Jordan. Jamie and Andaman Wilson. Mr. Wilson served his community as a biology teacher at Wayne Memorial High School for 30 years. His interests include gardening, reading, journal writing, and travel. He was also an avid sports fan. He served his country in the U.S. Army as a medic (SP4). He received his B.S. from Michigan University. He was a member of the National Geographic Society, National Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and the Michigan Education Fund. Visitation will be held Sunday from 2-9 p.m. Rosary is at 3 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (Btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). The funeral will be Monday, June 6, 11:00 a.m. until Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne Memorial contributions to the Hidden Lake Gardens would be appreciated. www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



ELIZABETH (LIBBY) KINGSBURY PHILLIPS

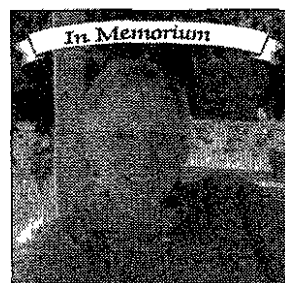
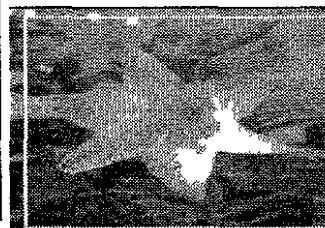
Passed away on June 1, 2005 at the age of 88. She was born August 24, 1916. Libby married Donald Alvin Phillips in 1939 and was married for 47 years until Donald passed away in 1986. Libby lived in Plymouth, Michigan from 1968 thru 1995. She worked for the Plymouth School District teaching at Smith Elementary from 1968 until she retired in 1982. Many readers of this notice passed through her third or fourth grade and have asked about her through the years. Her students were her special people. Libby is survived by her three children: John Phillips and wife Marcia of Decatur, Illinois; Larry Phillips and wife Gail of Detroit, Michigan; and Ann Hayford and husband Forrest of Milford, Michigan. She also has six grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to The Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 833 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. The funeral will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2005 at the Osgood Funeral Home, 104 E. Cass St., Saint Johns, Michigan. Burial at Mt. Rest Cemetery. The family will receive friends 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

SARAH SILVER

95, passed away May 24, 2005 at Middlebelt Hope Nursing Home. Beloved wife of the late Simon Silver, the senior citizen activist for the City of Livonia. Beloved mother of Harnet (Terry Green) Jean Wautelet and Joseph (Shirley) Silver, beloved grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Burial took place at Adat Shalom Cemetery.

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Age 77, June 2, 2005. Beloved husband of Norma. Dear father of Glenn and Terry (Larry) Mason. Also survived by four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Preceded in death by one grandson Allan. Funeral services at 11:00 A.M. Monday at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Visitation on Sunday, 1:00 P.M. Please share a memory with the family by signing the online guest book at www.rgharris.com

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- 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
- Northville Garden Club**
The Northville Garden Club's annual garden walk takes place 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. Five gardens in Northville will be featured from pristine to expansive to quaint country side. Tickets in advance are \$10 and can be purchased after June 13 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information call Kate Daniel (734) 591-0360
- Corduroy the Bear**
Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Northville holds a book fair to benefit Seedlings Braille Books for Children from 9 a.m. 11 p.m. Saturday, June 18. Corduroy the Bear hosts a special story time about the world of braille at 2 p.m. in the children's corner. Barnes & Noble will donate a percent of book sales generated by Seedlings vouchers which will be available at the Seedlings informational table in the store or by calling (734) 427-8552
- Adoption meeting**
Adoption Associates Inc. 26105 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills hosts a free domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Guatemala, Bulgaria and Ukraine) adoption information meeting from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 14. To RSVP or for more information go to the company's Web site at www.adoptassoc.com or call (248) 474-0990
- Playwright workshop**
Henry Ford Community College presents New Playwrights Workshop 2005 featuring Why Do Carpenters Build Things Better? by David Kowalczyk and Decommissioning of a Train by Darrell Wheat. Both writers are students at the college. Performances will be June 16-26. Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information call (313) 845-9817
- Hogs for Cats, Dogs**
Whether bikes or irons are your style there will be plenty of family fun at the fifth annual HOGs for Cats and Dogs adoption and fund raising event from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. The Michigan Humane Society teams with Motor City Harley Davidson and Motor City Golf Warehouse for a day of motorcycles, golf clubs and furry friends. The day will feature Michigan Humane Society cruelty investigators Debby MacDonald and Shawn Hairston who appear on the Animal Planet network series Animal Cops Detroit. A Putts
- for Paws contest and bikes on display. Motor City Golf Warehouse is located at 42875 Grand River in Novi. Admission is free. For more information call (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) Monday-Friday 8 a.m. 5 p.m.
- Career women**
Manya Arond Thomas, M.D., will be the featured speaker when the National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter meets from 11:30 a.m. 1 p.m. June 14 at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth. Arond Thomas will talk about critical success factors necessary for sustaining ambition and how to implement them for the highest effect. Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. Guests are welcome. For details or to RSVP call Linda Shoumate (734) 459-4506
- 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 information call Jill Katynski at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at (248) 269-8759
- 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
- 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 professionals designed to help with life's daily decisions. To register call (248) 553-0300
- Safe driving for seniors**
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the American Association of Retired Persons offer a two-day program AARP Safe Driving from 5:30-9:30 p.m. June 14-15. Attendance at both sessions is required. The AARP Safe Driving Program is an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP and pre-registration is required. Registration 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
- 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

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Cassandra from Bay City just joined a gym. She's trying to decide between free weights and weight machines and wants to know the bottom line.

Well, Cassandra, each method has its advantages and disadvantages. Some people prefer machines because they are stationary, more convenient and can be easier to work with. However, not many power lifters use machines. They prefer the kind of burn that only free weights can offer! If you are active there is a good chance you will benefit more from weights than machines. Here's a look at some of the pluses and minuses of both. Machines are safer and don't require a spotter. They don't require any skill and make it easier to transition from exercise to exercise. They're also expensive and limited in overall exercise variety. Free weight advantages include the ability to even the disparities between both sides of the body during a workout. They are cheaper and more versatile than machines. On the downside, they can also be more dangerous when not properly used. Talk to a personal trainer to find out which method is the best fit for you.

Elaine from Grosse Pointe recently heard that you're much more likely to come down with a cold or the flu after taking a commercial flight. She is looking for the lowdown.

Elaine, when it comes to airborne illnesses frequent flier miles aren't necessarily a good thing! A passenger jet is the perfect breeding ground for passing a cold, the flu or other sicknesses. Think about it: hundreds of people crammed in like sardines all breathing the same constantly re-circulated air. However, there are things to be done that could help reduce the problem. Increasing air circulation by 100 percent would help eliminate about 60 percent of the germs flying around the cabin. Spraying the cabin between flights would eliminate insects that can help transmit disease. Also installing HEPA filters could dramatically cut down on the germs contaminating the air. Finally, be sure to wash your hands frequently, when traveling a little precaution can help make the friendly skies a little more friendly when it comes to your health. If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered 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.

HEALTH

Living with Parkinson's

Patients manage disorder with medications, surgery

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Carol Kramarich used to do high impact floor aerobics until 13 years ago when she lost control over her left side at age 42. It wasn't long after that Kramarich began dragging her left foot. Today, the Rochester resident takes five different medications to help manage Parkinson's disease.

Kramarich is living proof the progressive neurodegenerative disorder can be controlled. On Sunday, June 12, she'll join hundreds of walkers and runners for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's annual fund-raiser at Maybury Park in Northville. Call (248) 433-1011 or visit www.parkinsonsmi.org for information. Proceeds from the Walkathon & 5K Run help fund education, support groups and programs to assist patients who can't afford medications.

I never know what my days going to be like, said Kramarich. In the morning I can't walk so I'm using a walker until the medication takes effect. You kind of freeze in your step. You want to move but you can't.

It's Dr. Peter LeWitt's hope that researchers in the near future will find a cure or at least discover medications and surgical interventions to manage tremors, stiffness and rigidity, slowness of movement, and imbalance. A professor of neurology at Wayne State University School of Medicine, LeWitt special-



The Michigan Parkinson Foundation holds a Walkathon & 5K Run June 12 to raise funds for education, support groups and programs to assist patients who can't afford medications. Harry Knitter (left in baseball cap and sunglasses), a foundation board member, underwent deep brain stimulation surgery in 2001.

izes in movement disorders such as Parkinson's and directs the Clinical Neuroscience Center in Southfield, a clinic caring for patients as well as conducting research.

"We're conducting trials of several new medications to treat symptoms and block progression of the disease," said LeWitt, a Beaumont Hospital neurologist involved with drug development for 20 years. "Levodopa developed in late '60s at its best can reverse symptoms, but is sometimes fraught with side effects after two to three years."

Levodopa, the precursor of dopamine, is the standard for treating Parkinson's, which causes a decrease of dopamine in the brain.

'LATEST ADVANCES'

"The latest advances are drugs that go beyond the role of levodopa," said LeWitt. Adenosine antagonist is the first new class of drugs for Parkinson's in 20 years. Apokyn, the brand name for apo-

morphine, is an example of an old drug from the 19th century. The mode of delivery (an injection under the skin) is what makes it effective immediately. It fills a niche for someone who leads a life of unpredictability. It takes away the uncertainty of going out in the world and freezing in place.

"Currently there are five different drugs being tested to not only treat symptoms but slow progression. Our study is trying out a new skin patch delivered drug that has a continuous effect (Rotigotine). We're also looking at a drug (Sarizotan) for dealing with advanced Parkinson's to block involuntary movements."

"Levodopa sometimes needs to be given at two-hour intervals to be ideally controlled. That's why developing skin patch delivered medication is important."

LeWitt's clinic is beginning a study of two forms of levodopa. If you're interested in participating,

call (248) 352-8628

SOME PROGRESS

Dr. Edwin George, assistant professor of neurology at Wayne State University School of Medicine, says there are more than twice as many medications available as when he graduated from medical school in 1987.

"On top of the list that people are looking into is the use of growth factors to preserve and enhance dopamine neurons that are lost," said George, chairman of the advisory board for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. "They're trying a number of different drug cocktails and there's ongoing research on trying to transplant cells. The most controversial is embryonic stem cells, but adult stem cells are being investigated. Wayne State is involved with trials for medication for neuro protec-

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Support groups offer latest information

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

While there is no cure for Parkinson's as yet, support groups remain key to treating the progressive neurologic disorder which causes tremors, rigidity and stiffness, slowness of movement, and imbalance.

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation offers nearly 50 such meeting places where patients can exchange information about the latest advances. Call (800) 852-9781.

"There's so much information and misinformation on the Internet and in chat rooms, we need to have somebody from a medical safety point of view to guide them," said Dr. Fredrick Junn, a neurosurgeon performing deep brain stimulation at Henry Ford and Beaumont hospitals. "Support groups are always encouraging. They find out news before the doctors do."

Ruth Ann Butler's husband, Pierce (Joe), suffered with Parkinson's for 41 years until dying three years ago. They were always looking for a cure but what they "really needed was help for everyday living. They both went

to their first support group meeting 21 years ago.

"When my husband was diagnosed you didn't talk about it," said Butler, a retired RN from Livonia. "That's been my mission to get out and make people understand they don't have to be ashamed, that we don't have a cure but they can live with it. We've got to reach these people."

Butler needed support as did her husband. Parkinson's can be as difficult on the caregiver as patient.

"There were never any support groups," said Butler who serves on the Foundation's Professional Advisory Board. "I happened to see ads in the paper for one forming in Livonia. He didn't want to go because he was younger, he felt he was on display."

Education has brought a change in attitudes about the disorder. Butler leads the Livonia (Western Wayne) group. In addition to presenting physicians specializing in Parkinson's she tries to provide information on daily living.

Deborah Orloff, the foundation's CEO, says that's important since it's estimated that 35,000 Michigan

residents have been diagnosed with Parkinson's.

"There are 2 percent over age 60 and 5 to 10 percent were diagnosed before age 40. It's the second most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's," said Orloff, one of the non-profit's founders in 1983. "It was first described in 1817 with the Industrial Revolution. They think there is a connection to pesticides and metal. They're trying to find out is it more common in certain areas."

Until more is known and a cure is found, the foundation continues to provide financial assistance for medication and day care as well as a variety of programs.

"People with Parkinson's can be managed for a long time with medications," said Orloff. "We want to work as a team in terms of getting the best possible care. Cells in the center of brain die and that's what causes the symptoms. Over time medications are less effective because brain cells continue to die. Everyone's different. Some have trouble buttoning a shirt, cooking or cleaning, a problem with slow thinking so communication is difficult. And there's the stress of

the caregiver. Most are older when diagnosed with the disease. It sort of turns everybody's life around. They need to be able to talk and communicate."

Harry Knitter has done a lot of talking and writing since being diagnosed in 1992. The 68-year-old Clarkston resident was on Sinemet until his symptoms worsened. In November of 2001, he decided to have deep brain stimulation surgery. It enabled him to resume his daily duties of running Kordene Publishing.

"It has been a real success story. Before I was taking about 25 pills a day. Now I've cut back to about 10 pills a day. I was suffering side effects from the pills. The surgery was the only way I could fight back against the disease. My wife wrote about the caregiver side of the story. We gone around to talk about our book at about 35 support group meetings so far."

PARKINSON'S

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There are often setbacks.

Dr. Shana Krstevska continues to pursue the latest treatments for her patients at the Movement Disorders Clinic in Henry Ford Medical Center-Troy even if it means bringing medications into the country.

"We're doing research at Henry Ford on a new medication (an adenosine antagonist). So far over 900 patients have gone through the study and we're still recruiting patients with motor complications and on multiple medications," said Krstevska, a neurologist. For more information, call Jackie Reuther at (313) 916-1906.

"I tell my patients not to give up hope. There's a new medication available only in Israel at this time, but may be available here in a year."

RESEARCH CONTINUES

Dr. Roger Albin has noticed gradual improvements rather than revolutionary developments for treating patients at the U-M Movement Disorders Clinic. The Ann Arbor neurologist has been seeing patients with the disorder

for 20 years.

"We've been using L-dopa preparations for close to 40 years and they're still the best agent," said Albin. "The goals are to understand what causes Parkinson's disease then find treatments to slow progression."

Dr. Bruce Silverman has watched over the last 16 years for new treatments for Parkinson's patients at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

"Initially we were very tied to traditional therapy which include dopamine drugs such as Sinemet," said Silverman, a D.O. practicing at Associates in Neurology in Farmington Hills. "Over the years we started to use medications that stimulate dopamine receptors in the brain."

While deep brain stimulation has been around since 1997, Dr. Fredrick Junn says the surgery to deliver mild electrical stimulation is still the most promising treatment for advanced Parkinson's.

"DBS is fairly successful in controlling symptoms and medication side effects. It's not a cure, but we think there is hope in that symptoms will be controlled for maybe 10 years or more," said Junn, a Henry Ford and Beaumont hospitals neurosurgeon who lives in West Bloomfield. "By that time we're hoping there is a cure."

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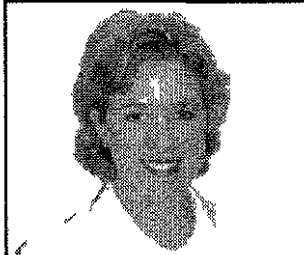
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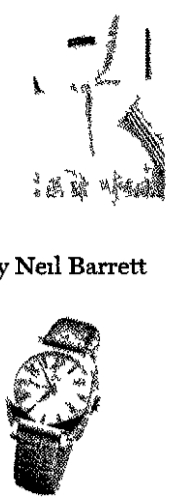
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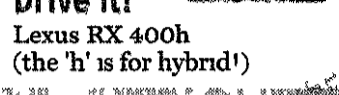
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Dad's Day Gift Guide

Admit it, he's a pretty cool dude. If you're not into making him a clay change dish/ashtray for Father's Day on June 19, then check out these BLUE suggestions for your #1 guy. He uses debit cards and doesn't smoke anyway.

BY K

Gucci Sneaker

My Dad used to call the hospital shoe I had to wear when I broke my toes (which was often) "Gucci shoes" to make me feel less ridiculous as I clodded around. Now, he can have his very own, but in a much more stylish way. Crafted in Italy in black nylon mesh, trimmed with calfskin and funky webbing, they're available for \$375 at Neuman Marcus.



Sky 191 Button Down Shirts

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JWOD employs people with disabilities

(NUI) — As a hazardous materials technician in Fort Lewis, Wash., John Kartes spends his days physically assisting mechanics, a job that often entails driving a forklift to transport engines and other heavy items. He ensures that the mechanics have the materials they need, keeps an inventory of hazardous materials and then coordinates their disposal by putting everything in the correct drums, barrels and tanks. What's unusual about Kartes is that he does all of this using prosthetic arms and legs.

Kartes is an employee of Skookum Educational Programs in Port Townsend, Wash., where his supervisors consistently praise his outstanding work and positive attitude.

"He always has a smile on his face and makes the best of every situation," said Buhl Holcolm, former site supervisor for Skookum. "He is definitely a motivation to other people."

Kartes lost his arms and legs at the age of 21 as the result of an automobile accident. He suffered through operations and various treatments, but there's no chip on his shoulder and no holding him back. In fact, from driving forklifts to working around the house, there is not



People like John Kartes of Fort Lewis, Wash., take advantage of a federal program known as JWOD to find work

a whole lot that he can't do.

"I am on my feet almost all day and it is physically challenging," he said. "I surprise a lot of people with the things I can do, like simply taking care of my yard, weeding and mowing my grass, for example."

Skookum is one of hundreds of nonprofit agencies that provide employment for people with severe disabilities with federal contracts for goods and services secured through the Javits-Wagner-

O'Day Program. The program, also called JWOD, stems from the Wagner-O'Day Act, which was passed in 1938.

The act allowed agencies serving people who are blind to sell products to the federal government. In 1971, with leadership from Sen. Jacob Javits, Congress amended the act to allow people with other severe disabilities to participate and agencies to provide services, as well as products,

to the federal government.

More than 45,000 people who are blind or have other severe disabilities currently work through the JWOD program. It is the largest single source of employment for people with disabilities, providing them with the skills and training necessary to earn equitable wages, benefits and greater independence.

To learn more about the JWOD program, visit www.jwod.gov.

No high school diploma? Get your career on track

(NUI) — People without a high school diploma will earn \$200,000 less during their lifetimes than graduates, and at least \$800,000 less than college graduates, according to statistics published by the Educational Resource Information Center.

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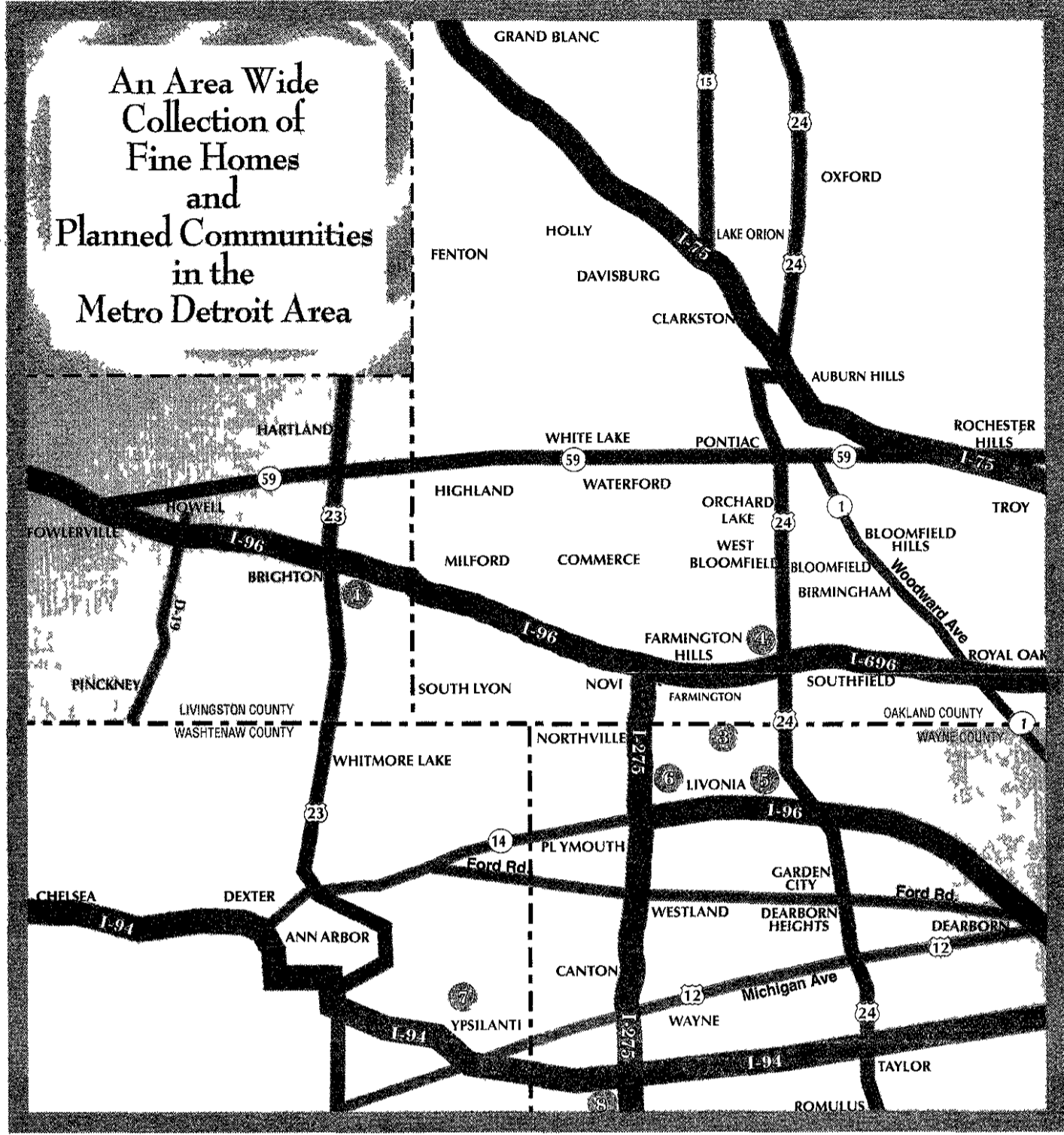


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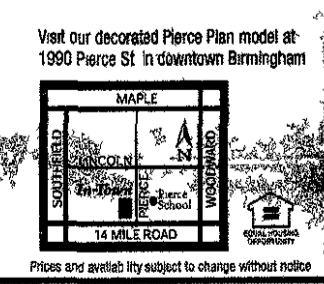
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BY JOE BAUMAN
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First-time home buyers looking for an affordable place to live in an urban/suburban environment have two new places to consider

Premier Communities has begun selling the second phase of its Poppleton Place condominium development in Birmingham, while the Michigan Condominium Corp recently held a grand opening for its Marshall Place development in Ferndale

Both projects are updates and renovations of existing structures Poppleton Place is located on North Woodward just north of Maple in downtown Birmingham Marshall Place is located south of 9 Mile and west of Woodward in downtown Ferndale

Ferndale is experiencing remarkable growth, particularly among young professionals who live and work within the hub of metro Detroit, Royal Oak and Birmingham, said Brian DeBruyn of the Michigan Condominium Corp "Marshall place offers an incredibly affordable opportunity for first-time home buyers"

DeBruyn said Marshall Place

features completely restyled one and two bedroom, ranch-style plans with all new interiors and refurbished exteriors Prices start at just under \$70,00 for a one-bedroom unit, which like all models include new General Electric kitchen appliances, hardwood floors, Merillat cabinets, ceramic tile kitchens and baths and new carpeting

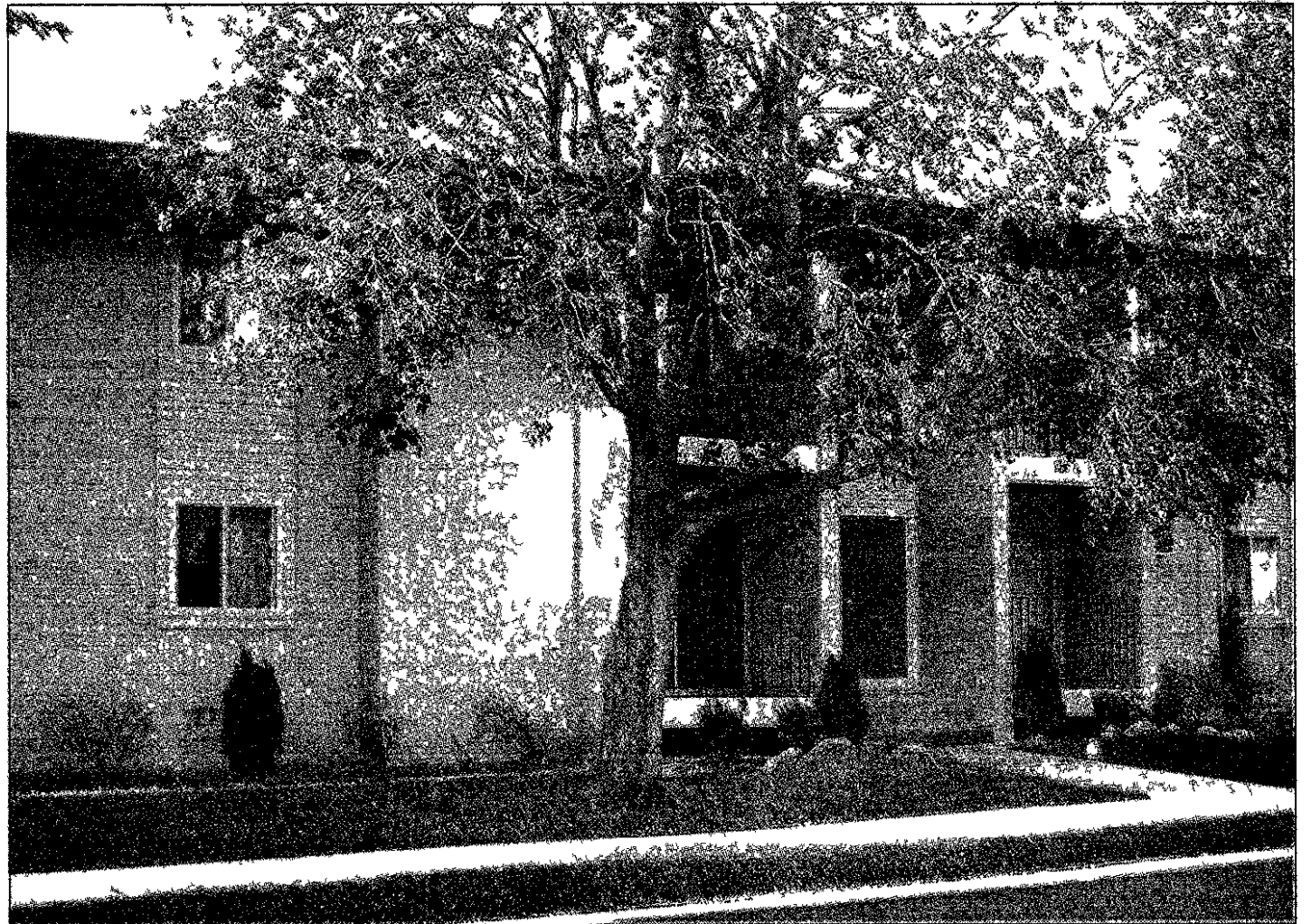
Six miles north on Woodward, Poppleton Place also hopes to capitalize on its proximity to downtown Birmingham as well as the adjacent Poppleton Park

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Marshall Place condominiums in Ferndale offer a rarity in combining affordable housing in an urban/suburban setting Units start at under \$70,000

Five mistakes to avoid when buying a home

What are some common mistakes I should avoid when buying a home?

■ Keep in mind that what is not easily changed in the home is what is most important when considering whether to place an offer I have shown buyers houses, whom were immediately turned off because an area was dirty Something that is dirty can be cleaned

What are the most important to consider are things that are very difficult and/or expensive to fix, such as the structure of the house, the layout, the



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furnace, the water heater etc

■ Don't place an offer way below the market value because you hope that will give you more room to negotiate What will most likely happen is that

the seller will get angry, see red, and not take the offer seriously This is the seller's castle and by putting such a low offer, you will most likely insult them You don't want to create this type of negative attitude at the beginning of a negotiation I have written offers where the offer was accepted without countering That creates a much more pleasant situation for everyone

■ Be careful what you reveal to the seller If there is an open house in a home that you are interested in and the seller is there, be very careful how much

you reveal If you give away your motivation that could affect the negotiation

■ Don't take too much time to make an offer on a house that you are interested in purchasing Get all the information you need to make a decision quickly, then act on it If you liked the home, chances are others will like it as well, and you might find that someone else has already bought it Most buyers that this happens to are pretty disappointed

■ No house is perfect I am in no way suggesting that you should buy a

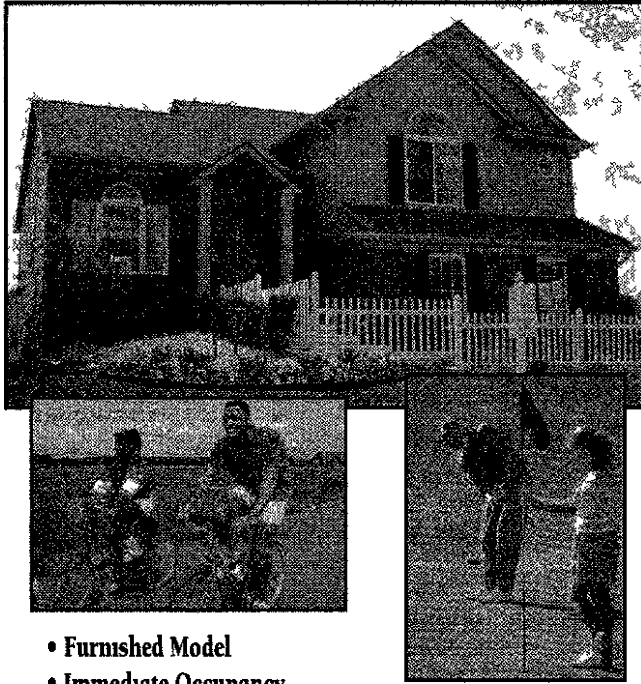
house that is inferior or that you are dissatisfied with However, no house or condo is without some sort of flaw Keep this in mind when deciding what house to place an offer on

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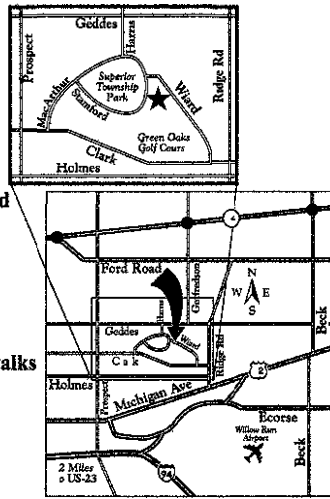
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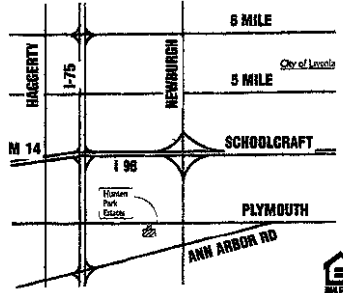
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Women crews build homes and dreams

(NUI) - With hammers in hand, women across the county are coming together to build homes and better futures with families in need.

Habitat for Humanity International's Women Build program, sponsored by Lowe's, a home improvement retailer, is working to make homeownership a reality. The organization trains women volunteers and the future owners of Habitat homes to construct and maintain simple, decent and affordable homes.

We have seen so many positive changes through the Women Build program, not only in the lives of the new homeowners, but in the lives of the volunteers, said Fiona Eastwood, director of Women Build. Women from all walks of life are picking up tools determined to build a better future for our nation's children and leave a legacy of volunteerism.

Women Build is not about excluding men, however. It's about including women who have a willingness to learn new things and meet new people.

According to Eastwood, women are often intimidated on a mixed construction site. At a Women Build site, she says women are able to quickly and comfortably learn construction skills.

In a recent survey conducted by Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity, women most often cited their desire to help children and families in need as a motive for volunteering. Another reason they often cited was the desire to improve their communities and neighborhoods.

Habitat houses are sold at no profit to partner families and are financed with no-interest mortgages that are issued for 15 to 30 years. House payments go into the Fund for Humanity to be used to build more Habitat for Humanity homes. With Lowe's as the national underwriter for the Women Build program, more than 150 homes - an increase of 50 percent over last year - will be built this year by women crews.

"We're proud to partner with Habitat in supporting women who help families move out of substandard housing into their own home, where they can enjoy the dignity that every family deserves," said Larry Stone, chairman of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation.

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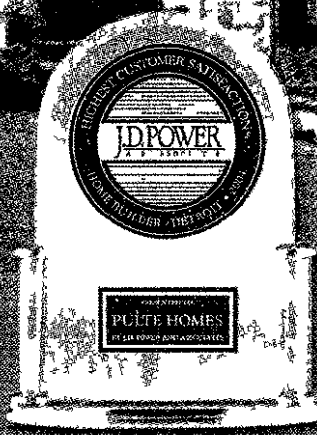
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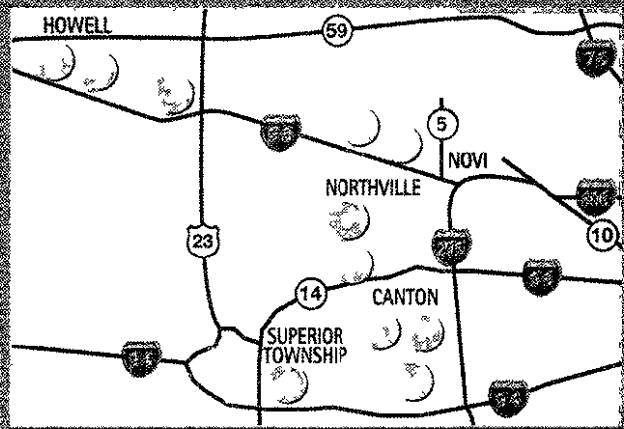


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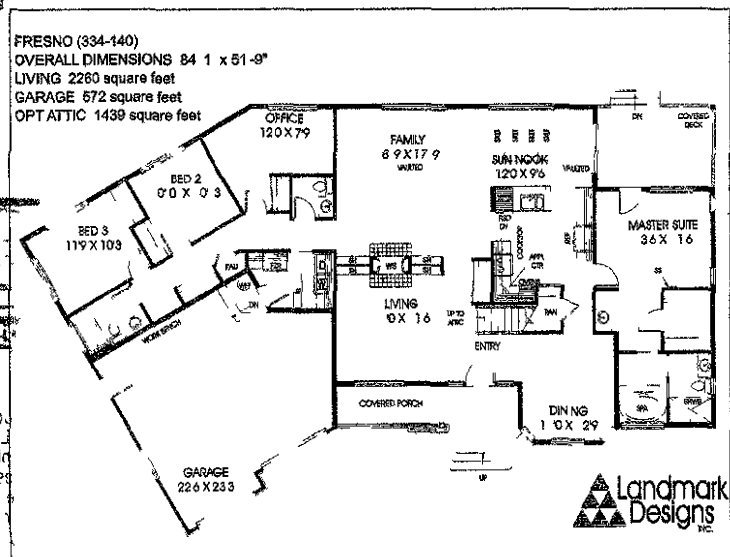
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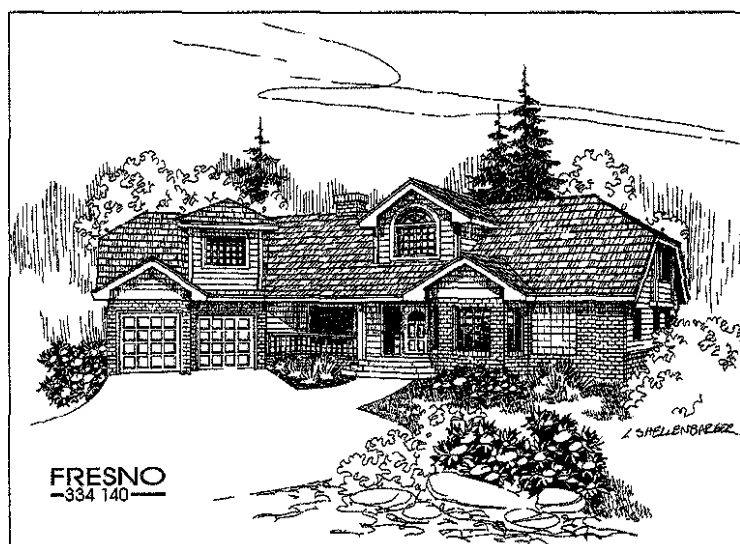
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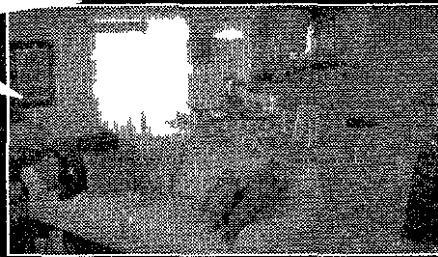
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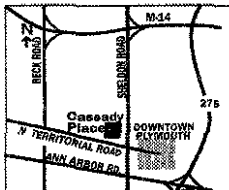
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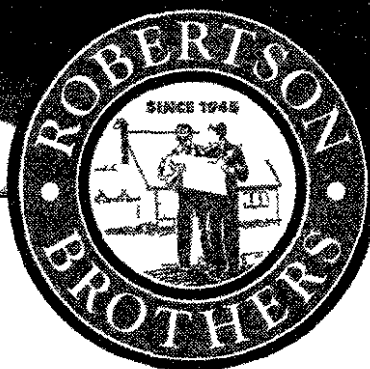
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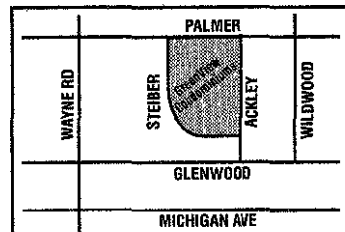
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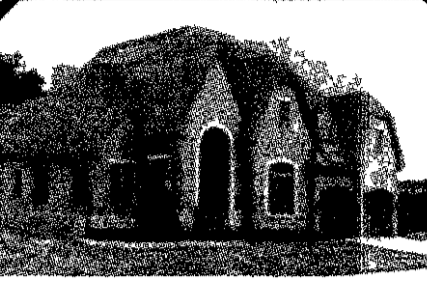
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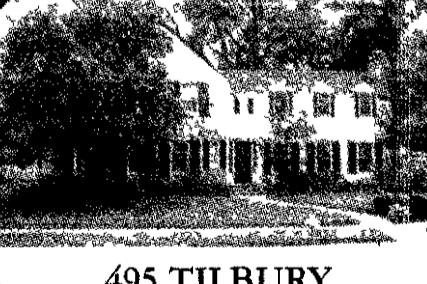
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