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#### Rain or shine

Don't forget Canton's River Day will happen - regardless of weather - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 7 on the banks of the Rouge River in the Canton Country Acres

Volunteers are still needed to participate in the different activities of the day, including cleaning the banks of the river, applying decals to storm drains in various subdivision, and building bird and duck houses.

Nature walks will also be held throughout the day. Tshirts, a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather. Jeans and boots should be

Registration will take place promptly at 8 a.m. at the event site, which is located in Canton Country Acres subdivision. To enter from Sheldon (between Palmer and Michigan Ave.) turns east on Applewood, take Applewood to Roundtable and turn right. Roundtable will turn into Lancelot -watch for River Day signs there.

To enter from Palmer (between Sheldon and Lilley) turn south on Roundtable and follow until it turns into Lancelot. Again, watch for River Day signs,

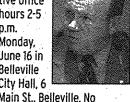
River Day is hosted by Canton Township, Donors to this year's event include the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA), Friends of the Rouge, Operations Management International (OMI), Wade-Trim, Absopure and Martin Control Services.

For more information, call the Canton Public Works Division, (734) 394-5150.

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ing legislative office hours 2-5 D.M. Monday, June 16 in Belleville City Hall, 6



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#### Empty the garage There's still time to sign

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Residents who want to rent a space will pay \$10 and nonresidents, \$15. June 18 is the deadline for reserving a spot for the sale.

If you reserve space, you may bring your own tables and chairs or rent them from the township. For more information, call Canton Leisure Services, (734) 394-5460.





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Hulsing Elementary fifth grade teacher Jodi Ring and her class wrote many letters to the military overseas. Behind Clare Cavicchio (left) and Elyse Engerer take a look at the places the soldiers were station who responded to their letters.

## Kids make a difference for soldiers

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As the school year comes to a close, fifth-graders at Hulsing Elementary in Canton Township can remember it as one in which they helped make a difference.

Students participated in the "Fan Mail for the Troops Campaign," sending letters to U.S. military personnel. What makes participating different this year, unlike any of the previous years that teacher Jodi Ring's classes have taken part in the program, is that many of the letters reached soldiers as they were being

deployed to war in Iraq.

Hulsing fifth-graders sent 259 letters, giving them the distinction of being the top elementary school in Michigan participating in the program.

"It helps them out in the middle of the war," said Himat Gill, 11, of Canton, about sending letters to soldiers. "They usually don't get much mail.

"I hope they feel good because we wrote to them," he said. "I feel good that we helped them."

Courtney Simpson wrote letters and received a response from a soldier in Kuwait, who said he was soon on his way

"I wrote what I did after school, what my hobbies are, and things I like to eat," said Simpson, 11, of Canton. "It's nice getting letters from people you don't know. It makes you smile more, makes their day."

Ring's classes have participated in the Mail for the Military program for 10 years. And, fellow teacher Charles Huhta recently added his class to the project.

"Part of our curriculum is how to write a friendly letter and map reading skills,"

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## Everybody loves this parade

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BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

He studied. He watched and he learned.

"The first year was really tough. It was brand new to me," said Canton resident Fred Bolden.

The studying, watching and learning paid off when the first annual Liberty Fest Parade marched through Heritage Park last year to rave

"He did such a wonderful job last year," said Debbie Zevalkink, assistant to the township supervisor.

Zevalkink is cochairing the second annual Liberty Fest parade, which will debut at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 21. The parade is contained within Heritage Park and begins on Veteran's Parkway to Summit Parkway and concludes about 1.5 miles

later on Heritage Boulevard. Bolden got the idea for a parade when he realized that Canton's population exceeded most of the surrounding communities, all of which had their own parades. To the township he went, asking permission to put on a

parade for the Liberty Fest. He got it. "He thought, you know, it's time Canton had a parade," Zevalkink added. Then Bolden hit the books - literalone in particular - and studied his way through 300 pages. He also attended other community parades, decided what he liked and didn't like, and attended monthly meetings in Belleville with the group that plans

Strawberry Festival. "This year the parade will be even bigger and better," Zevalkink said. "Last year it was so neat to see people

the parade for the community

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## Hopefuls head down school stretch

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

Four candidates are vying for a chance to be on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education the next four years.

And, if the past is any indication, a low voter turnout will mean a minority of the district's residents will elect the two eventual

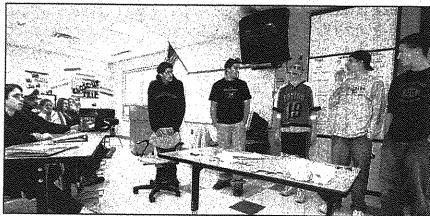
Elections Clerk Elizabeth Adams said the number of absentee ballots were on par with last year. That could signal that only 3-5 percent of the district's 76,000 registered voters

will visit the polls on Monday.

The four candidates include Richard Ham-Kucharski, who failed in his first two bids to be elected; Roy McCutcheon, making his initial run for the board; incumbent Mark Slavens, who is completing his first four-year term on the Board of Education; and Roland Thomas, who previously served a total of 17 years as a trustee.

Thomas believes it's that experience which is needed to pull Plymouth-Canton Schools through its current budget crisis.

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A group of students give their presentation on the Washtenaw County Humane Society during the community service portion of the class at Plymouth High School.

## Funeral homes say level playing field

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Officials of Canton's three funeral homes are keeping a close eye on legislation in the state Senate that, in their words, would "level the playing field" when it comes to pre-paid or pre-need funeral arrange-

The legislation, introduced by State Sen.

Laura Toy, R-Livonia, would require cemeteries and other non-funeral home providers of pre-need services to place the money in a trust fund, as funeral homes are now required to do.

'The terrible situations in Georgia and Florida involving crematories and cemeteries mishandling the remains of loved

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### Students tackle social issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Domestic violence, animal abuse, gay rights and at-risk youth are just a handful of the social issues facing governments and the residents they Students at Plymouth High School

tackled first-hand some of those chal-

lenges by not only putting themselves in the middle of the social issues, but also outlining possible solutions to those problems.

The Social Action Project is the brainchild of teachers Shannon McVey and Erin MacGregor. They're hoping students will be exposed to

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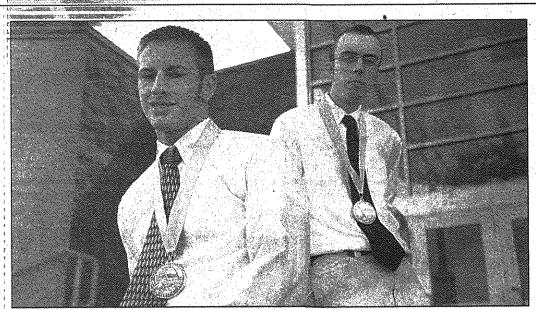




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Canton resident Joel Wolfran (left) is the salutatorian and Matt Frusti, also of Canton, is the valedictorian of the Class of 2003 at Lutheran High School Westland. The class received their diplomas during commencement ceremonies Friday evening in the high school's new gymnasium.

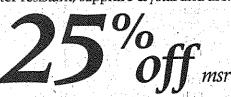
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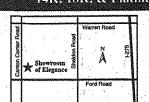






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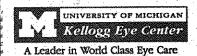
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## Kingsbury named Journalist of the Year

BY SAM TRICOMO STAFF WRITER

Hard work and humility are not typically a combination that lead to recognition, but Troy Eccentric staff writer Annette Kingsbury proved that theory wrong as she was named 2003 Journalist of the Year for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Kingsbury was selected from a field of nine editorial department employees during a breakfast celebration at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

"The other nominees are all so good at what they do that I was truly shocked," Kingsbury said.

Each year the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers honors one editorial employee among its 15 different mastheads for exemplifying the journalistic practices set out by company owner and chairman Philip Power.

Those practices revolve around Power's belief that community newspapers must enhance readers' lives by providing unsubstitutable, relevant information.

Kingsbury's work in 2003 reflected that principle, according to her editor, Gary Winkelman.

"Annette is Troy, and the pressure this must put on her issue after issue is daunting. I don't believe anyone else could do such a consistently thorough and fine job in such a busy town for as long as Annette has," Winkelman

Kingsbury said she views her role as a journalist as a critical one in the community.

"I think we are the eves and ears of residents who don't have the time to sit through a six-hour meeting and pore over pages of documents to find out what's really going on," she said.

In addition to her work reporting on government and education issues in Troy, Kingsbury was also honored for her community involve-



Observer & Eccentric Journalist of the Year Annette Kingsbury is congratulated by Eccentric Managing Editor Joe Bauman at the O&E's Journalist of the Year breakfast at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel.

ing on planning committees for a citywide blood drive and public art projects.

Frustrated at the format of previous candidate forums, Kingsbury spearheaded a movement to create a debate where voters would learn more about the people running for office through an interactive debate.

"I thought we needed to do something to get the candidates away from the typical sound bite kind of statements they make in candidate forums. A lot of the credit for this should go to the Community Network Studio in Troy. They really ran with the idea and did a lot of the work," she said.

The year also brought recognition to Kingsbury when she received a firstplace award for local column writing and a second-place award for in-depth reporting from the Michigan Press Association.

The Observe & Eccentric Newspapers received the most Michigan Press Association awards of any news group in the state in

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Also nominated for Journalist of the Year recognition were reporters Tony Bruscato, Kurt Kuban and Larry Ruchlen; photographer Tom Hawley; copy editor Bill Emerick; receptionist Emily Champion; paginator Steve Culver; and graphic designer Randy Masters.

Though busy working out the details of a jurisdictional investigation into Detroit's Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox presented a keynote address during the awards celebration in which he promised to conduct a very thorough investigation.

"I promise this will not be Whitewater," he said in reference to the federal investigation into the financial dealings of former President Bill Clinton. "Between my office and the Michigan State Police we have seven investigators and two lawyers assigned to this.

"When we are done I can promise there will be no punches pulled," Cox said.

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#### Paralle

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come out of their cars with their folding chairs."

While the thought of having the parade along Ford Road was bandied about, it soon became clear that it was just going to be a whole lot of a headache to close down Ford, as well as access businesses along the thoroughfare. "Logistically, it would have been a nightmare," Zevalkink said.

Bolden opted for Heritage Park and in doing so created an instant audience for the Liberty Fest. "It's a real intimate route."

It didn't take the co-chairs

long to realize that once people had parked and stayed for the parade they also stayed for hours worth of fun at the festival in Heritage Park. "It's so much more user friendly," Zevalkink said about the Heritage Park route.

Last year, the 45-minute parade featured about 40 entries. "We're hoping for 50 this year," Zevalkink said, as well as a hope to increase it to a one-hour parade.

Bolden admits he is working with a small budget, but is delighted with the entries he has received so far, which include about 200 kids - all kinds of Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Brownies and Cub Scout troops. He has horses, the Plymouth-Canton

Centennial Park Band, as well as the high school football players. Kids, particularly Bolden's -Thomas, Danielle and Matthew have volunteered to be clowns for the parade.

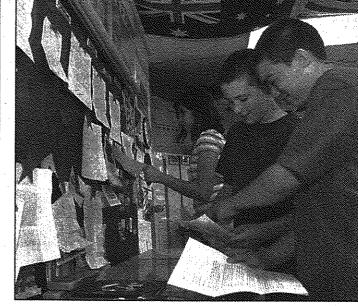
Also on tap will be performances of the Plymouth Fife & Drum, St. Andrews Royal Honor Guard, complete with bagpipes, a K-9 unit, Elvis impersonator, Central City Dance Troupe, Redford Unicycle Group and the Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard. The police and fire departments also will present their finest as well as rescue squads, fire engines and police cars. Classic

cars also will join the parade. To generate interest in Liberty Fest's parade, Bolden visits other communities and gives parade groups flyers and invitations to come Canton's way. "I even got on the Internet and did e-mails," he added. "We need just a few more groups to top it off."

Also joining the parade will be characters, such as Fizone Tomato, who will pass out candy to kids along the parade route. McDonald's also will provide certificates for free ice cream, which will be passed out. The Canton Exchange Club plans to pass out 1,200 flags, several hundred more than they passed out last year.

"They ran out of flags last year," Bolden said.

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Hulsing Elementary fifth-graders Tyler Nguyen (front to back), Jacob Worth and Laura Maloney read the different letters from the military soldiers overseas that they received.

"They've never been through a difficult financial situation like they're going through today," he said. "It's a time where you have to be fair, consistent, and direct to people; be honest with them and don't pull any punches. You've got to prepare the public

for what is coming." For Mark Slavens, there's unfinished business facing the Plymouth-Canton school board,

and he'd like the chance to finish it.

"I'm running because I believe I have the experience to tackle some real strong budgetary issues facing the district," said Slavens. "I want to continue our efforts as a leader in this state in trying to get more equitable funding for the school district. We need to look at the State of Michigan to step up to the plate and adequately fund schools."

McCutcheon believes there's more behind the numbers being presented, and he wants to get to the bottom of it.

"I want to take a look at every-

one who is a director, assistant director or secretary to see if they are all necessary," he said. "If you're going to cut people, I want to cut nonessential administrative positions before you can get to the people who are helping our kids - secretaries at the schools, principals and teachers.

Ham-Kucharski said he'd like to see Plymouth-Canton Schools partner more with local businesses and corporations as a way to help fund various programs and activities, which would mean

more money for the general fund. "I'd like to take a look at corpotouch on our corporate citizens, to get initial funding opportunities, especially for extra-curricular activities," he said. "Then, we won't have to worry about cutting them just because of a budget shortfall, and hopefully offset any budget constraints we do have.

ration foundation grants, and

The polls will be open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., with results to be tabulated and released at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey.

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ones prompted inquiry in Michigan to see where we were vulnerable," Toy said. "We were able to come up with two areas of concern: Currently the penalties for failing to properly bury, cremate or entomb a deceased person equate to no more than and slap on the wrist. And there is a significant lack of protection for consumers who wish to make prepaid funeral arrangements."

Todd Turowski, one of the owners of Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, which has two locations in Livonia and one in Canton, said the problem is that for years cemeteries didn't

have the same guidelines that funeral homes have. (In Michigan funeral homes are prevented by state law from owning cemeteries and vice versa.)

"For prepaid arrangements, we have to put 100 percent of the money into trust funds," he said. "Cemeteries don't have to trust anything. They use the money for cash flow. We want to make it an even playing field for consumers so it's fair.'

David Griffin, of L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes in Westland and Canton, agreed.

"We are probably the largest funeral home in the area that takes care of prepaid funerals," he said. "Between the two homes we probably do 150 a year. The only people really against this whole idea of proper trusting, the need to

protect the consumer, are the cemeteries."

And Richard Garafola, general manager of McCabe Funeral Home in Canton, said the whole issue is protecting the consumer.

"For years the cemeteries haven't had the obligation the funeral homes have," he said. "In order to protect the consumer, money coming in for prepaid funerals should be trusted 100 percent."

But representatives of the cemeteries argue the other way.

Testifying before a Senate committee recently, Michael Butts, chairman of United Cemeteries of Michigan, said, "The law makes you seem like you are leveling the playing field, but you don't. It puts cemeteries out of the pre-need business because we don't have

the cash flow. Cemeteries will have to raise their prices to make up for he cash flow loss."

He argued that funeral homes and cemeteries are two different kinds of businesses and shouldn't be placed under the same regulations.

Under present law if a client purchases a pre-need package and later changes his mind, or moves out of the area, funeral homes must refund at least 90 percent of the money paid up front. Cemeteries are not subject to this regulation.

But Griffin disagrees. "It's important to have rules and regulations that give the consumer a fair advantage. This (legislation) makes sense because it's good for everybody."

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said Ring. "This is one way you can fuse the two."

A map on the bulletin board has markers for every place in the world students have received a response. It's also the place that letters and pictures sent by servicemen and women are posted.

"I can't tell you how many times they re-read the letters," said Ring. "We get pictures of soldiers and their families and planes ... '

"The responses from the military people were more inspirational this time because they were being deployed," said Ring. "They were very careful in what they wrote back to the students, so as not to scare them."

One of the answers came from Lance Cpl. Evan Vanover of Romeo, Mich. who found the dog tags of Prisoner of War Jessica Lynch in a torture chamber during a commando raid.

This year, as in the past, Ring contacted parents of Michigan soldiers who responded to her class.

"I was able to contact three moms and read the letters from their sons," Ring said. "They would cry, which would make me cry. They were happy tears."

Ring has even been invited to Vanover's homecoming party this summer in Romeo.

Meanwhile, at Salem High School, students in Cindy Burnstein's English class wrote letters to military personnel.

"The most amazing thing happened," said Burnstein. "We received a letter back from a woman who graduated from Salem in 1981.

"It was totally random that she got a letter on a ship she was on," added Burnstein. "The kids ran down to the library and found her picture in the yearbook."

The graduate was Michele Sizeland Natividad, who wrote the class that she "never regretted" her decision to join the military as it's given her an opportunity "to travel all over the world."

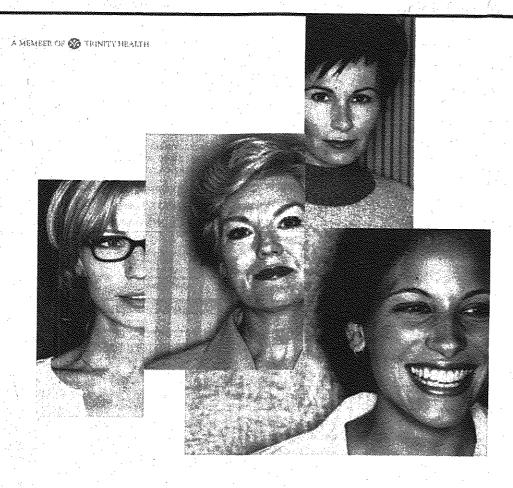
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professionals and volunteers who serve as examples of those involved with social participa-

"We want the kids to be aware of social problems, which can be anything from hunger to gay rights to domestic violence," said MacGregor. "We also want them to come up with solutions to those problems."

The team of Zainab Arastu, Rebekah Gorzalski, Hillary Ott and Samantha Reid, all of whom live in Canton Township, looked at senior issues by volunteering with Meal On Wheels in both Ypsilanti and Plymouth.

Students found the Ypsilanti program not only has to deal with feeding needy seniors, but funding for the Meals On

Wheels program.

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"They used to have two meals a day, but because of cutbacks in budgets they sometimes deliver a morning meal, and only a second meal for those who really need it," said Reid.

"It makes you feel so bad because here we are living lives with all these benefits, and

there are people down the road that don't have shelter and food," added Arastu. "It really breaks your heart."

Gorzalski spent time with her mother delivering meals in Plymouth, which she said was a real eye-opener.

"One man couldn't hear at all, and we had to help him read because he couldn't see well," she said. "But, he was so happy that we delivered his only meal of the day.

"I don't get to see my grandparents often, so it was a real blessing to see and interact with these older people," she said. "I think I'll continue to do this to be involved in the community."

Ott said she has a special place in her heart for Meals On Wheels because her grandmother started the same program in the Ontario, Canada town where she lives.

"If we didn't have this program, people would be hungry and they wouldn't get the right nutrition," said Ott. "Many people are helpless, and we need to help them."

Some students tackled more controversial social issues. Aimee Hutton, Lauren Reed and Kristina Zaumseil, all of Canton Township, didn't take the easy way out. They volunteered for Right to Life

Lifespan in Livonia.

"We all came in pro-choice, and I don't know if it changed our positions completely, but I learned a lot about the other side of the issue," said Reed. "We learned about what abortion involves; and the mental, as well as physical, consequences of abortion."

The project team identified their agency's issues as abortion and teen sex, with their solution being abstinence.

"Their basic message is to resist the pressures, keep your virginity; and if you do have a child take the responsibility and value the life you've created, whether you keep the baby or give it up for adoption," said Zaumseil.

"No matter if you are prochoice or pro-life, you can relate to the issue of abstinence," said Reed.

As the project comes to an end. McVey would like to see her students continue to be involved in the community's they live.

"Hopefully, some kids will like the issue and remain with the agency by continuing to do community service because they feel it's a civic duty," she said. "If not, they at least know about the problems out there."

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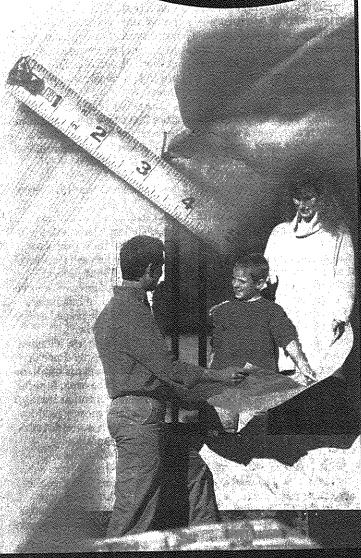
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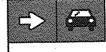
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## Free emergency beacons to senior adults EEF sets golf outing

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

The Canton Police Department is offering free emergency beacons to senior citizens who live in houses, condos or mobile homes.

Police Sgt. Chuck Raycraft said the beacons, which look like and function like ordinary light bulbs, can be useful in helping response teams locate a house in case of an emer-

You just screw them into your porch light or outside light," he said. "They work like regular light bulbs. But in an emergency, after you call 911. you quickly flip the switch twice and the bulb starts flashing like a beacon."

He said the beacons would help police and fire/rescue units locate a particular residence, especially at night.

"When you enter a lot of dif-

ferent condo developments and some housing developments at night, everything kind of looks the same," he said. "It would be a lot easier if we had a light flashing to help us pinpoint the house."

The beacons are manufactured by Virginia-based Response Technology. Raycraft said he thought they had been around for a couple of years.

"We purchased several of them," he said, "and so far

we've given out 150 to 200." The beacons are available at

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\$50. Hole-in-one sponsorships, hole signs and prizes are also welcome. For further information, contact Carole Kody at 420-7010, KodyC@pccs.k12.mi.us.

## Fund-raising starts for fire department

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

They've got the mini-ambulance. Now they need to pay for the trailer to haul it from point to point.

That's the word from Canton resident Cathy Johnson, who's working on the fund-raising campaign, and Fire Capt. Jim Davison with the Canton Fire Fighters Charity Foundation.

The ambulance, a stretchedout golf cart that can accommodate two trained fire fighters as well as a stretcher and emergency equipment was donated to the department by Oakwood Hospital.

It will debut at this year's

Liberty Fest and will be used during such activities as soccer and softball tournaments.

But a trailer is needed to transport the battery-powered ambulance from location to location.

"It cost \$3,785," Johnson said. "So far I've collected \$650. We need a lot more."

Actually, according to Davison, the trailer has already been purchased by the charity foundation.

'We had some commitments for funds, so we went ahead and bought it," he said. "The charity foundation wrote the check for it."

Some of the commitments fell through and now the foundation

is trying to replace the money it spent through donations.

Johnson said she'd like to get community residents more involved in the effort.

"It's always businesses that make the donations," she said. "If everyone in Canton just sent us 50 cents we'd be way over the top."

Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said the mini-ambulance will be extremely useful at events such as Liberty Fest of sports tournaments.

"If something occurs," he said, "we'll use the mini-ambulance to go around to the site. If we drove a regular rescue squad over some of those fields the field can get pretty messed up."

A regular squad will be standing by should a patient need to be transported to a

So far the Community Bank of Dearborn has donated \$500 toward the purchase of the trailer and local attorney Bryan Amann contributed \$150, Johnson said. All donations are tax deductible and can be made out to Canton Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation, 1100 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

"If this saves even one person's life, it's worth it," Johnson said.

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## Ambassador club hosts cosmic bowling extravaganza

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

The Ambassador's Club of the Canton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Cosmic Bowling Extravaganza at the Super Bowl on Ford Road on Friday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be given to the chamber's building fund, which now stands at

\$228,600, according to chamber executive director Dianne Cojei.

While the total cost for the new building, to be constructed at Hanford and Canton Center roads, is about \$400,000, Coiei said once they have \$250,000 in "actual cash" they could begin construction and mortgage a portion of the overall cost.

The bowling night is the first time the Ambassadors have

headed up a program, Cojei said.

"They're our volunteers for everything," she said. "They're the backbone of the chamber. They decided they wanted to do something as a fund-raiser."

Tickets are \$15 per person and include three games of bowling, bowling shoes, hot dogs and a door prize. Prizes will be awarded for the high men's bowling score, high women's bowling score, a

50/50 cash drawing and more.

Individuals or teams of 4-6 players can sign up for the event at the chamber office, 5820 Canton Center Road, Suite 110, or by calling the office at (734) 453-4040.

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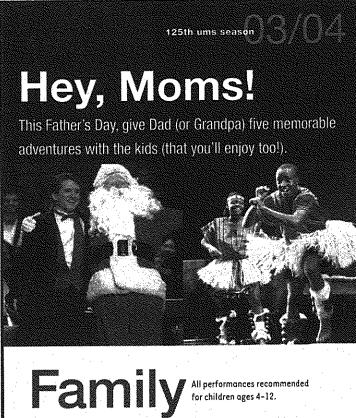


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## Top choices for school board

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 8, 2003

Like school districts across the state, Plymouth-Canton faces several issues as it struggles for financial and academic balance, which makes the June 9 Board of Education election an important one.

We believe incumbent Mark Slavens and newcomer Richard Ham-Kucharski deserve the two seats that are up for grabs.

Slavens has served the board well in his first term. He has a firm grasp on the issues that confront the district, but he isn't necessarily wedded to traditional ways of balancing the budget. While the hue and cry is to cut expenses, Slavens understands the district must also find a way to increase the

revenue flow. Slavens' issues also extend into the classroom. He wants the district to establish goals as to what academic standards are going to be set. Long an advocate of community involvement, Slavens wants to get input from residents while setting up those goals. He also wants to rein in class sizes, particularly at the lower educational levels.

> Ham-Kucharski, meanwhile, has turned himself into a viable candidate through diligence and hard work. When he was defeated in

Slavens the 2002 election, Ham-Kucharski was viewed largely as a one-issue candidate. His focus was on special education, because his son is autistic. Since then, he

of ways, including serving on many Wayne County committees and task forces, as well as setting up a local task force to deal with universal education

He sees the possibilities of corporate sponsorships, par-

ticularly in the area of programming and technology. He also wants to help push the grass-roots effort for changes to Proposal A that would



Ham-Kucharski

We believe voters would do well for the district by casting votes June 9 for Mark Slavens and Richard Ham-Kucharski.

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#### LETTERS

#### Slavens is fair

The school board election is Monday, June 9.

We are writing to encourage a vote for incumbent Mark Slavens. Mark is Vice President of our School Board on which we are proud to

Mark is fair minded in his approach to complex issues. Mark has education at the core of his belief. Mark also is a person of high integrity.

It is for these reasons that we recommend Mark Slavens for re-election to the Plymouth Canton School Board.

Joanne Lamar Plymouth **Marcy Staley** Canton

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S - Shares with other parents and members of the PCCS community the desire and determination to provide the best education possible for each and every child.

L - Listens intently to the concerns of the public, weighs the pros and cons of an issue and then makes an

informed decision.

A - Articulates time and again to the community and our state legislators the need for more adequate and equitable school funding for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

V - very visible and accessible as a school board member - he attends most school events such as the recent anniversary celebration of Miller Elementary.

E- Exemplifies the committed caring board member who goes well beyond the regular duties expected of the posi-

N - Not hesitant to express an opinion or cast a vote which differs from that of the majority, yet he works to build consensus around an issue to move the decision-making process forward.

S - sets high academic standards for students as he strives to keep elementary class sizes down and learning communities at the high schools small to maximize opportunities and build success for all students.

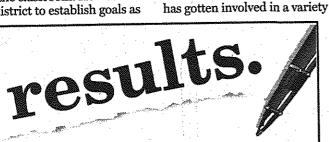
Mark Slavens is not "Rueben" or "Clay" of "American Idol" fame. But nonetheless, Mark needs your vote on Monday, June 9 to continue his work on behalf of the students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Martha A. Trafford Canton

dents of this district. Mark has done this with integrity and respect for others.

He continues to push for greater academic improvement for all students in the district. Mark's passion and dedication to the children of the district is boundless.

Please vote for Mark Slavens for School Board on Monday, June 9, 2003.

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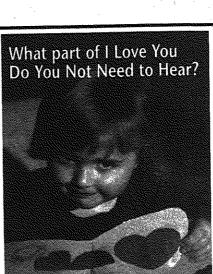
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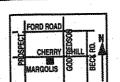
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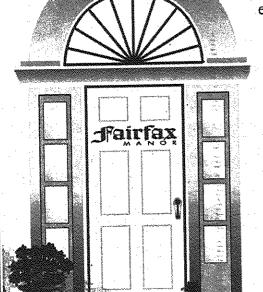


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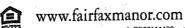
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#### Frederick W. Morton

Services for Frederick Morton, 82, of Plymouth, will be held at a later date.

Mr. Morton was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Nottingham, England, and died June 2 in Plymouth. He was a retired instrument technician from Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, retiring after 37 years of service. He came to the Detroit area in 1937 from Nottingham. He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia, and enjoyed being an

active member. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a handyman who enjoyed his family. He loved to travel and was a nature lover. His hobby was col-

lecting toy trains. Mr. Morton was preceded in death by daughter, Ruth.

Survivors include wife, Jacqueline E. Morton of Plymouth; children, Ann Brenner of Northville and Joy (Richard) Donnellon of Northville; and grandchildren David, Susan and Daniel Brenner.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

#### Sebastian Majer

Services for Sebastian Majer, 82, of Plymouth, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 9, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Majer was born April 3, 1921, in Romania and died June 4 in Livonia. He retired from Ford Motor Company-Ypsilanti Plant. He came to the Plymouth community in 1956 from Germany. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He was a loving father and grandfather.

Mr. Majer was preceded in death by wife, Rosina Majer. Survivors include children, Gerhard (Sara) Majer of Canton and Manfred (Candice) Majer of Troy; grandchildren, Leslie (Scott) Wigginton of Macomb Township, Johann Majer of Plymouth, L.Cpl. Christopher Majer of Canton (U.S. Marine Corps.), Andrew Majer of Troy and Jeffrey Majer of Canton.

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#### Norman Eugene Osler

Services for Norman Osler, 73, of Plymouth were held June 4 at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mr. Osler was born July 8. 1929, in Detroit and died June 1 in Plymouth. He was an engineer. He served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn W. Osler of Plymouth; sons Richard A. Osler and Steven A. Osler, both of Plymouth, and Kirk N. Osler of Livonia; daughters Lori K. (Larry) Carollo of Plymouth and Linda G. (Will) Spierling of Commerce Township; and grandchildren Craig, Lisa, Scott, Drew, Kari, Ryan, Brianna, Taylor, Shaun,

Danielle, Brittany and Paige. Memorial contributions may be made to the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia,

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#### Lawrence R. Walling

Services for Lawrence Walling, 80, of Canton, were held June 5 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit

Mr. Walling was born Aug. 27, 1922, in Detroit and died June 2 in Westland. He was a general manager, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Mr. Walling was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Walling. Survivors include daughters, Mary Lynn Talbot-Davidson of Plano, Texas, and Carol A. (Edward) Wojtan of Canton; sister, Rosalie Miller of Livonia; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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#### Anna Brodziak

Services for Anna Brodziak. 89, of Canton were held May 30 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home. Mrs. Brodziak was born Aug. 5, 1913, in Detroit and died May 28 in Canton. She was a sales clerk for Dearborn Italian Bakery. She was a member of St. Florian Catholic Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Cynthia Neal of Canton; son, Joseph (Pat) Brodziak of Sterling Heights; grandchildren Pamela, David, Laurie, and Jennifer; and great-grandchild, Hailey.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI

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#### Clark S. Woolsey

Services for Clark Woolsey, 77, of Canton Township, were held June 7 at St. Michael Lutheran Church. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Woolsey was born Sept. 5, 1925, in Ypsilanti and died June 4 in Superior Township. He retired as a mechanic from A&L Parts in Ann Arbor in 1989. He formerly worked with his brother at Bob's Speedometer in Farmington

He came to the Canton community 45 years ago from Ypsilanti. He was a very active member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

Survivors include his daughter, Pamela McMichael of Westland; son, Carl (Susan) Woolsey of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; granddaughter, Jessica McMichael; sisters, Ella Mae Self of Caro, N.C., Jean Fleming of Ypsilanti, and Gladys (Robert) Denoyer of Lake Orion.

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## peaker rallies troops against women in combat

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

Elaine Donnelly's efforts to protect women from combat began years ago, when concerns about her daughter prompted her to join the battle against the proposed Equal Rights Amendment.

The reason I became involved in the Equal Rights Amendment was, I didn't want my daughter to be drafted," she told an audience of some 75 Bloomfield Republican Women's Club members at a

recent luncheon While the Equal Rights Amendment was defeated, the Livonia resident now has a related cause - reversing recent decisions that allow women to serve in front line combat positions.

When in March, world headlines reported the three U.S. enlisted women captured or missing in Operation Iraqi Freedom, "People kept asking me, I thought there were laws against women in combat," she said. "Well, guess what, thanks to the Clinton years, not only are there no laws against women in combat, there are few regulations."

Donnelly is president of the Center for Military Readiness, an independent, nonprofit edu-

cational organization specializing in promoting sound military personnel policies in the armed forces. She founded it in

Before that, in the 1980s, she had served a three-year term on the Pentagon's Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, and she served on the 1992 Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the

Her luncheon message, entitled Leadership, Morale and Morality in the U.S. Military, was well-received by the audiat the Forest Lake Country

"Of course I agree with Elaine 100 percent," said Violet Vestevich of Bloomfield Hills. "She provided us information that we really don't get to hear. We are very proud of our military, and we want to keep it

**Edith Simmons of Southfield** said, "She's a very knowledgeable patriotic American. She inspires us to become involved in the workings of our military

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#### **DIFFERENCES EVIDENT**

Donnelly said that in 1994. then-Secretary of Defense Les Aspin revised laws protecting women from combat with "little notice or public understanding of the consequences." He did so because of "feminist demands," she said.

Abolished were the Defense Department's "risk rule," which spared women in support units from assignments close to the front line; and "substantial risk of capture" as a reason to exempt women from involuntary assignments in previously all-male positions.

Evidence that women don't have equal opportunity to survive in fights; are more likely to be abused; and don't have equal opportunity to help fellow soldiers survive was disregarded, she said.

As a result, the three U.S. enlisted women were serving in a transportation unit supporting the 3rd infantry division near the front lines in Iraq.

"One thing we all agree on, they were brave women," she said. "But the question is, can't they serve without being in units with a high risk of capture?"

Surveys show that enlisted women themselves do not want to go into combat on the same basis as men - in fact, only 10 percent do, Donnelly said.

single mother who was later rescued, "wanted to join the Army and learn cooking skills, MOOMFIELD EPUBLICAN

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'If there is a conflict between career considerations and the needs of the military, needs of the military must come first."

**Elaine Donnelly** 

WOMEN'S

but instead found herself serving in a very dangerous situation. They are not to blame for the problem."

But feminist politicians say, "We need an opportunity to break the glass ceiling. That's the kind of logic I deal with

the military must come hist.

#### OTHER REASONS, TOO

Donnelly mentioned several other reasons she believes that women should not serve in

"There are many psychologists who say the loss of a mother is worse than if a man left them behind."

She also said that statistics show a spike in pregnancies before a military deployment. so the woman can stay behind. "Men resent it," she said.

Donnelly also criticized the "military welfare system." which draws young single mothers. Benefits include "kiddy hotels" with round the clock care. "We need to support them, but we do not need to have 24/7 child care as an option."

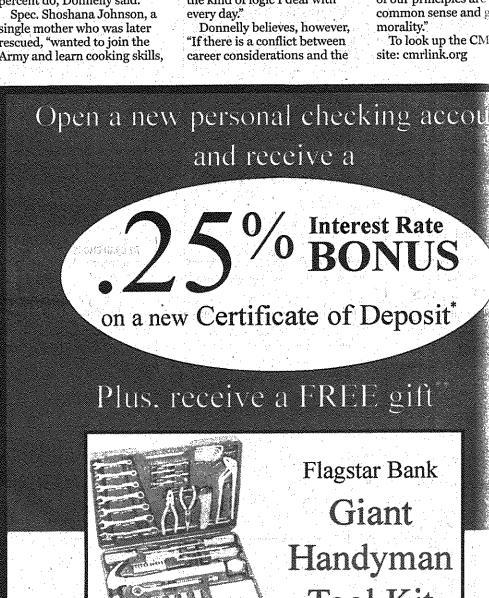
President George Bush said he would leave it up to his generals as to whether to revisit Clinton era policies, she said. But, "The problem is that generals respond to the president's leadership."

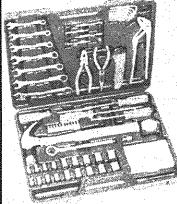
She urged signing of a petition that asks to restore the risk rules, and review other Clinton era gender policies.

Doing so, to Donnelly, would make sense - especially as a Republican. As she said while telling why she became a Republican, "I would say most of our principles are based on common sense and good morality."

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#### Hockey choice

Alison Proodian, a sophomore at Salem HS, has been chosen to play in the upcoming USA Hockey Select Festival in New York.



Proodian, 15, competed against players throughout the midwest to earn a spot on the team. The festival, held in June, brings together the top hockey prospects from all over the country to compete and train at the USA Olympic facility in Lake Placid.

#### New recruits

Let's hope seven is a lucky number for Madonna University's girls soccer

That's how many new recruits coach Mark Zathey has signed, including midfielders Bethany Dobbyn from Livonia Stevenson and Sunny Grezlik from Livonia Ladywood.

"Bethany is a tactician who works extremely hard for what she gets," said Zathey. "She is another one of those kids that you just love to have around."

Grezlik, according to the Madonna coach, fills a major void in the program. "She is a lefty, and ideally you like to have five or so left-footers on your team," he said. "With her in the fold we now have two, but couple that with her work ethic and enthusiasm and we could have something special down the road."

Other top recruits are Kelly Japowicz, a forward from Grosse Point North, and Julie Turner, a center back from Troy Athens.

Japowicz, according to Zathey, is "a Division I player, no doubt about it. She has the skills to play at a higher level and we are extremely excited to have her here. She can dominate at this level."

Turner is another with Division I talent, according to Zathey. "She is a leader on the field, a great defender and will be a cornerstone for our program for the next four years," he said.

Others who will be major contributors are keeper Diana Kaip from Woodhaven ("She can be an immediate impact player for us. Her skills are at a level where she can come in and start right away"); defender Samantha Shear from Clawson ("Samantha is very smart, tactically she is strong, and she has great skills. She is one of those players that does everything well"); and keeper Katie Sponsler from Jackson Lumen Christi ("Katie is a very good goalkeeper. She has good height and agility and will give us depth at the position").

Zathey is still hunting for recruits, hoping to add a couple of more before practice begins in August for the fall. His 2002 squad finished



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There was a battle for every loose ball in Saturday's regional final, this time with Pioneer's Brenna Mulholland (12, at left) colliding with Rachel Perry while another Pioneer defender tangles with Danielle Shepard (9).

# Pioneer tops Canton in OT

STAFF WRITER

For the second time this season, Canton shutout Ann Arbor Pioneer — at least in regulation. Overtime was another matter.

The Pioneers' Jessica Westerhof wound a crossing pass from the right corner over Canton's defenders to Anna Barsan, perched at the left corner of the Chiefs' net, 10 yards out. Barsan headed a hard shot past a leaping Briana Wolcott, the Canton keeper, and with 8:25 left in the second OT Pioneer had a 1-0 win to earn its first-ever trip to the state semifinals.

Canton ends its season with a 15-4-2 record. Pioneer advances to play the Okemos-Brighton winner in Wednesday's semis at Brighton with a 15-2-3

As in their first meeting, defenses ruled this match. "Breanna Mulholland, Lauren King, Ali Wicks — our whole defensive core was outstanding," said Pioneer coach Chris Morgan.

He knew how dangerous Canton forwards Erica Ahrens and Rachel Perry could be, particularly on counters. "We preached to them all week about

them," Morgan said. "And they did the job." So, too, did Canton's defense. "I thought the difference in the game was their keeper," said Morgan, referring to Wolcott, who made several spectacular saves. "I thought she pulled a couple of balls out that

we've been scoring on all year." In the first half it seemed the Chiefs had the better of the play, putting several shots on goal that keeper: Erica Goethel had to handle. But they couldn't quite finish their chances; the offense never seemed quite

"We were hanging back too far," said Canton coach Don Smith of his midfield. "(Pioneer) played good

defensively, no doubt about it." As for the Pioneers' successful efforts to negate Ahrens and Perry, Smith replied, "They had to. We had to have some help.

### Rams take 4-2 triumph over Eagles

Rrad Leach went 3-for-3 with ar RBI and pitcher Jeff Niemiec tossed a seven-inning complete game to lead the Michigan Rams to a 4-2 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League triumph Friday over the Eagles at Ford Field.

The Rams improve to 6-2 overall, while the Eagles fall to 2-5. Livonia's Niemiec, a right-han-

der from the University of Michigan who prepped at Redford

#### SUMMER BASEBALL

Catholic Central, scattered seven hits and two walks. He struck out eight. Losing pitcher Jeff Smalarz gave up nine hits, walked two and struck out five in six innings.

Bryan Marulli added a single, double and two RBI for the victorious Rams, who built a 4-0 lead through six innings. Canton's Oliver Wolcott (Michigan State) went 2-for-2 with a pair of runs scored.

David Surratt went 2-for-3 to pace the Eagles.

Anthony LaLama added a tworun double in the top of the seventh to pull the Eagles to within a pair of runs.

RAMS 10, BULLS 0: Winning pitcher Mark Lundquist (Central Michigan) gave up just one hit and one walk over six innings Wednesday as the Michigan Rams (5-2) dumped the Bulls (4-2) at Ford

It was the Rams' second shutout of the Bulls in three games.

Lundquist, who struck out two, retired 18 of the 20 Bulls he faced.

The Rams had a total of six hits led by Mike Pisha, who went 2-for-3 with a run scored. Chris Trott added a double and three RBI. Pete Pinto also had three RBI, while Bryan Marulli had two RBI. Tony Luttman was 1-for-1 with two runs scored. Chris Hilton had the only hit for the Bulls.

BULLS 11, RAMS O: Doug Brooks tossed a one-hit, complete game Monday as the Bulls blanked the Michigan Rams at Ford Field.

In seven innings, Brooks struck out five and Pete Pinto had the lone hit for the Rams.

Gary Zielke, the losing pitcher, went five innings, allowing five hits and two walks. Three of the four runs he gave up were unearned. Mark Flanchaum led the victorious Bulls by

going 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Bret Gove, Tim Edick and Will Tollison added two hits apiece.

Sean Gallagher had three RBI, while Tollison knocked in two. Flancbaum and Gove also drove in runs. Edick and Gove also scored two runs apiece.

### 3 Chiefs rank with the best in all-area both the shot put and discus at the WLAA

BY BRAD EMONS

Longtime Livonia enson girls track coach Paul Holmberg had plenty of success last fall with his cross country team.

That success carried over to the spring track season as the Spartans captured the Division I regional at Ypsilanti Lincoln and placed runner-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

Stevenson also finished undefeated in dual meets this spring and won the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational

The Spartans proved to have a well-balanced squad, placing three on first-team All-Observer, along with two sprint relay squads.

For his efforts this season, Holmberg was named Observerland Coach of the

**ALL-OBSERVER TRACK** 

And if the 2003 season was deemed a success, wait until 2004 when the Spartans return a majority of their per-

Another strong effort this season was turned in by WLAA champion and regional runner-up Livonia Churchill, which placed four on first-team along with two first-team relay teams.

Other first-team representatives include performers from Wayne Memorial, Livonia Franklin, Canton and Westland John Glenn.

Introducing the 2003 All-Observer Girls Track Team as selected in a meeting by area coaches:

FIELD EVENTS

Nia Henderson, Liv. Churchill, shot put: The junior, voted the Chargers' co-MVP, finished third in the Division I state meet with a toss of 40 feet, 7.75 inches.

Henderson, a scholar-athlete, also won

and regional meets. She was also Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champion and holds the school record in both the shot put (40-7.75) and discus (124-7). "Nia has been such a wonderful athlete

Graham said. "She has truly developed into one of the best throwers in the state. I am very proud of her effort, talent and dedication to her sport. She is my very first All-State athlete. I'm very happy for her and excited to see how much more she can do next year." Lauren Kmet, Liv. Franklin, discus: The

senior finished second in the regional and second in the WLAA. Her best throw in the discus was 115-5.5 (second all-time in school Kmet also captured five dual meets in

the discus, along with recording the best throw in the Patriot, Stafford and Chelsea

In the shot put, Kmet won five meets with a best throw of 35-5. She finished fifth in the WLAA and sixth at the regional.

The four-year varsity letter winner was Franklin's leading point-getter and two-year

"Lauren was our most consistent performer this season," Franklin coach Daye Bjorklund said. "This is the result of her hard work and dedication both during the

season and in the off-season. "She was one of our hardest workers over her four years on the team. We're very be greatly missed next year." Khelli Wade, Wayne, high jump: The

three-year varsity performer enjoyed an outstanding senior year by finishing second at the regional and runner-up in the WLAA Her best effort was 5-3 in a dual meet

against Westland John Glenn.

"Khelli had a great season," Wayne coach Kevin Miller said. "She improved her jump by five inches over last year, "I made her an honorary team captain

because she takes on a leadership role and she's a worker." Wade was also a member of Wayne's

school record 4 x 200-meter relay squad. She also ran a leg in the 1,600 relay. Jennifer Anderson, Wayne, long jump: The sophomore was regional champion (16-

3) and placed third in the Western Lakes meet. Her best effort was a 16-5 against rival

John Glenn. "Jennifer always put in the extra time

and she spent time of Sundays working with other jumpers, she's so gung-ho," Miller said. "She works hard every day and sometimes we have to tell her to go home, even long after practice had ended.

"She wants our school record (17-9) before she leaves here."

J.Q. Williams, Canton, pole vault: Williams, a junior, is what one might call a

PLEASE SEE TRACK, BZ

## Abraham resigns; Wheaton takes over team

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

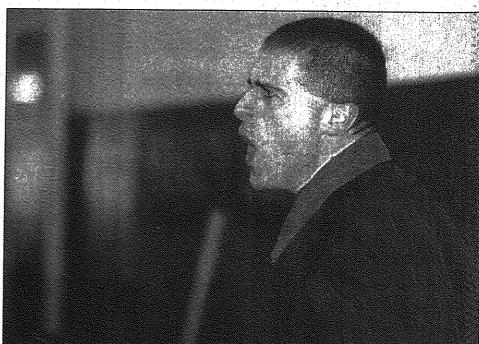
The change has been made. Anyone possessing some hockey knowledge may not even notice it: The style of Canton's hockey game won't be much different, and at least one of the faces behind the Chiefs' bench

will be a familiar one. But there is a change. Dan Abraham has stepped down as Canton's head coach, the only coach in the team's history. He will be replaced by

Jim Wheaton, his assistant coach since the program Wheaton began. Both share the same philosophy. As Wheaton explained, "It's pretty

simple. It's team play - every player has to know his role, and you don't put yourself ahead of the team. "We have a disciplined style of play, and

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Dan Abraham was intense — and successful — during all four of his seasons as Canton's hockey coach.



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Kaitlin Armstrong



Christina Redd Canton



Linda Montgomery Liv. Stevenson

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pole vault junkie, "She absolutely adores pole vaulting," said her coach, John Venning. "She's a real stickler for it."

That adoration helped Williams win the Division I regional, clearing 9-feet, the only Observerland vaulter to qualify for state, where she cleared 8-6 but didn't score. She also tied for fourth at the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"She practiced pole vault constantly," Venning said, "There's no reason she can't go 10-6, 11 feet. It's just a matter of fine-tuning all those little things."

Williams' dedication and work ethic - "She went to indoor meets on her own, went to clinics on her own" - has earned her a title as co-captain for 2004. "She has to work on her speed on the runway," said Venning, who also plans to use her in the hurdles next season.

#### **RUNNING EVENTS**

Lindsay Conklin, Liv. Churchill, 110-meter hurdles: The senior captain and three-year varsity letter winner was voted Most Improved by her teammates after placing first in the WLAA meet and fourth at the regional.

Her best time in the 110 highs was 16.1. She also ran a 49.3 in the 300 intermediate hur-

"Lindsay has continued to excel and improve in whatever event she ran," Graham said of the All-State Scholar-Athlete. "Thankfully this year she finally made her mark with running the hurdles. She dropped 2 seconds from the beginning to the end of the season. She is a hard worker, dedicated and a wonderful student-athlete. She will surely be missed next year with her leadership and talent that she gave us this year."

Kaitlin Armstrong, Liv. Stevenson, 300 hurdles: The sophomore ran the area's best times in both the 300 hurdles (47.8) and 100 hurdles

She was WLAA champion for the second straight year in the 300 hurdles and runner-

up at regional. Armstrong was a state qualifier in three events, including two relays.

"Kaitlin is a gifted athlete who has worked to become an outstanding hurdler," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "She is also an excellent relay person with an ability to make handoffs work smoothly. She has two years to challenge the records at Stevenson in the hurdles and speed relays."

Christina Redd, Canton, 100 dash: Redd's performance this season - she finished seventh at state meet - began a year ago. set her goals last year," he said. "She thought she should have gotten to states a year ago.

"Christina is one of those kids you love to coach because you don't have to coach them. She had the will to succeed."

A senior, Redd won the 100 dash title at the WLAA finals with a season-best 12.42 and was third at the state regional in 12.5. Both girls who finished ahead of her at the regional also placed in the top eight at state.

On top of all that, she was a team captain and is one of the top scholar-athletes in the state. She plans to walk-on in women's track next year at North Carolina.

Linda Montgomery, Liv. Stevenson, 200: The lunior ran the area's best times in the 200 (25.6) and 400 (58.9), both school records. She broke Stevenson assistant coach Nancy Gavoor's 31-year-old record in the 200.

#### **ALL-OBSERVER TRACK**

2003 ALL-OBSERVER **GIRLS TRACK TEAM** FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Nia Henderson, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Jessica Johnson, Sr., Canton; 3.

Jennifer Early, Sr., Salem. Discus: 1. Lauren Kmet, Sr., Livonia

Franklin; 2. Andrea Hurn, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Anna Wilson, Soph., Salem. High jump: 1. Khelli Wade, Sr., Wayne

Memorial; 2. Megan Kmet, Soph., Livonia Franklin; 3. Ashley McCall, Sr., Livonia Long Jump: 1. Jennifer Anderson, Soph., Wayne Memorial; 2. Mary Maloney, Sr.,

Canton: 3. Elizabeth Easter, Sr., Westland Pole vault: 1. J.O. Williams, Jr.; 2. Kara Karalis, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Jennifer

Perkins, Soph., Livonia Stevenson, **RUNNING EVENTS** 110-meter hurdles: 1. Lindsay Conklin, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Jenelle Miller, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Alisha June, Soph.,

300 hurdles: 1. Kaitlin Armstrong, Soph., Livonia Franklin; 2. Rebecca Fedrigo, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Andrea Lang, Soph.,

100 dash: 1. Christina Redd, Sr., Canton; 2. To'inia White, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Pam Bryant, Jr., Livonia Franklin,

200: 1. Linda Montgomery, Jr., Livonia Stevenson: 2. Tiffany James, Soph., Wayne Memorial; 3. Kristy Sobran, Sr., Livonia

400: 1. Alyse White, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Chantal Moore, Soph., Westland John Glenn; 3. Lache' Wilkins, Fr., Livonia

800: 1. Michelle Phillips, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Kelly Gibbons, Jr., Livonia

Montgomery, Stevenson's top scorer and

MVP, was WLAA champ in the 200 and regional

runner-up in the 200. She qualified for the

state meet in four events, including two

every coached," Holmberg said. "She is capa-

ble of running any event from the 100 through

the 3,200, and winning. She always ran in four

events and played a big role in Stevenson's

and three-year varsity letter winner was the

Alyse White, Liv. Churchill, 400: The junior

She ran a nersonal best 59.6 at the region

"I've had the opportunity to watch Alyse

excel in many different events," Graham said.

knew she was going to be a great runner

and through her hard work gained the oppor-

tunity to go to the state meet where she

equaled her personal best (59.6). She has

been an important part of our overall success

based on her talents in the events that she

has run. She will be a great force and success

four-year standout and two-time state placer

in the 800 is headed next season to NCAA

champion University of South Carolina.

Michelle Phillips, Liv. Churchill, 800: The

This season, Phillips placed first at the

regional and first in the WLAA. She was also

Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champi-

in the future."

went 12.5 in the 100 and 26.4 in the 200.

"Linda is the most versatile runner I've

Stevenson; 3. Maura Mulcahy, Sr., Livonia Ladywood.

1,600: 1. Sarah McCormack, Sr., Canton; 2. Nicole Schmidt, Jr., Livonia Churchill: 3. Lisa Montgomery, Jr., Livonia Stevenson.

3,200: 1. Heather Sirko, Soph., Livonia Stevenson; 2. Sarah Westrick, Sr., Livonia Churchill: 3. Kylen Cieslak, Fr., Livonia

**RELAY EVENTS** 

400: 1. (tie) Stevenson (Alison Collins, Jr., Elizabeth Sturdy, Soph.; Kaitlin Armstrong, Soph.; Jennifer Perkins, Jr.); John Glenn (Brittany Howard, Fr.; Alisa Orr, Jr.; Elizabeth Easter, Sr., To'inia White, Jr.); 3. Canton (Mary Maloney, Sr.; Jessica Levely, Sr.; Cindy Rotramel, Sr.; Christina Redd, Sr).

800: 1. Stevenson (Alison Collins, Jr.; Kristy Sobran, Sr.; Kaitlin Armstrong, Soph., Linda Montgomery, Jr.); 2. John Glenn (Elizabeth Easter, Sr.; Stephanie Foster, Fr.; Chantal Moore, Soph.; To'inia White, Jr.); 3. Canton (Mary Maloney, Sr.; Jessica Levely, Sr.; Sarah Stobb, Jr.; Christina Redd, Sr).

1,600: 1. Churchill (Lache! Wilkins, Fr.; Lindsay Conklin, Sr.; Michelle Phillips, Sr.; Alyse White, Jr.); 2. Stevenson (Kristy Sobran, Sr.: Lisa Montgomery, Jr.; Amanda Sculthorpe, Jr.; Linda Montgomery, Jr.); 3. Salem (Allie Vraniak, Fr., Cyndi Edwards, Soph., Alysa Johnson, Jr., Lynden Gault,

3,200; 1. Churchill (Sarah Westrick, Sr.; Nicole Schmidt, Jr.; Rachel Wodyka, Sr.; Michelle Phillips, Sr.); 2. Stevenson (Heather Sirko, Soph.: Kelly Gibbons, Jr.; Amanda Sculthorpe, Jr.: Lisa Montgomery, Jr.); 3. Canton (Sarah McCormack, Sr.; Jessica Levely, Sr.; Becky McCormack, Fr.; Sarah

COACH OF THE YEAR Paul Holmberg, Livonia Stevenson

on. The senior captain, a scholar-athlete, was voted Co-MVP for Churchill.

She led the area with best times in the 800 (2:19.7) and 1,600 (5:17.7). She also ran 1:01.3 in

"It has been a pleasure to have had Michelle compete for me these last four years," Graham said. "She was a huge part of our team the first year and has developed into an impact athlete these last two year. She has gone to the state meet the last three

"She's a wonderful person, funny personalsecond highest scorer for the Chargers this ity and a very hard worker."

Phillips will be competing next week in Delaware. Ohio at the Midwest Meet of al to qualify for the state meet. White also

Champions Sarah McCormack, Canton, 1,600: McCormack, a senior, was the Chiefs' top distant threat all season, showing her ability by finishing first in the 1,600 at both the regional meet in a season-best 5:18.80 and the WLAA Finals in 5:22.7.

"She ran all my distance stuff," sald John Venning, her coach. "She was my premier distance runner

Although McCormack was good in the 3,200, "her goal was the mile," Venning said. "And she did set her goals high. She had a fantastic regional and a great conference meet, and she came within a few seconds of her best time at state."

Another superb student, McCormack is pondering attending Michigan and walking-on

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Heather Sirko, Liv. Stevenson, 3,200: The sophomore blossomed during her second track season leading the area and qualifying for the state meet in the 3,200 with a best time of 11:24,0. She ran under 11:30 three times and also ranked fifth in the 1,600 (5:21.0).

In the 3,200, Sirko went undefeated until the state meet, winning both the WLAA and regionals. She was also MITCA State Team champion, Stevenson and Mercy invitational champion.

"Heather is a coach's dream - talented, motivated and willing to work," Holmberg said. "She made great strides this year both in cross country and track. She'll be one of the state's elite distance runners the next two

**RELAY EVENTS** 

400 (tie) - Stevenson (Allson Collins, Elizabeth Sturdy, Kaltlin Armstrong, Jennifer Perkins): This quartet led the area listing with a time of 51.0 and went undefeated in dual meets. Stevenson's foursome also won the Public Schools of Livonia, Stevenson and Mercy invitationals, along with a runner-up finish at both the WLAA and regional meets.

"We were fortunate to have the same four girls run this relay from early in the season until the end - and continue to improve," Holmberg said. "They will all be back next year to go after the Stevenson record of

400 (tie) \_ John Glenn (Brittany Howard, Alisa Orr, Elizabeth Easter, To'inia White): The Rockets won the Western Lakes meet with season best of 51.3.

"After a round of early season injuries and a couple of position changes, they clicked at season's end," Glenn coach Kirk Conner said. "They steadily improved each week and they were really good at invitationals."

800 - Stevenson (Alison Collins, Kristy Sobran, Kaitlin Armstrong, Linda Montgomery): This group posted the area's best time (1:46.8), including five clockings under 1:48.0. They finished undefeated in dual meets and took first places the Public Schools of Livonia, Stevenson and Mercy invitationals. They qualified for the state by winning the regional at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

'This team was clearly one of our best ever," Holmberg said. "They worked hard on their exchanges and improved each week running their best at the state finals."

1,600 - Churchill (Lache' Wilkins, Lindsay Conklin, Michelle Phillips, Alyse White): The Charger foursome ran their best time in the Division 1 state meet (4:04.6) en route to a seventh place finish. They also placed second at the regional and first in the Western Lakes

"This has been one of the most exciting relay teams I have ever had," Graham said. "It has been fun watching them perform and improve throughout the season. They will be a tough act to follow next year."

3,200 - Churchill (Sarah Westrick, Nicole Schmidt, Rachel Wodyka, Michelle Phillips): Ran a school-record time of 9:35.1 en route to an eight-place finish in the Division I state meet. They also finished first at the regional, WLAA and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational meets.

'This will surely be a relay team that will be hard to replace," Graham said, "The three seniors (Westrick, Wodyka and Phillips) that have run this event most of their careers at Churchill will be missed based on their talent, as well as who they are as individuals."

Staff writer C.J. Risak contributed to this

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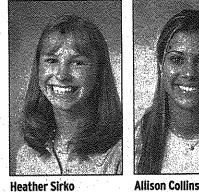
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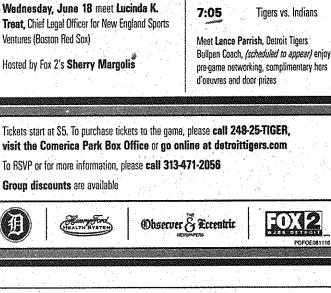
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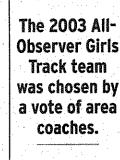


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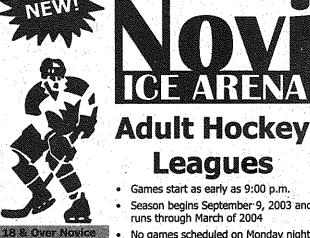
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First-round matches in the Open Cup Tournament were

**PDL SOCCER** 

last week. The Bucks, 5-0-1 for the season going into Saturday's match against the St. Louis Strikers, got a first-round bye. They also have a PDL-record six Open Cup victories. Only six of the 51 teams playing in the PDL received bids to the Open Cup, which is open to qualifying

including Major League Soccer.

"This will be the biggest soccer game this area has hosted in a long time," said Bucks' coowner/general manager Jim Duggan. "We are fortunate to be able to bring in a franchise with the tradition of the Rough Riders as our first big match-up in Detroit.

"This is the (United States

tournament and we are hoping to attract affiliated youth players from all over southeast Michigan."

Round Two winners could meet an MLS team in Round Three, scheduled for July 16. Round Three winners will meet an MLS squad in their next match on Aug. 6. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids

the gate or by calling (989) 781-6888, or by e-mailing the bucks at info@mmbucks.com.

In other Bucks' news, despite their strong start the team had been ignored when PDL officials made their first five selections of the Team of the Week. which consisted of the top 11

players from the 51 PDL teams. Week Six was different, howPeter Dzubay were honored by the PDL as members of the Team of the Week.

Cameron, a midfielder from the University of Michigan and a member of the U-20 U.S. National Team, scored two goals in the Bucks' 3-1 victory over the Indiana Invaders on May 25, a win that clinched the Bucks' Open Cup berth.

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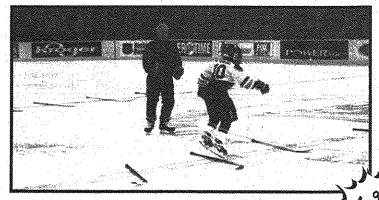
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Indeed it has. Most new programs require a year or two to develop; not Canton. Abraham's Chiefs posted a winning record their first season, and have had a winning record in three of their four years. Last year, they were 15-10-0 and finished first in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"The foundation of a quality program is in place," said Wheaton. "Now we have to maintain it, tweak it.

"I want to turn this into a perennial top-10 team, always up there in Division I. Last year we got there, we got as high as No. 9."

Wheaton, a 1991 Salem HS graduate who now teaches historv there - he got his undergraduate degree at Western Michigan in '96, his masters at Madonna in '01 — met Abraham five years ago and, when Abraham took the Canton iob, became his assistant. "I learned a lot from Dan," he said, adding he has coached in the junior ranks in Plymouth, but this "is my first real (head) coaching gig.'

The question that lingers is,

Why leave? It appears Canton is perhaps on the verge of becoming the kind of team Wheaton envisions. So why would Abraham leave when the program he built is on the way up?

"There are some things I want to do outside of coaching, Abraham explained. "I don't live locally, and the travel was tough."

Abraham, who lives in Allen Park and teaches physical education at Discovery Middle School, has been a head coach of a high school team for the past eight years; he was an assistant coach for the two years prior to that. As Wheaton noted, next winter will be the first Abraham hasn't been coaching or playing

hockey "since he was six years

Abraham made certain to point out his resignation had nothing to do with the people he worked with. "The last four years have been real nice nonproblem years," he said. "The parents and booster club were always very supportive. It's such a positive thing, getting that type of support.

The players were special, too. "I'll always remember the great group of kids we had, all four years," he said.

"My goal was to get it off the

ground, to build a program that was well-recognized. I did what I wanted to do, I did it for four years, and I had a great group of

kids." After a bit of reflection, Abraham added, "What a great way to go out, on top." Whether or not he'll coach again, he could only say it's "impossible to tell." He will provide Wheaton with

any assistance he requests. Although Wheaton has never been a head coach at the high school level, the transition should be a smooth one. In addition to a similar coaching style, he has the added advantage of being familiar with the players in the program.

"I know their personalities, their strengths and weaknesses," he said. Canton will remain a "strong forechecking team," one that's solid defensively. "It all starts in your zone," Wheaton

Asked if he will make any significant changes, he answered, "It's hard to say. We'll go with the same basic system, then adjust things as the season goes on, according to the situation."

Anticipate some change, but not much - no sense tinkering with a winning formula.

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#### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

#### **RECREATION OFFERINGS**

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will open the Plymouth Cultural Center's ice arena for Teen Night Open Skating on Saturdays for the remainder of June. Teens can skate for \$3 from 8 p.m.-11 p.m., with pizza and pop available at the Services counter. Skaters are encouraged to bring their own music CDs for their listening pleasure while skating. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

■ The city of Plymouth is now accepting registration for its Youth Soccer Training Camp, designed for 6-12 year-olds who would like to enhance all aspects of their game. The week-long camp, taught by local high school coaches, will run Monday through Friday, June 29-27, at Visteon Field in Plymouth.

It will be divided into three age groups: 6-7 years, 9-10:30 a.m.; 8-10 years, 10:30-noon; and 11-12 years, noon-1:30 p.m. All groups will return at 5 p.m. Friday for a one-game scrimmage, and all participants will receive a T-shirt and a water bottle.

Cost is \$99 for non-residents, \$90 for city of Plymouth residents. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or check out the web site at www.ci.plymouth.mo.us.

The city of Plymouth will accept registrations for its Fall Youth Soccer program throughout June at the Recreation Office, located at 525 Farmer. during business hours. The season will run from Sept. 9-Oct.

Cost is \$85 for non-residents, \$60 for city of Plymouth residents (5 1/2-7 years-old division); for WSSL players (8-15 years), the cost is \$95 for nonresidents, \$65 for city of Plymouth residents.

A birth certificate is required for all registrations. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or check out the web site at www.ci.plymouth.mo.us.

The city of Plymouth is now accepting registration for its Summer Basic Skills Ice Skating program. Classes will start the week of June 16 and continue for 10 weeks. Classes will be offered Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Each class is 25 minutes long, with an additional 25 minutes of available practice time.

Cost is \$90 for non-residents, \$70 for city of Plymouth residents. Classes will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center's ice arena. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

#### **FOOTBALL CAMP**

There are two Canton football camps available this month. For those in grades six

through nine, there will be the Canton Football Skills Camp, from 4-7 p.m. June 9-12 at the Canton High School football practice field. Cost is \$35. For grades 10-12, there will be

the Canton Wing-T Camp, from 4-7 p.m. June 18-20 at the Canton HS football practice field. Cost is \$30. For both camps, participants

need to wear a T-shirt, shorts and cleats. For more information please contact Richard Mui at (248) 661-2524.

#### **SOCCER TRYOUTS**

The Plymouth Lightning under-12 girls select soccer team is having tryouts from 2-3:30 p.m. on June 15 and 6-7 June 17 and June 19 at Tanger Elementary School, on Five Mile west of Haggerty.

Please register 15-30 minutes prior to tryout time, dress appropriately and bring a ball and water/sports drink.

#### **PISTONS CAMP**

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Training Camp Tour sponsored by Nike and Chevrolet, will make Canton HS one of its stops on its 10-city tour through Michigan and northern Ohio.

The camps, which are conducted by Steve Moreland. director of Development and Basketball Camps/Clinics for the Detroit Pistons, will feature Pistons' players and coaches, who will serve as guest speakers Under the direction of Moreland, the Pistons' camps have been named the top youth? basketball camp program in the NBA. The camp will visit Canton HS from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 21-24. Cost is \$149 and space is limited to the first 150 participants.

For more information on the Pistons' Camp Tour, or to register by phone, call the Pistons Camp Hotline at (248) 377-8653.

#### **LEARN-TO-SKATE**

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Mini-Mite instructional program is enrolling new players.

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### **CANTON SOCCER**

FROM PAGE BI

shut them down. And they did." After a strong first half, it seemed only a matter of time before Canton would find the net. Instead, Pioneer took command in the second.

"Heck yes, they wanted to

"If we had put some balls

been a one-goal game," said Smith. "But they played tough." The Pioneers were the only

away early, it wouldn't have

#### REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 2003

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (20 members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2007. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIEES:

Richard Ham-Kucharski Roy L McCutcheon

Mark Slavens Roland J. Thomas, Jr.

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003,

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

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At the Regular Biennial Election where will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2009.

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(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)

Richard J. DeVries

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

Precinct No. 9, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Voting Place:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3. PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 10 and all of City Precinct No. 21.

PRECINCT NO. 3 Isbister Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township

PRECINCT NO. 4

Voting Place: East Middle School. The fourth precinct consists of all of Citiy Precinct No. 1 and all of City Precinct No. 4. PRECINCT NO. 5

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> West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all the territory of the school district located in Salem Township. PRECINCT NO. 7

Farrand Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 8, and all the territory of the school district located in Northville

PRECINCT NO. 8 Fiegel Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct Voting Place: No. 6, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 30 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 32. PRECINCT NO. 9

Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Voting Place: PRECINCT NO. 10 Voting Place: Hulsing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township

Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24. PRECINCT NO. 11 Eriksson Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9, all of Canton Township Voting Place: Precinct No. 14, and all of Canton Townshp Precinct No. 34.

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team to blank Canton this season—and they did it twice.

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## Women's Open a striking success at Sunnybro

ahe Professional Women's **Bowling Association** (PWBA) hit our town last weekend with one of the prestigious

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events of the

Women's U.S.

Open held at

Sunnybrook

There were



Ten Pin Alley

the usual number of Detroit area Harrison bowlers entered, as

the near proximity meant little or no travel expenses for the

A huge starting field of 267 competitors, all vying for the TV finals, featuring the top five finishers after the qualifying rounds and match play had been completed.

Lisa Bishop of Belleville nearly made the finals, winding up sixth overall.

For those who watched it on TV, you already know that a very gritty young lady named Kelly Kulick from Union, N.J. took the title by climbing all

There were more than the usual number of Detroit area bowlers entered, as the near proximity meant little or no travel expenses.

the way up the stepladder to the finals.

A former three-time Team USA member, Kulick came through when she had to to win every TV match and the first tour victory of her career.

In winning, she had to get by Leanne Barrette at the No. 4 spot. Winding up tied 213-all after 10 frames, Kulick won the extra frame(s) roll-off, 39-

Kulick then faced and defeated 1990s Bowler of the Decade and No. 3 seed, Wendy Macpherson, 221-179.

The powerful Michelle Feldman, who was voted PWBA Player of the Year, was her next victim, 256-174. And finally, she faced off

against the top-seed Carolyn Dorin-Ballard. This was a real dogfight as

Carolyn spared the first frame and followed with a four-bagger. Kulick responded by striking in the first six frames.

The final match was dominated by Kulick, 261-195.

Kelly was very emotional during the finals and once she had the title cinched was overcome by tears of joy.

Another local bowler, Cheryl Daniels of West Bloomfield, had a great start, and led the field in the early qualifying rounds.

She was near the top in the qualifying action and held a good position during the match play rounds when the field was cut to 24 bowlers.

Daniels finished in 17th place with her dad, Booker Daniels, in her corner, rooting for her all the way.

Cheryl has a lot of good friends in her home town, and many were there to cheer her

With Bishop just missing the final cut and finishing sixth, she said, "I'm just so happy for Kelly, she finally got her first win and she really deserved it the way she bowled and we are good friends."

Bishop rolled a 289 during the second game of qualifying using an inside line. But she struggled afterward and decided to play another angle. That was a good choice as she started to bowl very well.

But Bishop fell short with her final two matches and missed the cut. Lisa will be headed to Terre Haute, Ind. for the next PWBA stop, the same place where she won her first pro

She has won four national

titles with one major win. Her next step is to join Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullin in the new pro shop opening on Aug. 9 at Country Lanes.

Bishop will be there when not out on the tour. The pro tour is a tough grind for any bowler. Lisa bowled 56 games in the tournament plus almost as many in practice sessions.

"My arm is okay," Bishop said. "A little sore, but that will go away with a day or two of rest. I have learned to be patient and not get upset after making a bad shot."

Other ladies from Michigan who entered the event included Tracev Wade, Barbara Giles, Marie White and Laura Goldberg, all of Lansing; Darlene Dysart and Angela Wilt, Westland; Michelle Ewald, St. Clair Shores; Debbie Manthey, Algonac; Sheri Zaccarella, Monroe; Krista Winbigler, Eastpointe;

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Steele, Clarkston. In addition, there were several foreign entrants from Denmark, Australia, Finland, Canada and Mexico.

A lot of the women bowlers have come from Australia and are enjoying a lot of success

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■ Among the audience at the U.S. Open were Dave and Carol Jacob, along with their 14-year-old son Michael.

A student at Westland John Glenn, Michael's youth bowling team had just captured the Michigan State Young American Bowling Alliance championships by taking first

place at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing.

The team also consists of Jeff Elswick, Geoff Glumm and

Justin Collip. The quartet compete in the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic where Jacobs shot an 852 series to lead the way. He tied at 18-19th in the All-Events, while finishing 15th in the Male B Doubles with partner Chris Hiltunen of Westland.

Jacobs was extremely proud to win a state crown because his father had won a state title a few years ago.

This is a very complete bowling family from Canton and Westland. They span four generations of active participants starting with grandpa Bill Jacobs, who is in the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League.

The Jacobs are just not bowlers, but also huge enthusiasts for the sport.

If there is a pro tour around, they are usually there. This game is there for all to enjoy. and the Jacobs family makes the most of it.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

## OT goal carries Ladywood into regional final

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

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Sudden victory seems to suit Livonia Ladywood's soccer team just fine during its

current state tournament run. The Blazers, coming off a 2-1 double-overtime win in the Division II district final over Dexter, ousted eighth-ranked Mason in the regional semifi-

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nals on Wednesday at home by the same 2-1 double-OT ledger.

Sue Christenson scored the game-winning goal to break a 1-1 deadlock with only 38 seconds left in the second 15minute overtime.

Christenson stole a pass at midfield, dribbled through

Opportunity isn't knocking.

It's smashing down the door.

and sent the ball to teammate Sandy Swish, who one-time it back. Christenson then put the ball in side-netting.

The victory puts the Blazers, 9-5-5 overall, into Saturday's regional final at home against Trenton. (Results of that match will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

Mason bowed out with a 17-3-3 record.

Ladywood jumped out to a 1-0 lead with 8:40 left in the opening half on a goal by Megan Szczpka. The assist went to Swish.

But the Bulldogs, members of the Capital Circuit League, tied it with only 1:37 left in regulation on Christina Timmer's header initiated off a corner kick from Skye Martin.

Ladywood coach Jill

Logsdon said the Blazers remained confident in overtime. She also had standout goalkeeper Stefani Szczechowski, who earlier in the match stopped breakaway attempt, as insurance.

"I didn't want to go to a shootout," she said. "I'd rather take my chances before then."

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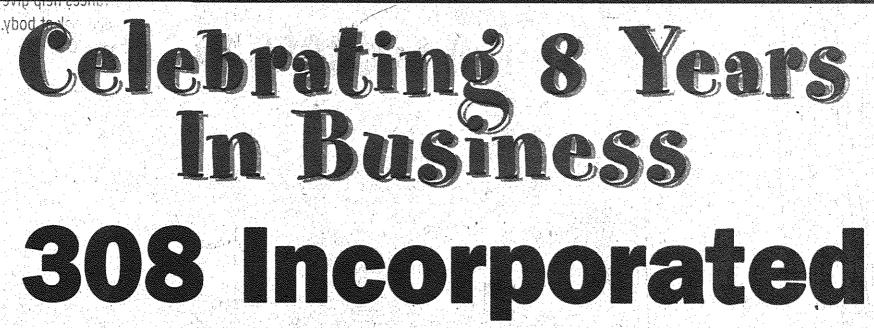
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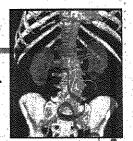
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Renee Skoglund

### Take time to put life in a frame

Renee Skoglund died Monday following a long struggle with cancer. She wrote this column a week before her death. It is a tribute to her strength and always positive

Several years ago while in college, I fell in love with a Midwestern author, Wright Morris, who spent many years as a photographer, a calling that was often reflected in the way he set up scenes in his stories.

Through Morris, my classmates and I viewed people through windows, landscapes through barn doors, and life in general through doorways.

Morris' 72-year-old curmudgeon of a protagonist, Floyd Warner, was viewed more gently, more humanly through this literary technique.

For most of us, Warner was just a reach through a window.

I once wrote a short story, Saying Good-bye to Bernice, which to this day remains my favorite attempt at fiction. The story was inspired by my mother, who stood in her kitchen one day looking out the corner window into Bernice's yard.

"You know, I still miss Bernice," said my mom. Bernice had been dead for 10 years.

Three days later I had my story. It went on to win first place in the now defunct Detroit Monthly's annual short story contest, and first prize statewide and nationally as the Michigan Press Women's entry in fiction writing.

Bernice's entire life, as sheltered as it was, came to life through a kitchen window. The reader knew she sun dried her hair on summer mornings, smoked cigarettes while sucking in and blowing out the words to Patsy Cline songs on her porch at night. And they knew that when a strong wind came along as Bernice was pinning her husband's work shirts on the line to dry, she wore bright pink nylon panties. They also knew that Bernice was just too afraid to leave her back yard.

The point of this column, my last since I officially will have resigned for health reasons May 30, is simply this: Take time to view life through a door frame once in a while. First look at the contents of a room then go back and slowly scan. See how the sun puddles on the floor then rises through a filtery fog of dust. See the rocker piled high with discarded clothes or ... nothing. Make connections and see things you haven't seen before.

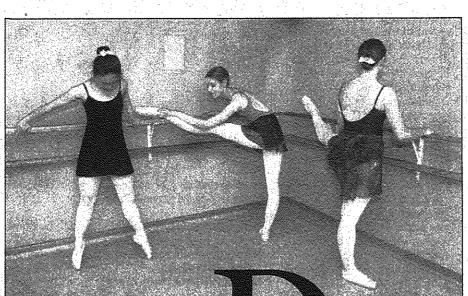
These rooms contain the essence of people who once occupied them, or perhaps still do.

They tell a story. They offer a chance to frame a memory.

When I came in today, a Saturday, to collect some pictures and hunt down any errant bananas I may have left in my desk, I paused before entering the big, cavernous editorial room.

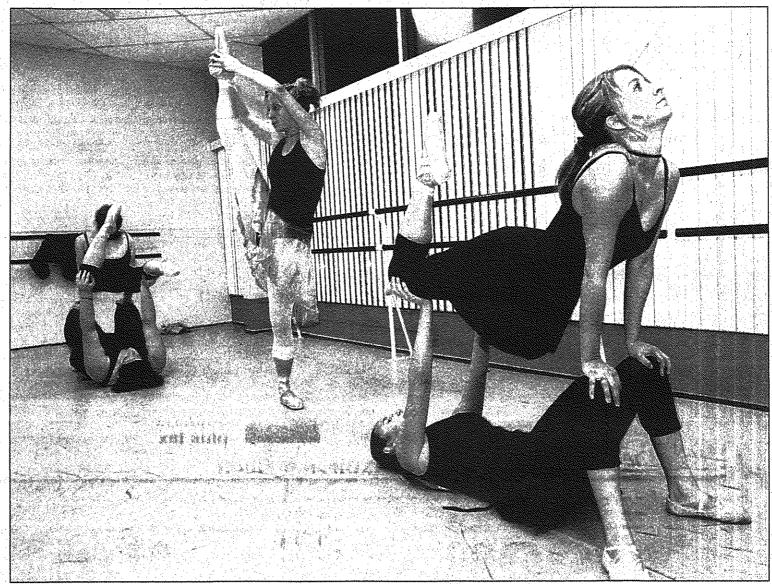
It was empty ... then it wasn't. I saw the life, the laughter, the teamwork, and the occasional flaring temper I have seen for almost 10 years. I loved it.

It will be part of my life



Studios give dancers multiple chances to shake a leg

# Let's Danc'e



Above, Bethany Amann of Garden City, 17, is held aloft by Meagen Hudson of Westland, 17, at right as Lindsey Schwartz of Plymouth, 16, kicks her leg high in the air during a rehearsal for their annual recital recently at Central City Dance in Canton. Top, Emily Swanson of Canton, 13, from left, Marissa Malcolm of Plymouth, 16, and Mo Wood of Plymouth, 14, stretch at the end of a rehearsal with teacher Stephanie Plansker at Metro Dance in Plymouth recently.

ne, two, three and four!" "Where's my emotion? Where's my faces?" 'When you're doing frappé, your knees have to stay in the same time and place!" It's early spring and, as any dancer in the Plymouth-Canton area knows, the sounds of recital and the upcoming summer season are in the air. There are plenty of places in the area where young and old, female and male, graceful and two-left-footed alike can participate in the artistry and activity.

According to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, eight dance studios make Canton home, and two are in Plymouth. Everything from tap, jazz and ballet to modern, lyrical and musical theater is only a few leaps away. For these studios, the key to success in a flourishing market has been unique combinations of variety, experience and focus that keep dancers coming back.

TARGETING MARKETS

"We all hit a different target," says Jeralyne Feasel, one of the directorowners of Metro Dance in Plymouth. "We (at Metro Dance) focus on the

artistry and the discipline in dance." On a recent Thursday evening, dancers are getting in gear for their recital. In one room, a jazz class is warming up; next door, ballerinas of all ages are rehearsing this year's big number, Alexander Glaznov's The

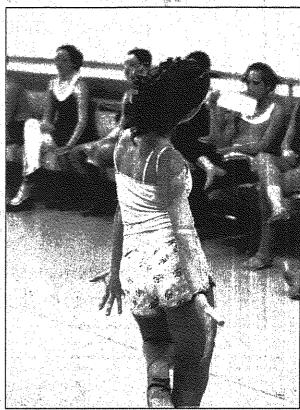
Seasons. A little dancer with a bouquet of pink daisies runs up to Feasel and asks, "Should we go to jazz now?"

Her teacher tells her that she may, if she is finished with her part. Feasel, who has been teaching for more than 15 years, explains that her jazz dancers also are required to take ballet.

"Ballet is the foundation for pretty much all types of dancing," says Feasel. "They get their technique that's necessary; it just makes them a more wellrounded dancer."

PLEASE SEE DANCE, C5

Story by Kim Kovelle — Staff Writer



A student rehearses in front of her classmates at Dancin' Feet in the Summit on the Park in Canton recently.

Retiring rabbi faces new challenges

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE CORRESPONDENT

When Sherwin Wine retires next month after 40 years as founding rabbi of Birmingham Temple, he merely will transfer his energy to

his other passions. "I'm shifting my work," says Wine, a dynamic, imposing, outspoken Birmingham resident who thinks outside the box.

"I want to work on visiting more communities, training more rabbis and doing more writing."

Wine, who at 75 operates at full

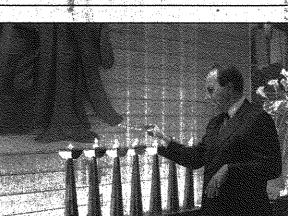
throttle intellectually and physically, will continue to travel the world and to further develop the Birmingham-based Center for New Thinking, his take on community education.

The visiting, training and writing all fit his goal of securing the religion he began — Humanistic Judaism — as the fifth branch of Judaism, alongside Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist.

"One of the big concerns a few years back was whether Humanistic Judaism would continue," Wine says. "People were saying, 'What's going to happen when Sherwin goes?' I hated that."

**MOVEMENT GROWS** 

Wine estimates that 30,000 members in 12 countries consider themselves part of the Humanistic Jewish movement, with the outreach larger than that. They identify culturally, historically and traditionally with Judaism and with its ethical values, but they don't



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rabbi Sherwin Wine saved the last candle for himself at a May 30 grand reunion of bar mitzvah and Confirmation alumni at th Birmingham Temple, because the evening's s PLEASE SEE RABBI, C2 the kind of ceremony he had wished for

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believe in God.

For us, the heart of religion is not God, prayer or worship but human behavior," Wine said back in 1975. That was during the time when he was labeled "the atheist rabbi" and the subject of condemnation.

Today, he says, "Our focus was not to deny God but to affirm people. We're helping create something long lasting for the worlds of religion, philosophy and Judaism.' Completing his fifth book, The Jews From a Humanistic Perspective, is a priority. These and other writings preserve his work the way his talks never can. That's because he speaks from a single, salmon-colored, 4-inch by 6-inch card, never writing out the full text of what

"I think very carefully about my talks," he says. "I consider the podium a barrier between the speaker and audience. For me, talking to people is a very enjoyable experience."

Those who encounter him even once are impressed by his memory, which allows him to recall historical facts as easily as he inquires after each temple member's child by name.

"It's not just his memory, it's his whole system of knowledge," explains Rabbi Adam Chalom, 27, who along with Rabbi Tamara Kolton, 32, will lead Birmingham Temple after Wine's retirement next month.

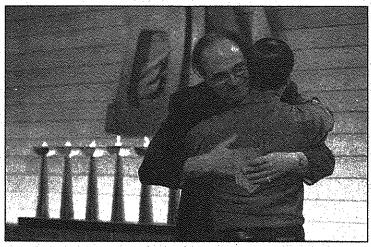
#### 'A GENIUS'

"He's clearly a genius," Kolton adds, citing his command of world events. "But he understands it's not only the day that Napoleon conquered Europe that is important but the day that your daughter is

"His húmor is delicious and it's really part of enjoying him." Retirement also will allow Wine to travel. Antarctica and Cuba are two of the few places

he hasn't been.

"I like politically interesting trips," Wine says. "I don't sleep a lot when I travel. I walk, sometimes as much as 20 miles in a day. I know what I want to see and I don't want to waste my time. Next to philosophy my major interest has



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

As each year's bar mitzvah and Confirmation graduates come forward, a new candle is lit on the Menorah. Rabbi Wine had a hug and kind word with all.

been history. Travel is my way of seeing history in the flesh. It's my greatest recreation."

Connie Wolberg, a Southfield-based travel agent and temple member, has arranged many of his trips, accompanying him on some. She is amazed at his energy, thirst for new adventure, and ability to take mishaps with humor. Her favorite story involves an over-eager guide in West Africa who took Wine and his longtime partner Richard McMains to see a witch doctor supposedly renown for his supernatural

This somehow involved the killing of a chicken," Wolberg says. "But the chicken objected to being sacrificed and eventually Rabbi Wine and McMains joined the witch doctor, numerous family members and the guide in chasing this hysterical chicken all over the back yard. It is a vision, totally lacking in rabbinical dignity, that I will cherish forever...

Wine's wry comment: "You can always learn from other clergy."

#### **CHOOSING HIS PATH**

Wine did not grow up in Detroit bent on founding a new religion.

He came from an observant family, active in the conservative Shaarey Zedek synagogue. now in Southfield. As a philosophy student at the University of Michigan, he thought he might want to become a col-

lege professor or an attorney. But the academic world "was less adventurous than I wanted Birmingham Temple, which my life to be," he said. And law

fell by the wayside when he decided, "I couldn't defend someone who was guilty."

"I was always very connected to Judaism," he said. "I wanted to combine philosophy and Judaism and the thing that seemed closest to that was the Reform Rabbinate.

Even as he applied, he knew that he did not believe in God. The philosophers that he regards as his mentors -Bertram Russell, John Dewey, Jean Paul Sartre, Albert Camus, Baruch Spinoza -- had already helped him shape a humanistic philosophy.

"They were my teachers," he says. "I didn't have anyone in the rabbinic world who was my mentor. They didn't agree with me. I liked being a rabbi. But I didn't like the praying," he said. "I decided I would explain to everyone what I meant by the word 'God."

A two-year stint as a Jewish chaplain in Korea further cemented that idea and his communication skills. "The Jewish soldiers there weren't interested in praying," he said. "They were farm boys from places like central Iowa and I learned how to talk to them. They needed to be nurtured."

Returning home as assistant rabbi at Temple Beth El, now in Bloomfield Township, and then as rabbi of a new Reform congregation in Windsor, he grew increasingly uncomfortable with what he terms "God language." "Redefining a familiar word just so you can stay in the organization wasn't being

That's when he left to form took its name from its initial

gathering in the home of a Birmingham couple.

"I've always regarded myself as a philosopher- missionary," Wine says. "I've provided people a new setting for what they believe."

Although the temple eventually moved to a permanent site in Farmington Hills, Wine himself chose to move to Birmingham, a city he loves. He is a familiar figure walking its downtown and residential streets and having breakfast each morning at The Townsend Hotel.

#### A NEW DIRECTION

Once he retires, residents will see him regularly take a new route - from his condominium with the walled garden on the west side of Birmingham to his new library office on the east side, at Adams Square. That's where he and the faculty of the Center for New Thinking the Rev. Harry Cook, art historian Michael Farrell and journalist Jack Lessenberry - hold some of their classes. Others take place at the Birmingham Unitarian Church and The Community House.

The nonprofit center, which he began in 1977, is another aspect of his original mind. After teaching some adult education classes for Wayne State University, he got the idea that people might like to pay as you go for a single class on a particular subject, rather than commit to a whole semester.

"It was all about interesting people in the world of ideas. I thought I could create a forum in a more convenient place based on new books and new thinkers."

Last month, the American **Humanist Society named** Wine "Humanist of the Year." He joins a line up that includes philosophers, doctors, scientists and writers including Jonas Salk, Carl Sagan, Julian Huxley, Benjamin Spock, Linus Pauling, Margaret Sanger, Kurt Vonnegut, Alice Walker and Isaac Asimov.

"I look at my life and I really like what's happened," says Wine, in a softer tone than usually characterizes his bold statements. "I feel very fulfilled because my life's work has touched a lot of people in a very positive way."



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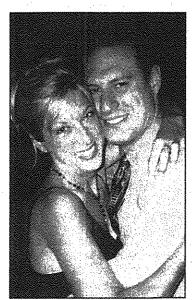
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#### Spear celebration

Kenneth and Mary (Manby)
Spear celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this spring.
They met at Wayne State
University and were married on
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Detroiters, they now reside in
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family reunion with their four
children this July in the Irish
Hills.



#### Chapman-Watts

Roy and Nancy Chapman of Plymouth are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie, to Darren David Watts, son of Dale and Celeste Watts of Franklin.

Amy is a graduate of Madonna University and is employed with Livonia Public Schools as a fourth-grade teacher. Darren is employed with St. John Health Systems as lead network engineer, as well as owning a computer networking company.

An October 2003 wedding is planned at the Marygrove Thomas and Sacred Heart Chapel in Detroit.



#### Hartsell-Vescoso

Hugh and Audrey Hartsell of Ypsilanti are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Serena Jean to Charles Anthony Vescoso, Jr., son of Charles and Cheryl Vescoso of Canton.

Serena is a 1995 graduate of Ypsilanti High School and a 2000 graduate of Grand Valley State University with her bachelor's in Russian Studies; and a 2000 graduate of the Davenport University with a bachelor's in International Business. She is currently employed at Shore Mortgage in Brighton as a loan officer.

Charles is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2001 graduate of Eastern Michigan University; a former U.S. Marine; and is currently employed as a carpenter with the Carpenter's Local #687.

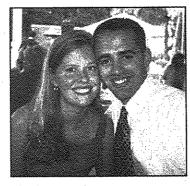
An Aug. 23, 2003 wedding is planned at St. Johns Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.



#### Sheppard

Lisa and Mike Sheppard are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Jane Sheppard, born April 7, 2003.

Grandparents are Robert and Jane Sheppard of Canton and Thomas and Patricia Marunich of Plymouth.



#### Dibble-Venezia

Lloyd and Diane Dibble of Arlington, Va. (formerly of Canton) are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Marie, to John I. Venezia, son of Domenic and Nancy Venezia of Braintree, Md.

Anne Marie is a 1992 graduate and class president of Plymouth Canton High School; a 1996 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Kalamazoo College; and a 1999 Masters of Public Policy and Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Michigan. She is currently employed by Quadel

Consulting in Washington, D.C.
John is a 1998 Magna Cum
Laude graduate of Duke
University. He is currently
employed by ICF consulting in
Washington, D.C.

A Nov. 8, 2003 wedding is planned at Catonsville United Methodist Church in Maryland.



#### Morgan Weldon Cummings

Lauren and Robert Cummings of Plymouth are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Weldon, born April 23, 2003 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 21 inches.

Proud grandparents are Robert and Marion Pearson of Plymouth and Paul and Pat Cummings of Plymouth.



#### Tetzlaff-Sage

Meriah Lee Tetzlaff and Brian Paul Sage exchanged their wedding vows on Oct. 5, 2002 at St. John the Baptist Church in Alpena, Mich.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Karen Tetzlaff of Alpena. The groom is the son of Larry and Lynn Sage of Canton.

Attending the bride were Heather Tetzlaff of Brighton, Courtney McCrimmon of Pittsburgh, Pa.,, Beth Smalley of Chicago, Ellen Eisenmann of Long Beach, Calif., and junior bridesmaids Danielle and Whitney Diacono of Walled Lake. Katelyn and Kyle Roberts of Lake Orion served as the flower girl and ring-bearer, respectively.

Attending the groom were George McConnell of Canton, Paul Montresor of Plymouth, Doug Spagnola of Kalamazoo, and Vince Teninty of Chicago.

Meriah is a graduate of
Western Michigan University,
with degrees in theater and
education. She is employed by
Education for the Arts in
Kalamazoo. Brian is also a
graduate of Western Michigan
University, with a degree in
theater. He is employed by the
Whole Art Theater in
Kalamazoo.

After honeymooning in Bonita Springs, Fla., the couple will reside in Kalamazoo.

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#### AROUND TOWN

#### Teen Night Skating

The City of Plymouth Recreation
Department will open the Plymouth
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Teen Night Open Skating on Saturdays in
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p.m. with pizza and pop available. Call
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#### (734) 455-6620 **Kiwanis Dog Walk**

Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club will be hosting Tails and Trails, a walk with your dog through Heritage Park. Registration will be \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of event. Taking place on June 19 promptly at 6 p.m. and ends at approximately 6:30 p.m. Call Carol at (734) 451-3500 or Janet at (734) 981-0460.

#### Soccer Training Camp

Now accepting registration for its
Youth Soccer Training Camp, designed
for 6-12 year olds. The week-long
camp will run Monday through Friday,
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Department at (734) 455-6620 for
more information or the web at
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Couples Night Out
Fox Hills is holding "Couples Night

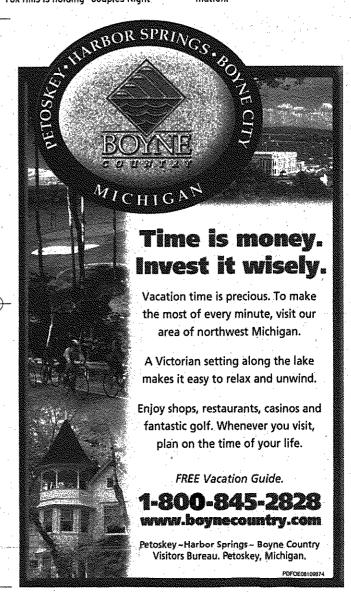
Out" at the Fox Classic on June 8, July 13 or Aug. 17. Cost is \$69, which includes nine holes of golf for two with cart and dinner after golf. Tee times begin at 4:30 p.m. Call for reservations to (734) 453-7272.

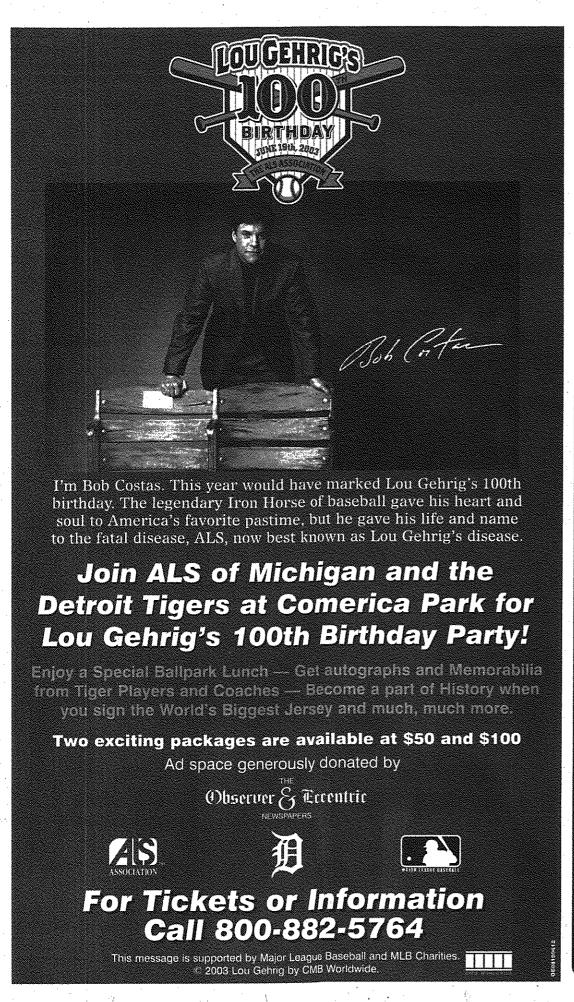
#### Ice Skating

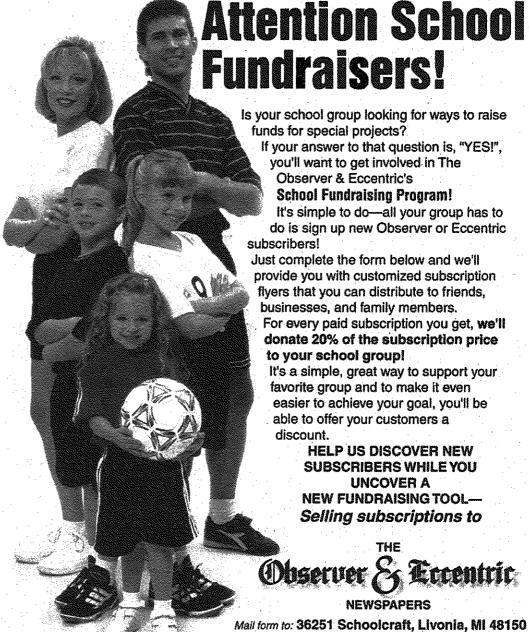
The City of Plymouth is now accepting registration for its Summer Basic Skills Ice Skating program. Classes start the week of June 16 and run for 10 weeks. Classes will be offered on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Each class is 25 minutes in length with an additional 25 minutes of available practice time. Classes held at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. For more info, call (734) 455-6620.

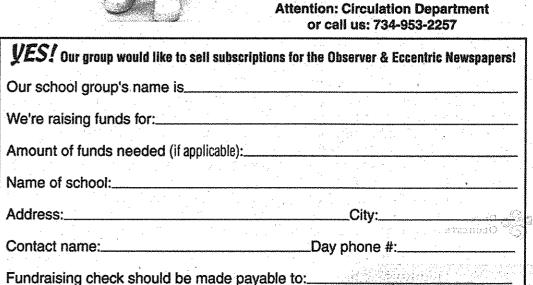
#### Art of Relaxation

On June 11, the Plymouth Community
Arts Council provides a Mental Health
Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Topics for
the day include nutrition, skin care
and creativity building thought meditation. There will also be time for
"art" with mandalas and clay. Call
(734) 416-4278 to register or for infor-









## Walkathon an emotional tribute for participants

BY M.B. DILLON

CORRESPONDENT

Even in death, George and Betty Andrews of Plymouth are helping the estimated 35,000 people in Michigan who suffer with Parkinson's disease, a neurological disorder that causes slow movement, tremors, muscle rigidity and imbalance.

More than 250 people participated in the recent George and Betty Andrews Memorial "I Gave My Sole for Parkinson's" Walkathon and 5K Run at Maybury State Park. Together they raised more than \$15,000 for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

Randy Lambertus, 23, of Ann Arbor was the overall 5K winner in 17:41. Sara Freatman, 41, of Ypsilanti was the female 5K winner in 24:00.

George Andrews, 75, head of the physical therapy department at Farmington Hills' Botsford Hospital, died of leukemia last September. His wife Betty – who had Parkinson's – died three weeks later. Betty Andrews was retired from Schoolcraft College where she was assistant dean of community services.

#### 'A MIRACLE'

The mile was non-competitive. But as Warren Oberlee, 47, of White Lake crossed the finish line, tears welled up in the eyes of friends and family.

"Considering where Warren came from, it is really a miracle to see him function the way he is now," said Tom Richardson of Milford, who served as race director along with Dave Bartczak of Huntington Woods and Debby Orloff-Davidson of Farmington Hills. Richardson is a physical therapist assistant at Botsford's Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center (TRACC), which helped put on the race.

"If you would have seen
Warren a short while ago, you
wouldn't believe it was the
same person. He couldn't
dress himself or drive. He
would tire out just trying to
walk a short distance,"
Richardson said. "He was just
about incapacitated. The guy is
really a miracle – and a terrific
guy and lots of fun to boot."

Oberlee, who with his wife Patricia and daughters Amanda and Katelyn also helped stage the race, has fought Parkinson's with surgery, medication and rehabilitative exercise at TRACC.

"I felt good crossing the finish line." I was pleased I was able to make it," said Oberlee, facilitator of the Waterford-West Bloomfield Parkinson support group, also known as the "Movers and Shakers." "I've been training and walking at TRACC, about two-and-a-half to three miles a week." Oberlee also raised \$875 in pledges for the walkathon.



PHOTOS BY AMANDA OBERI

Some of the more than 250 people participating in the George and Betty Andrews Memorial 'I Gave My Sole for Parkinson's' Walkathon taking off from the starting line. Participants helped raise more than \$15,000 for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

Proceeds will assist the Michigan Parkinson Foundation in training support-group leaders; sponsoring educational programs; defraying newsletter costs; and helping pay for care and medication.

The Andrewses' son, Greg, a Seattle architect, flew in for the event. "This is just real touching to see this kind of thing come together and so many people responding," he said

#### AN INSPIRATION

Greg said his mother was an inspiration. "She struggled with Parkinson's for many years," he said. "She was amazing – an inspiration to the family

She never complained. I think that's the reason you see so many people responding," he said. "They remember that"

Richardson agreed. "Betty was very loving, very kind, and compassionate," he said. "And phenomenally active in the community," said race codirector Orloff-Davidson,



Michigan Parkinson Foundation leaders (from left to right): David Bartczak, Parkinson group facilitator in Royal Oak and co-director of the walkathon; Debby Orloff-Davidson, chief operating officer for the MPF and co-director of the walkathon; Warren Oberlee, Waterford/West Bloomfield group facilitator and volunteer greeter for the event; Diane McQuiston, MPF executive assistant and walkathon volunteer; and Sophie Tomich, Parkinson Downriver group facilitator and event volunteer.

chief operating officer of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

The Andrewses' three daughters – Christina Courtley of Franklin, Tenn., Janis Burleson of Plymouth, and Laurie Butman of Ypsilanti and their children also attended.

Carol Poenisch of Northville teaches physical education at John Glenn High School in Westland. She offered her

students extra credit if they completed the walkathon or run.

Not only did Glenn junior Tiffany Morgan walk the 3.1miles with her teacher, but she brought six relatives and friends with her – including her mother, Barbara Correa, who race-walked on just three hours' sleep, having worked the late shift at Ford the night before. Co-worker Kiley Mitchell of Westland did the

Setting off with them down the wide ribbon of black top at Maybury were Tiffany's sisters, Sara, 12, and Renea, 11, and friends Meghan Glass, 11, and Kala Contway, 12, also of Westland.

You couldn't have asked for a better result for a first-time event, said Orloff-Davidson. She credited TRACC, fellow race directors Tom Richardson and Dave Bartczak, and volunteers Jennifer Lantz of Birmingham, Ilene Hafner of Huntington Woods, Paul Hendricks of Northville, the Oberlees and Michigan Parkinson Foundation staffers Diane McQuiston of Farmington Hills and Sophie Tomich of Allen Park.

Corporate partners and sponsors of the event included Park West Galleries, Community Emergency Medical Service, J. Walter Thompson, Quest Research, Wolverine Orthotics, GlaxoSmithKline, Buddy's Pizza, Aquafina, Botsford Hospital, Botsford's Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center, Henry Ford Health System; Michigan Neurology Institute, Providence Hospital, Running Fit, St. John Hospital and Medical Center; Great Harvest Bread Company; Estate Planning Service; Direct Medical Services; Advanced Printwear, Meijer of Northville and Beaver Tile and Stone of Farmington Hills.

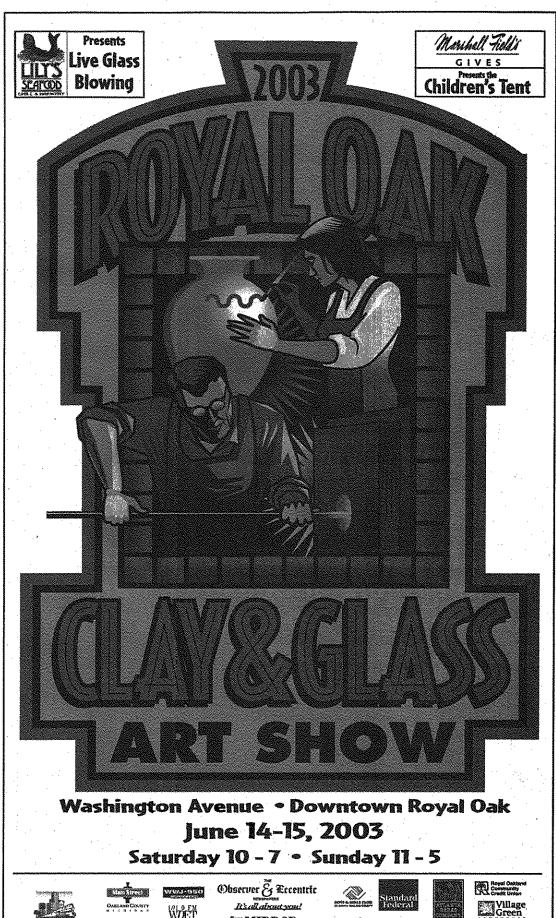
For more information on Parkinson's, contact the Michigan Parkinson Foundation at 30161 Southfield Road, Suite 119, Southfield, Mich., 48076 or (800)852-9781.

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Shaun Richardson, from left, Carmen Gibes and James Richardson from the band "Cats and the Fiddler" were volunteers for the walkathon.





#### DANGE

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Now in its sixth year, Metro bases its classical ballet training upon the popular Cecchetti Method, a system based on the standards and methods of ballet master Enrico Cecchetti, which involves mastering various levels of the discipline and then taking exams.

The studio's programs range from children to pre-professional and focus on proper technique.

"We just do a little bit of competition," says Stephanie Plansker, Metro Dance's coowner and an instructor of 13 years. "We're not into the trophies."

The studio's curriculum also includes tap, hip-hop, modern/lyrical, an extensive adult program and certified pilates

"I'd gone to two other places and they just weren't giving me what I needed," says 16-yearold student Marissa Malcolm, who takes Cecchetti, ballet, pointe and jazz. "I got hooked. It's given me a lot of confidence."

#### REPUTATION GROWING

On the second floor of the Summit on the Park community center in Canton, the summer season for Dancin' Feet is beginning.

"What is the summer intensive program?" dance instructor George Hurley asks 18

adolescent jazz dancers.
After a few guesses, he
explains: "It's a class that helps
you improve to your full potential." And for the next two

tial." And for the next two hours, Hurley leads the young ladies through a rigorous routine.

Dancin' Feet, run in collabo-

Dancin' Feet, run in collaboration with Canton Leisure Services, has offered training in ballet, pointe, tap, jazz and lyrical for the past 20 years.

Cheryl Reitz, who has been running the program since its birth, has seen the studio's reputation grow primarily from word-of-mouth.

"I think the staff is exceptional, in their training and what they've been able to do," says Reitz, who has been dancing since age 4. "We have just found a blend that has worked for us."

For instance, Hurley, who has been at Dancin' Feet since 1995, has been named Mr.
Dance of Michigan three times.

He received his dance training at Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth and teaches there, as well.

"All the teachers are professionals and they've been trained (by) good teachers," many from the area, according to Hurley.

One such student, Jessica

One such student, Jessica Ratts, 13, has taken tap, jazz, ballet, pointe and lyrical dance at Dancin' Feet for several years.

"You don't have to take competition if you don't want to," says Ratts. "I don't feel behind."



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Hillary Bracht of Plymouth, 14, gets some help with her technique from teacher Tamara Nastev-Smola as classmates look on during a ballet pointe class at Central City Dance in Canton recently.

"We do try to offer a high-quality, fun and enjoyable dance atmosphere," says Reitz. "I don't know if people understand how lucky they are with the amount of dance training you can get in this area. There's just room for all the dance studios to cohabit peacefully."

#### **UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES**

The recital is also finished at Dance Unlimited in Plymouth, but this Monday afternoon, students are returning to get pictures taken.

"This way the costumes stay intact for the recital," explains director Barbara Raschke, who is busy knitting an afghan in her cubby office as dancers and their parents flutter by to ask questions.

Raschke, whose studio has been located in the city for the past 25 years, says she always does "little extras," whether running to CVS, looking for bunny ears or tea-staining white lace to give costumes an antique look.

Operating a "general dance program that involves all spectrums" Raschke, who teaches ballet, creative movement and preballet, incorporates quality training with

"I truly foot that dance is not a competitive sport," says Raschke.

"It's supposed to be expressive and graceful, and it's too subjective to really judge. We're in recreation and arts education."

In this year's recital, held May 31 at Salem, Raschke's dancers presented *The Ugly Duckling*, a one-act ballet featuring Raschke's choreography, and *Suspense Action Drama*, a second act with modern, tap and jazz.

"Each studio does have its own philosophy," says Raschke. "(It's) an activity that they can do through their lifetime if they choose to."

#### **NEW MOVES**

Back in Canton, near the Plymouth-Canton border, Central City Dance is the new kid on the block.

Tim Smola, one of the director-owners who has a bachelor of fine arts in dance from the University of Michigan and 13 years of teaching experience, had planned to head to New York.

The reason he didn't?
"I fell in love with my wife,"
explains Smola. He met
Tamara Nastev-Smola at a previous dance studio, and the
two opened one of their own
last August.

The husband-wife team offers an extensive curriculum including ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, Cecchetti, pilates, musical theater, theater, cheerleading, pompon, Hawaiian, pilates and even modeling.

"We plunged into it and we're really happy we did," says Smola.

"All of our teachers are trained in all genres of dance. We're young and vibrant, full of energy."

So far, the studio has attracted around 400 students, according to Smola.

"We try to offer them something other than just taking lessons," says Nastev-Smola, an active member of the Cecchetti Council of America-Professional Ballet Syllabus.

Hip-hop dancing is one of the studio's most popular forms, attracting everyone from young \*NSYNC aspirants to a 70-year-old man.

A seven-member boys class dance to Li'l Romeo's version of *Brick House* in this year's recital, which will be June 17 and 18 at Belleville High School.

Andrew Newton, 14, is one of the studio's assistant tap and jazz teachers.

"(I love) the thrill of performance," says Newton, who plans to continue dancing as a career.

"It keeps me in shape for football, basketball, track an skateboarding, too."

Katie Schwalm, 12, a jazz, lyrical, hip-hop and ballet

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dancer, is singing along with the music used during a ballet class.

"I came here because I heard good things," says Schwalm, who also sings at Whalers games.

"I'm gonna come back next year and hopefully for a long time."

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## MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Marissa Malcolm of Plymouth, 16, from left, Emily Swanson of Canton, 13, and

preparing for their grade 5 Cecchetti exam, which is the first pre-professional

Stephanie Plansker at Metro Dance in Plymouth recently. The girls were

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#### Fibromyalqia

A local authority will be appearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at the Carl Sandburg Library for a free workshop that reveals the truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia. He is a member in the National Wellness Foundation. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201 (24-hour recorded message).

#### Get the red out

Holding anger and grudges can have physiological effects on the mind and body. Biochemist Sandy Baumann will teach you these effects and discuss the many emotions often vented as anger. Learn to identify the steps of escalating anger in another person. \$5 material fee due to instructor the first session. Center for Lifelong Learning, Tuesday, June 10, 17 and 24 at Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren), Dearborn Heights. 6:30-8:40 p.m. Cost: \$59. Nurses may register for nursing contact hours at an additional fee. To register, call (313) 317-1500.

## CT scan is cutting-edge diagnostic technology

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

Imagine radiology technology so advanced it has the ability to stop all motion and produce such high resolution images it's as if you're looking inside the human body with a threedimensional view.

Advanced Imaging of Michigan, located in Troy, was the first facility in the state to have the 16 slice Multi-Detector Siemens CT scanner. According to Dr. Roger Fenton, AIM medical director, he and his staff began offering this state of the art technology in March to physician-referred patients as well as individuals wanting wellness scans.

The technology of a CT or CAT scan (computed tomography) allows radiologists to capture hundreds of X-rays taken from numerous angles in the body. The integration of the images together creates an likeness so clear and realistic it

gives doctors a view of the body in the same way they would in an operating room."

'The technology is amazing," said Fenton, medical director at AIM in Troy and the MRI Center of Oakland. "This will undoubtedly revolutionize diagnostic readings, the quality of the scans and the turn around time for a diagnosis. Not only that but we're giving patients the opportunity to detect issues early enough, long before we could have seen things with traditional scans and X-rays, so that they can deal with the disease before it becomes a matter of life and death.

"This gives us a lot more options and there are a lot more things we can see in just one exam."

According to Fenton, CT was first offered in the early 1980s and it provided physicians with more definite images than Xrays provided of both bone structure and soft tissues. "This improvement in the quality of

the CT gave us a clearer picture of the body's organs but it had its drawbacks, too. It was a lengthy process that could take almost an hour and we could only view the images in one dimension."

Fast forward 20 years and Fenton is looking at scans in three dimension with more accuracy than he could have ever imagined.

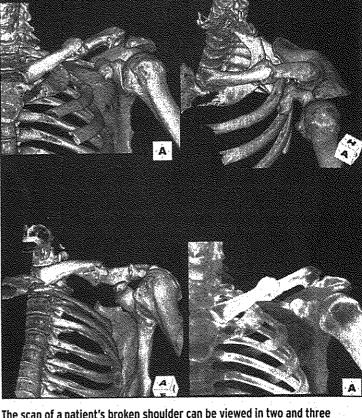
"It's like you're driving through the body providing patients with the most accurate diagnosis possible in a fraction of the time it took two decades ago. This is the latest and great in CT scan technology," he said. "The frames are as thin as a pathology slice, about 1 mm, and can be viewed at any dimension. We can manipulate the image any way we want in the highest quality possible with exquisite definition. This is high-tech medicine."



The Multi-Detector Siemens CT Scanner captures 32 slices a second creating in excess of 1,200 images for a full body scan. The frames or images can be viewed individually or together to see how an organ relates to other structures in the body.

Most importantly, the technology turns many procedures that were previously invasive into non-invasive virtual scans, eliminating the risk associated with procedures such as a colonoscopy and diagnostic cardiac arteriogram.

During a virtual colonoscopy, the CT technology captures images of surrounding organs that can provide early warning signs of gall bladder, kidney and pancreatic disease in addition to creating the most realistic and up-close view of the colon ever seen. While doctors recommend individuals over 50 three-four years, physicians are



The scan of a patient's broken shoulder can be viewed in two and three dimensions in the highest resolution possible.

aware that the preparation and discomfort many people feel before and during the exam create enough anxiety that they are willing to accept the risk and go without the test.

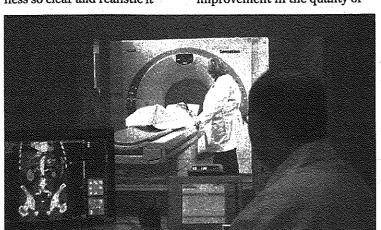
Sixty-year-old Southfield attorney Richard J. Maddin had a CT scan and virtual colonoscopy done earlier this year at Advanced Imaging of Michigan after striking up a conversation with Fenton at the facility where they both work

"Ironically, I had a traditional colonoscopy already scheduled, because I have a concerned and loving wife, but I started talking with Dr. Fenton and he was telling me about this new technology. I had heard the traditional procedure for a friendly. I'm not afraid of medicine or procedures but the idea of the anesthesia, missing a day's worth of work and the invasiveness of the scope didn't make me want to sign up, but I was going to do it anyway," said Maddin.

The West Bloomfield resident made another appointment at AIM and says he was "awestruck" by the definition of the images. "They produced a winner with this one. I was blown away at what the scan showed. I think the benefits outweigh any cost issue. They didn't sell me on this ... I sold myself."

Maddin's results were positive all around. "It showed me what was I wanted to see and took away the apprehension because it wasn't invasive," added Maddin.

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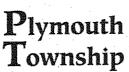
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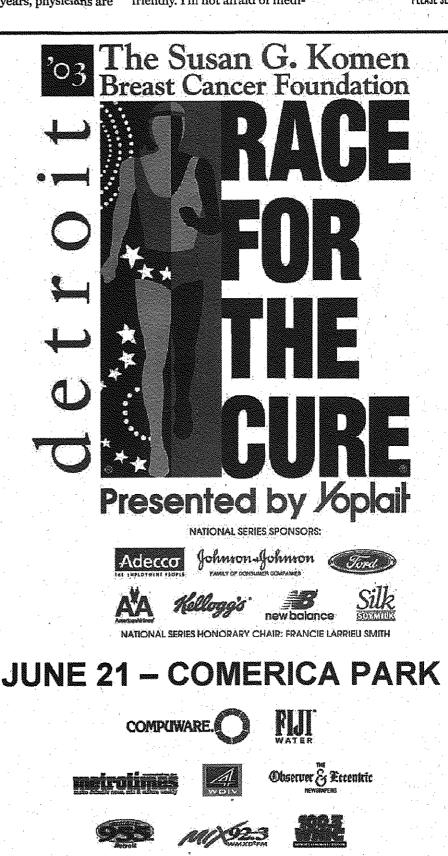
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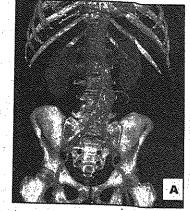
#### **LESS TIME**

Images of the lungs, head, heart, abdomen and pelvis can be viewed immediately in two and three dimensions, allowing doctors to "literally drive through a patient's body, looking for unexpected bumps in the road - polyps or growths that cannot be detected."

The virtual colonoscopy doesn't eliminate the need for a traditional procedure if something questionable is found during the exam. Fenton said then a patient is referred back to his or her physician who schedules the traditional colonoscopy. Another benefit of the scan is that the CT study of the colon also provides images of the entire abdomen, enabling doctors to identify underlying illnesses. Viewing surrounding organs can be used as a problem-solving tool and help doctors better prepare for surgery.

Not only does the Multi-Detector CT Scanner produce hundreds of images in a matter of seconds, it doesn't leave the patient feeling claustrophobic because you simply pass through a doughnut-shaped apparatus as opposed to being enclosed like that of an MRI machine.

While most people undergo scans once a health-related issue arrives, there has been some debate as to whether 'wellness" scans are necessary and how much added costs to insurance companies are involved. Fenton said in gener-



Having seen traditional X-rays it might be hard to believe this is an actual body scan of a patient's chest and abdomen area. The technology of the Siemens scan offers a three dimensional view of the body for improved detection and diagnosis of illness.

al most wellness exams are not covered by insurance but his office offers flexible payment plans and accepts all major credit cards. Most insurance companies do cover diagnostic CT for patients referred by a physician but it varies greatly from provider to provider.

Fenton says if you are 35 and older and have a history of family illness you might want to talk to your doctor about the benefits of a wellness scan. Fenton says they "welcome patients who want to be proactive about their health care" and will take the time to find out if they are a candidate for a scan before making an appointment.

Fenton has more than 25 years experience in the field of radiology and says this CT scanning technology is cutting edge. Known as a leader in preventive health care, he established The Woman's Breast Centers in 1985 and was among the first in the country to recommend breast exams beginning at age 40.

"The bottom line is this technology will undoubtedly change the way doctors and radiologists assess a patient's symptoms and improve the quality of care by making procedures less invasive, less timeconsuming and more importantly more beneficiary in detecting and treating diseases," said Fenton.

To learn more about the Multitor signifies of scarnies, visit www.advancedimagingofmi.com or call (248) 816-9900. Advanced Imaging of Michigan is located at 2401 W. Big Beaver, Suite 101, in Troy.

#### Thyroid support

The Michigan Thyroid Support Group Meeting will begin 6:30 p.m. Monday. June 9, with speaker Dr. Kabisch starting at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St. For more information about the support group, contact Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or e-mail at mithyroid@yahoo.com

Cancer loss The U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center's Grief and Loss Program will offer "Coping Through Transitions," a support group for adults who have lost a loved one to cancer, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, through June 11. The group is held at the Nichols Arboretum's James D. Reader, Jr. **Urban Environmental Education** 

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Diabetes support The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia willhost a discussion on "Get Active, Get Fit, Get Going!" 7-8:30 p.m. June 11 in the hospital's auditorium. The speakers are representatives from exercise and fitness programs.

Center in Ann Arbor. Free. Call (734)

#### Breastfeeding

La Leche League of Livonia meets monthly at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings take place in public facilities and private homes. For more information or for breastfeeding support call Sarah at (734) 266-0632.

#### Fibromyalgia support

The Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support group meets at 7 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile Road). Muriel Wagner, Ph.D., a nutritionist will be this months guest speaker. For more information call (248) 346-3164 or visit

#### www.geocities.com/LivoniaCFSFMS. Senior health fair

The U-M Geriatrics Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, will sponsor a "Senior Health and Wellness Fair" 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at the center. The fair is free and offers many health screenings for seniors including blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, depression and anxiety, glaucoma, hearing, skin cancer and height/weight measurements. In addition, there will be Internet selfscreenings, an assistive device dis-

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play, medication review, nutritious snacks, a cooking demonstration and exercise opportunities. Community agencies will provide information and art and music activities will also be included. Transportation available through AATA and other sources. Please call (734) 998-9353 for additional information.

#### Smoking cessation

Providence Medical Center Novi will hold a two-hour seminar 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 14, from which combines hypnosis and behavior modification to help you stop smoking without gaining weight. This approach also minimizes withdrawal symptoms. The first 45 minutes of each session is free and if the participant feels comfortable with the program, can pay a one-time \$59 fee which includes the hypnosis session, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement audiocassette and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. Providence Medical Center Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave. (at Beck) conference rooms A & B. No reservations required, Call

#### (800) 848-2822.

**New-Trition** Sharing and Caring a breast cancer education and support program will offer a discussion titled "New-Trition," June 19 with guest speaker Kay Huberty, C.N.C. a nutritional consultant. Call (248) 551-8588 for information. Program runs from 7-9 p.m. in the first floor conference room of the Beaumont Cancer Center in Royal Oak.

#### Weight reduction

Providence Hospital Southfield will hold a wellness seminar (two hours) 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 21, which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification to help you lose weight without feeling deprived. The first 45 minutes of each session is free and if the participant feels comfortable with the program, can pay a one-time \$59 fee which includes the hypnosis session, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement audiocassette and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar. Providence Hospital Southfield (22250 Providence Drive, Medical Building, Fisher Auditorium). No reservations required. Call (800) 848-2822,

#### ONGOING

#### Self-help groups

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#### Medicare counseling

Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare, long-term care insurance, and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call toll-free Senior Resource Line at (800) 328-2241 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

#### **Bipolar**

The MDDA-Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call Kathie at (248) 544-1097.

#### Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-

#### Bereavement .

"Together to Share," a grief support group, meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield. Call (800) 770-9859.

#### **Overeaters Anonymous**

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. HelpLine: (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

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Hospital-sponsored AA meetings held: Noon every Tuesday and Thursday at

Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at . (\*) Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362; noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Call (734) 953-1188; and 8:30 p.m. every

Wednesday at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 333-4911.

#### Gambling

The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, in Classroom 4. Call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277. Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency.

#### Cancer

Join "Focus on Living," a cancer support group offered 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Cosponsored by the American Cancer Society. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

#### Tremor Disorder Support

Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor, a debilitating and incurable movement disorder. The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Finsilver at (248) 683-4138 or Finsilver@earthlink.net, or visit

www.tremorsupport.com. To learn more about the International Tremor Foundation, visit www.essentialtremor.org or call (888) 387-3667.

#### Parents Supporting Parents

Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Providence Hospital-Southfield, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, Call (248) 849-5342.

#### Stroke

The St. John Health System-Providence offers a Stroke Support Group 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 465-

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charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

#### REUNIONS

#### Murray-Wright High School

Classes of 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 A 30 year combined reunion is being held at Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 W. 12 Mile and Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. Call to get on the mailing list Naomi Davis-Webster (313) 567-8133.

#### Our Lady of Mercy High School Class of 1963

A reunion is planned for Aug. 16, 2003. Looking for classmates that have not yet received reunion information. Contact Joanne (Quaine) Schwartz at (734) 591-6514.

#### **Our Lady of Victory School**

Classes of 1952 to 1972 A reunion for Our Lady of Victory School in Northville is being planned for September 2003. Please call Jo Flattery Mudloff (1961) at (734) 662-9333 or Jane Flattery Johnson (1957) at (734) 453-9159.

#### Plymouth Canton/Salem High School Class of 1943

A 60 year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 13, at Dunleavy's and a brunch and tour Sunday a.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Can attend one or both events. For more information, contact Pat Dunlap at (734) 453-0448. Class of 1984

A 20 year reunion is being planned. The first meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25, at the Box Bar in Plymouth. All interested classmates are welcome to attend. We encourage all Class of 1984 members to register at classmates, com. Please direct any question or contact information to cantonsalem84@hotmail.com.

#### Pontiac High School Class of 1948

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A 55 year class reunion is being held on Saturday, June 14, at Mitch's II in Waterford, Contact Harriet Vackaro Reaume at (248) 887-8863 or Eugene Turbush at (248) 674-3760 for further information.

#### Redford Thurston High School Class of 1993

Looking for classmates to assist in planning reunion. Contact Daune Koester at either (517) 432-3949 or email dkoester@msu.edu.

#### Redford Union High School Class of 1950-1954

A 50+ combined class reunion is being held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi. For more information, call Anne Ronk-Bruce at (313) 538-0272. Class of 1983

A 20 year class reunion is planned for Oct. 18 at the Farmington Hills Manor. If you have the address of a classmate or would like more information, contact Lisa Adamic Brewer at (734) 422-9698 or scottbrew@msn.com. Rochester High School Class of 1983

A 20 year reunion weekend extravaganza. At 5 p.m., Aug. I, a family tour of RHS and an informal get-together at 7 p.m. at Rochester Mills. On Aug. 2 a reunion dinner at Great Oaks at 5 p.m.; and on Aug. 3 a family continental breakfast at 10 a.m. at Rochester City Park. Payment deadline for dinner and breakfast is June 15. Contact Cindy Moffatt at (248) 651-0084 or

#### cindyatty2be@yahoo.com.

#### St. Agatha High School Class of 1993

A 10 year reunion is being held Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Vladimir's Banquet Hall in Farmington. Contact Michelle Thierry at (248) 615-1620.

#### St. Andrew High School

Class of 1963 The reunion committee is looking for classmates and faculty. Organizers are hoping to have the event in October, Please call (734) 261-6555.

#### St. Francis deSales

Class of 1953 A 50th class reunion is being celebrated on Sept. 27. For more information, please contact Mariette Gosselin-Cariton at (248) 333-2376 or e-mail to mariettelgc@yahoo.com.

#### St Mary of Redford

Class of 1973 A 30 year reunion is being held Saturday, Sept. 6 at the K of C Monaghan in Livonia. Contact Jeannine at (248) 624-8021, jgleasonsmith@williamsmullen.com or Chris at (248) 816-8107, jcc@srfpc.com.

#### St. Philip Neri

Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 A reunion is being planned for September 20 at Dodge Park in Sterling Heights, Second Pavilion, beginning at 11 a.m. For info, call Nancy Brown at (248) 693-4968 or Carole Alberts at (586) 939-4325. All S.P.N. alumni welcome.

#### St. Mary of Redford

Class of 1968 A 35 year reunion is being planned for Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003 at Monaghan Knights of Columbus. Contact Molly at (248) 477-1421. Class of 1973

A 30 year reunion being planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, at K of C Monaghan Livonia. for info call Jeannine at (248) 624-8021, Chris at (248) 816-8107, Mark at (248) 288-0713, or Patty at (248) 477-6251.

#### St. Norbert Elementary/High School A reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, on the St. Norbert school grounds and Social Hall. The reunion is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Refer to www.stnorberts.com for additional information. Anyone interested

in joining the planning committee can

join us at Brann's Steak House on

#### Friday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. St. Suzanne Elementary

Class of 1963 A 40 year reunion is being planned for Aug. 2-3. We are in the planning stages and are still looking for classmates. Please contact Terri Moore at tmm111@comcast.net or Ed O'Malley at eromalley@comcastnet. Contact Linda (Wallo) Tymczak at (248) 960-

#### 9377 for information. Salesian High School

Class of 1956 A 47 year reunion is being planned for Oct. 11. Please contact either Ron Altwies at (734) 421-7143 or Tom Connelly at (248) 546-4536 for further information.

#### Southeastern High School

Classes of Jan & June, 1948 A 55-year reunion is being held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Rooms available at special rates. Snacks and refreshments (cash bar) followed by a full sit-down luncheon served at noon. Call Patty at (248) 546-3500 or Anna

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A 20 year reunion is being held at the MSU-Management Education Center in Troy on July 26. Contact Lisa Keaser (Caponigro) at (248) 879-2456 or email to keaser@msu.edu.

#### Walled Lake Central

Class of 1983 A 20 year reunion is being held at the Brentwood Country Club, 2450 Havenwood Drive in White Lake on Saturday, June 21. The reunion committee is looking for class of 1983 classmates. Please register at Classmates.com or call Jody Darling Rauhut at (248) 360-9763.

#### Walled Lake Western High School Class of 1993

A 10 year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 23. Please forward current contact information to: wlw93reunion@hotmail.com. Pass it

#### Waterford Kettering/Waterford Township

#### Class of 1963

A reunion is being planned for Aug. 23, 2003. For information, please contact Charlene Cosgrove at (248) 874-9366 or Coni Baden at (248) 698-1346. Wayne Memorial High School

#### Class of 1993

Searching for classmates for upcoming reunion being held October 2003 at the Holiday Inn Livonia. Please contact Shelley Foster (Anderson) at (313) 277-2504 or email wmhsclassof1993@yahoo.com for more information.

#### Allen Park High School

Class of 1953, Jan & June A reunion is being held Aug. 29-31 at the Holiday Inn in Southgate. Call Jim Catchick at (772) 234-7367

#### Bagley Elementary School Class of 1955

The Class of 1955 Reunion Committee invites alums and guests to a reunion party at the school on Saturday, July 26, 2003. Contact Web site "members.aol.com/bagleyreunion/" or e-

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#### **Bagley Elementary**

Class of 1955 A reunion is planned at 8 p.m. July 26 at the Peking House in Royal Oak. A bus departs Peking House for a school tour at 5:45 p.m. Contact our Web site for more information at

#### www.members.aol.com/bagley/reunion/ Benedictine High School

Class of 1973 A 30 year class reunion is set for Saturday, Sept. 20. The festivities will be held at Vladimir's on Grand River in Farmington Hills. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 7 p.m. For information, call Jody Hrymak Kirsch at (734) 522-0661 or e-

#### mail at bennyhigh73@twmi.rr.com. Bentley High School

Class of 1963 A 40 year class reunion is being planned for a fun-filled weekend, Aug. 30 to Sept. 1. Golf outing Saturday 9-10 a.m. at the Coyote Golf Club; dinner-dance at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31 at St. John's Conference Center; with a farewell brunch on Monday, Sept. 1 from 10-noon. Call Bob or Pam Camron at (734) 449-1091. Class of 1968 Looking for classmates for our 35 year reunion being held Saturday, Sept. 27. For information, contact Connie (Scarlett) Flynn at (734) 427-1345 or www.bentleyalum-

ni.com. Class of 1973 A reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Burton Manor in Livonia. For more information, contact Class Reunion Plus at (586) 446-9636 or e-mail www.classreunionsplus.com.

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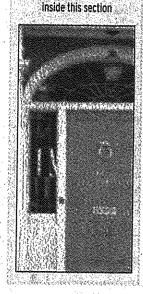
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## Stylish Troy condos provide gracious style of living

Twenty-eight condominiums, attached four to a building, invite buyers to a lowmaintenance, gracious style of living at Maya's Meadows in Troy.

The community, constructed by Meram Building, is off Rochester Road just north of Wattles.

"You're centrally located in the city of Troy, very close to all the shopping malls, outlet centers, restaurants," said Sam Meram.

Troy has such exceptional resale value due to exemplary schools," said Cindy Grunow, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country and sales representative at Maya's Meadows.

"A lot of people looking already live in Troy," she added. "They want to stay. They want new. People like the look. Many people think they're single family homes. The view from the street is great.

"It's an elegant, casual atmosphere," Grunow said. "They (prospective buyers) like the floor plan, layout, yet don't have the upkeep of a home."

Two floor plans are available. Middle units, two-story floor plans of 1,800 square feet, with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, carry a base price of \$269,000. End units, story-and-a-half of 2,210 square feet, also with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, go for \$345,900.

But buyers aren't necessary beholden to a what-you-see-is what-you-get phi-

"We have an in-house architect and engineer so we can draw up (interior) modifications," Meram said. "We're here to please people and give them what they want."

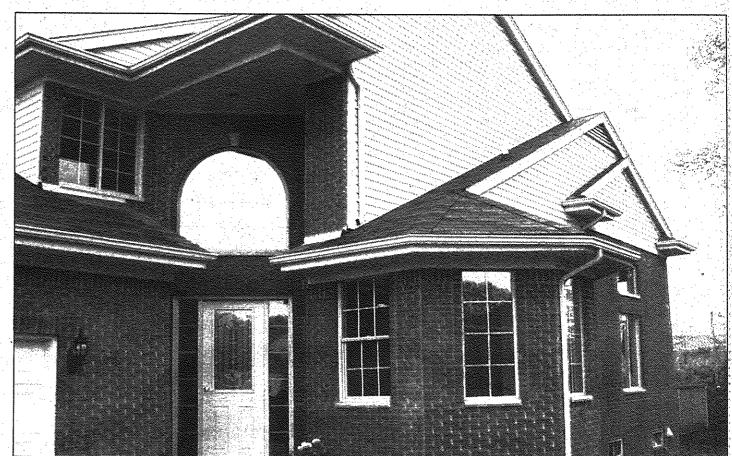
Meram Building truly is a family enterprise, with Sam's sons Frank, civil engineer; Irvin, architect; and Jason, construction management, involved.

That's a big plus for potential purchasers, too, Grunow said. "They like the quality of workmanship. They look at the construction, look at

the drywall. They like the openness, the airy feeling, the size of rooms." Both styles of homes include at base price two-car garage, air conditioning,

fireplace, first-floor laundry, wood deck and basement. Also standard are refrigerator, oven,

microwave and dishwasher; wood or ceramic flooring in the foyer, hallway, dry, and carpeting throughout; plus 16 recessed lights in the larger home, nine in the smaller.



Well-designed angles give end residences a sharp-looking appearance.

#### 'We're here to please people and give them what they want."

Sam Meram Meram Building

Landscaping also is included. Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

The story-and-a-half features a living room/dining area with sloped ceiling. The kitchen/nook has a pass-though wall and sink oriented toward the main entertaining area of the home so folks preparing meals or cleaning up can be included in activities.

The first-floor master includes a combination tub/shower and walk-in closet. A bridge on the second floor overlooks the great room. A loft, two bedrooms and full bath with shower are upstairs.

The two-story includes a living room,

dining area and kitchen with builtin desk on the main floor. The master with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet, two-sink vanity and shower is upstairs, as are two secondary bedrooms and a bath with combination tub/shower.

Maya's Meadows is serviced by city water and sewers. It's within the Troy public school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$35.73 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction.

That means the owners of a \$269,000 home there would pay about \$4,800 the first year.

The monthly association fee is \$125. All utilities are individually metered. Pets are allowed.

The Sales models at Maya's Meadows are open 1-6 p.m. weekdays, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, closed Thursday, or by appointment with Grunow at (248) 526-

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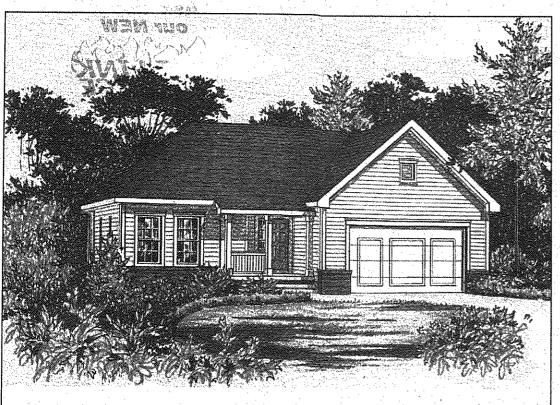
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Crossing the covered porch, the entry to the Richland is a small alcove with a coat closet on the left. Straight forward is the great room and to the left are bedrooms. The great room has a large fireplace on the rear wall with a window on each side overlooking the backvard.

Sliding glass doors on the left side open onto a covered porch in the rear.

A large dining area and the kitchen complete the large great room. The kitchen is in the right front corner. There is an "L" shaped counter with a pantry on the end along with an island containing dual sinks and an eating bar. It is open and facing the main great room. Stairs to an optional basement are across from the kitchen. The basement if finished could have 1,333 square feet of usable space.

The bedrooms are on each side of the home. On the left are two bedrooms with a full bath between. Bedroom two has a wall closet and two windows that bathe the room in natural light. Bedroom three has a corner walk-in closet and large windows overlooking the front yard. The full bath has a tub, single sink, and a linen closet.

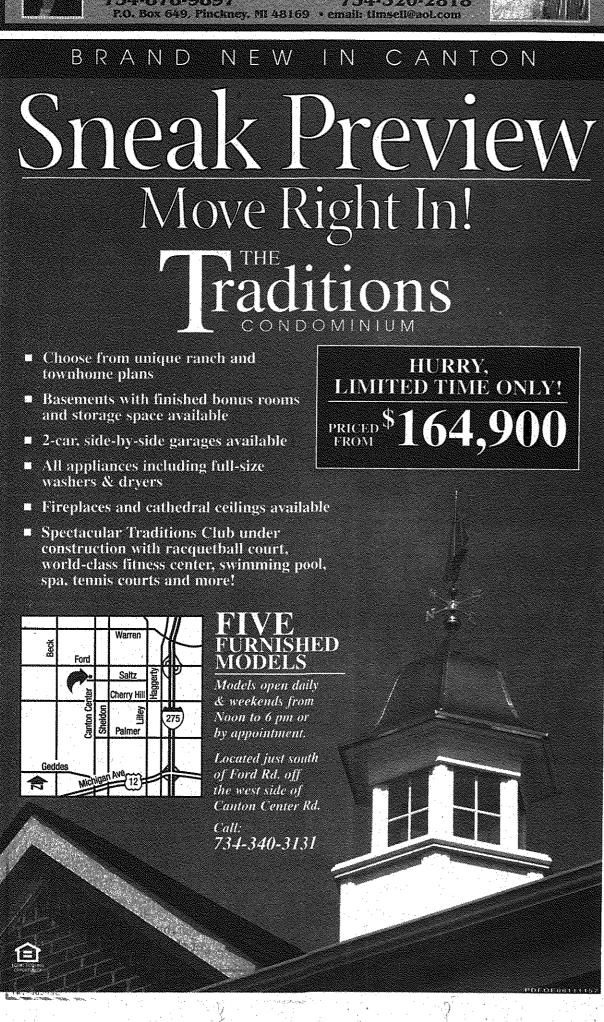
Behind the two-car garage, sheltering it from the noise of the street, is the master suite. The main suite area is in the

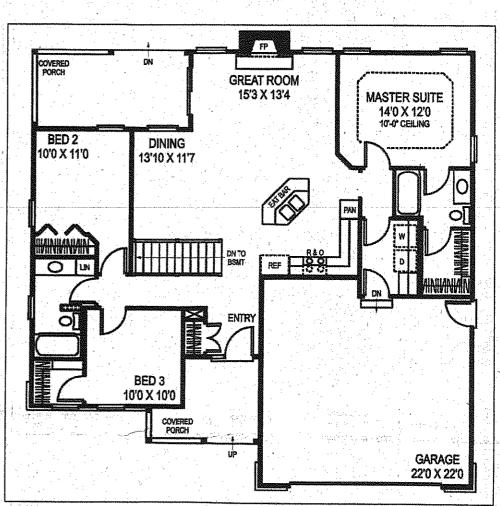
rear and has coffered ceilings. Through the master bath with a single sink and a tub is an elongated walk-in closet. Three windows spaced around the suite provide great light for the room and spread out so placing furniture is easy.

Adjacent to the master suite and just off the kitchen is the utility room. A door in the hall shuts the room off from the rest of the home, whereas a door to the garage makes easy access for unloading groceries and packages.

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### Luxury homes worry fire chief

(AP) – Luxury homes under construction in remote, fire-prone mountains of western Colorado worry a fire chief who wonders if he would have enough time and equipment to save them.

Some of the construction is on land burned over by last summer's Panorama fire, a blaze authorities blamed on sparks from a saw used by a crew building a house. The 1,700-acre fire destroyed two homes.

"This growth is hurting the fire departments," Carbondale Fire Chief Ron Leach told Garfield County commissioners.

Leach told commissioners the developers of one mountain subdivision were required to make roads and driveways wide enough to accommodate fire trucks and ensure adequate water for firefighters through hydrants or storage tanks.

Homeowners in the subdivision will be required to thin or remove vegetation from a safety zone around their houses

and to install sprinkler systems inside.
"I don't know what else to have them
do," Leach said. "We held them to a pretty
high bar"

The development is nine miles up a steep, narrow road from Carbondale, where crews would start in the event of a fire. It will eventually include 26 houses, all of them at least 8,000 square feet and two of them 12,000 square feet.

County Commissioner Larry McGowan questioned how long the safety zones around the houses would remain clear of flammable growth.



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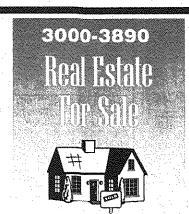


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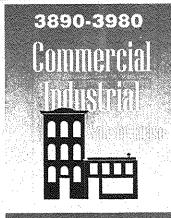




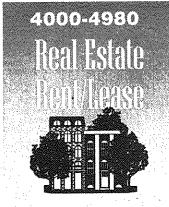


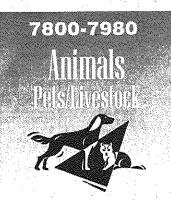
















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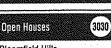
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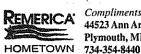
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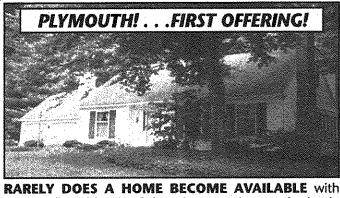
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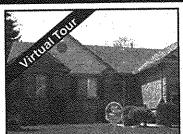


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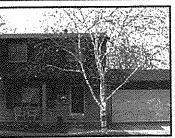
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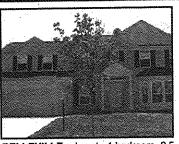
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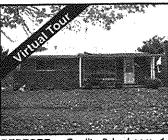


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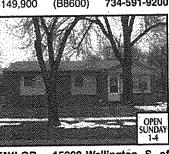


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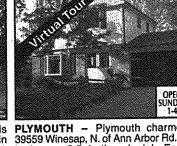


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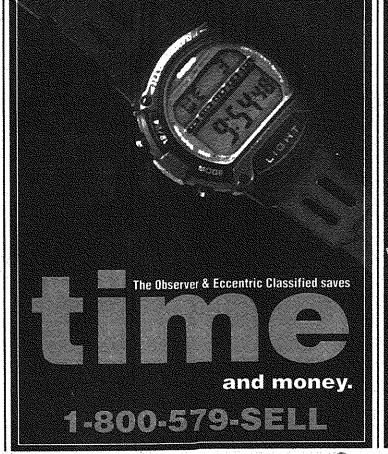
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CANTON - Resort-like living. Secluded pond-like settings present this 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Cape Cod with 2 car attached garage, basement, Hickory kitchen and loft overlooking great room with gas fireplace. Custom deck overlooking delightful view of the pond. \$328,000



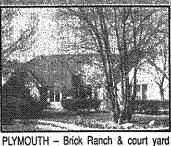
FARMINGTON - Sparkling Ranch has it all. Three bedrooms, 21/2 baths, sensational brick home offers 2 car attached garage; finished basement, formal dining room, family room with brick hearth & cas fireplace + glass door to patio, huge first floor laundry plus 1 year home warranty. \$279,900 (51OAK) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Exceptional Condo. Updated. On serene wooded lot, 2 bedrooms, 21/2 baths, 2 car attached garage, rec room with sauna & exercise room. Open flowing floor plan, 2 doorwalls to large deck, dining, library/den, fireplace with marble surround, 6-panel wood doors throughout. Walk to



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entrance, 4+ bedrooms, 31/2 baths, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, newer carpet in great room & volume ceilings. French doors to library. Bay windows in dining & breakfast rooms, master with jetted tub & walk-in closet. Finished lower level walk-out to patio. \$559,500 (15WES) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Exquisite Contemporary, 3 story atrium foyer, spiral oak staircase, great room with fireplace to sun room. kitchen with newer granite counters, formal dining with hardwood floors, library/music room, Master has fireplace, jetted tub, finished lower level walk-out to in-ground



ROCHESTER HILLS - Four bedroom, 21/2 bath Colonial with classic floor plan. Ceramic entry, crown moldings, cathedral ceiling in family room, wet bar, first floor laundry. Large oak and ceramic island kitchen with pantry. Box windows. \$355,000 (16HID) 248-524-1600



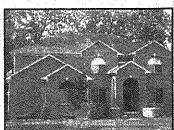
TROY - Spacious 4 bedroom, 31/2 bath Colonial with a split deck and a pond view. Family room with high ceiling and gas fireplace with French marble surround. Professionally finished basement with kitchen and bath. Master suite. \$388,500 (59CON) 248-524-1600



TROY - Exclusive 1997-built Troy Colonial with 4 bedrooms, 21/2 baths, 3+ car garage and located on an approximately ½ acre lot. Great room, living room, dining room and library. Convenient location close to everything. Troy schools. \$529,000 (15TIM) 248-524-1600



SHELBY TOWNSHIP - Lakefront builders' spec on beautiful 90 acre Clear Spring Lake. Walk-out lower level with doorwall and several windows. Two-way fireplace. breakfast room with bay, granite counter tops, butlers' pantry with wet bar. \$574,900 (24WES) 248-524-1600



TROY - Builders' home. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath Colonial with winding staircase, marble tops in kitchen, first floor laundry and den. Master bedroom with fireplace & Jacuzzi tub in master bedroom. Side entrance garage. Home warranty. \$489,900 (21CUS) 248-524-1600



CLEAR SPRING LAKE - Lake frontage builders' spec. Two story great room with great views and 2-way fireplace to family room. First floor master suite with Jacuzzi tub and separate shower. Butlers' pantry with wet bar. Three car garage. \$599,900 (21CLE) 248-524-1600

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